



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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Our mission: The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is a diverse group of service-oriented men and women providing hands on and financial support within our community and beyond. We exemplify "Service Above Self" while encouraging high ethical standards, enjoying friendship and promoting world understanding, peace and good will."

2025-2026 Officers:

Rotary International President: Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy - District 7780
Governor: Emma Bodwell, Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Jeff Noblin
– President-Elect: Conner Burnam – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith
– Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Beth Abbott – Club Administration Chair: Bob Schott – Service
Projects Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Valerie Weston – Youth Service & Interact Advisor:
Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 190th day of 2025. There are 175 days remaining in the year. We are past the half-way point of 2025. Dave Preble is program chair this week. His guest speaker is John Williams from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Curtis Cole is our greeter.

Program Chairs: Please let John know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can text or call John at 207-4617158 or e-mail at griffs2@roadrunner.com. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

Calendar for July:

7/13 – Road Toll for the Food Pantries by the tennis courts, Fair St.

7/14 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town Office, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Please note that this is ½ hour earlier than our normal meeting time.

7/16 – George Rice and Mike Carter. Our guest speaker will be Christy Gardner, Founder & President of Mission Working Dogs in Oxford.

7/23 – Patty Rice and Conner Burnam

7/30 – Bob Schott and Beth Abbott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We were all very happy to see Marie and Bruce Williams from the Kittery Club. We did not have any other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Tally talked about her time in Rotary and what a wonderful experience it has been.

Announcements:

President Jeff – We have a new banner for this year for the dais. It has the right slogan but the wrong RI President. Another new one is coming with the new RI President, Francesco Arezzo's, name on it.

Jeff also announced that he wants to drop our monthly meetings devoted to a club assembly, feeling that we have enough free time to take care of any club business that might come up. This will give us another opportunity for guest speakers. He reminded everyone to be pro-active if you are program chair. Speak to Jeff if you need suggestions as he can help. Also, if you have an idea for a project, speak to the respective committee chairs first. Make sure the right people know.

The sign-up sheet for the Road Toll on Sunday, July 13, is circulating again this week. Please sign up if you can help out.

District Protection Officer, Gregg Dowty, will be coming to a meeting soon for our annual club protection training.

We are also working on a venue for a dinner and fellowship to present the ROTY award. More will be coming on that.

Dave P. – from last week, the winners of Lobsters for Scholars have scheduled their dinners. Patty Cornell will be on Sunday, July 20, and Pat Paine will have hers the next week, Sunday, July 27. We will need 4 members for each event. Let Dave know if you are available to help.

Dave also announced that the Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd, at the Paris Hill Country Club. Set-up time is 12:00 PM with the Tournament starting at 1:00 PM. We are in need of sponsorships and prizes. If we can get donations for them, then all the admission fees become our profit. Dave cannot do all of this on his own, so please check with any business contacts you have.

PP and Foundation Chair George presented Val Weston with her PHF+6 pin. Congratulations Val!

And last, but certainly not least, we sang “Happy Birthday” to Frank Shorey on the occasion of his 85th birthday, the day of our meeting, July 2, 2025. Congratulations Frank!

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing. We did not have a speaker so our time was taken up with the announcements mentioned above.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Patty was happy to see Bruce and Marie Williams, as were we all. Patty said that Judy Speers, wife of PDG Gary Speers, was camping at Papoose Pond so she, George, Bruce and Marie were going to go visit her.

Bob had happy dollars for his 3 week visit to Vermont to help his son with his home. He thanked Curtis for picking up a prescription for Lynne during his absence as Lynne was not able to get out to get it.

Curtis had \$5 as he was happy to help Lynne out with her prescription.

Val had Happy Birthday dollars for Frank.

Marie Williams had happy to be here dollars as she and Bruce always have a good time at OH.

50/50 Drawing: Because John won the pot last week, there was only \$9 in it today. Stan had Marie Williams draw the winning ticket which belonged to Val. However, Val drew the 5 of Spades, not the King of Clubs.

Puns for the Week

I merely used to crastinate, but then I went pro.

Did you hear about the chicken that went to the gym? He wanted to work on his pecks.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

July Birthdays: Frank Shorey – 7/2; Dave Preble – 7/9; Connie (Frank) Shorey – 7/17

July Anniversaries: Mike & Jo Carter – 46 yrs. – 7/3; Warren & Susan Spencer – 42 yrs. – 7/23; Dave & Becky Preble – 39 yrs. – 7/26

July Membership Anniversaries: Frank Shorey – 41 yrs. – 7/1; Val Weston – 38 yrs. – 7/22

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn Resort in the Terrace Area of Millbrook Tavern, 21 Broad St., Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., Bridgton

www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

www.fryeburgrotary.org

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.

