



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, August 16, 2025

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 225th day of 2025. There are 140 days remaining in the year. Warren Spencer is pulling double duty this morning as program chair and greeter. Every once in awhile, the lists converge!

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 August:

8/20 – Val Weston and Lynne Schott. Val has invited John Williams from the Chamber to come and speak.

8/23 – Cornhole Tournament at Paris Hill Country Club, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

8/27 – Beth Abbott and Bob Schott

Calendar for September:

9/3 – Conner Burnam and Patty Rice

9/10 – District Governor Emma Bodwell and George Rice

9/17 – Mike Carter and Dave Preble

9/24 – Curtis Cole and Ron Morse

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We were pleased to see Bob and Lois Wilgosz from Estero, Florida. Tiffany Leahy from South Paris recreation and her daughter, Mila, were the guests of Liz Knox.

Rotary Moment:

President Jeff spoke about the great time we had at Curtis and Terry Cole's last Saturday night for our ROTY dinner and award. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship. Jeff also said we had a message from Warren's granddaughter that she had a good time, too. Future Rotarian, there maybe? We also thanked Jeff and Dean for ordering and bringing the food, and to Dean for setting up the tables and buffet.

Announcements:

Stan – reminder about the tent set - we have 5 tents to set at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 19th for Community Concepts. It will take a lot of people to do this. Take down will be on Friday, August 22nd after 3:00 PM. Stan might not be there at that time, but those who can be there, can start taking them down. We will then have to set up one of those tents for the Corn Hole Tournament on the 23rd.

Dave – we need more donations so please work on that. A few more have come in but we need more - \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100..... Patty is working on getting Venmo set up so people can sign-up using that.

President Jeff – announced that we raised \$2,804.73 from the road toll for food insecurity. The board has decided to hold on to the money for now and save it for this coming winter when the need is greater.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

PP Beth received her PHF for her year as president. She is now a PHF + 7. Congratulations Beth, and thanks again for stepping into the president's role when President Dan had to resign.

Foundation Chair George Rice presented Bob Schott with his EREY badge sticker for donating \$100 to the Foundation for this Rotary year.

We presented Tiffany Leahy with a check for \$500.00 for the South Paris food pantry.

Curtis and I think Terry went to the Sea Dogs game last weekend. There were 42 Rotarians and guests from four clubs, Oxford Hills, Bethel, Bridgton and River Valley. Curtis said the Sea Dogs got “trumped.”

Happy and Sad Dollars

Bob – thanked Mike for selling him the kids trampoline from the church yard sale.

Patty – had happy congratulations dollars for Dave becoming ROTY and to Curtis and Terry for hosting the club last Saturday.

Lynne – had happy dollars for surviving her family reunion.

Lois – was happy to be back once again but she had a sad dollar for having to undergo ankle surgery in November.

Bob W. – also had happy dollars for being back in Maine, but sad that they had a car accident in New Jersey on their way here. He said his Volvo lived up to its reputation as both he and Lois just ended up with some minor cuts and bruises. Unfortunately, the Volvo did not survive.

Dave P. – had a happy \$10 for Bob and Lois being with us. He also appreciated the honor of being the recipient of the ROTY award. Lastly, he said his 19 year old grandson that got him to jump out of a plane last summer, is running the 20 mile trail of the Presidential Traverse starting in Randolph, NH.

**50:50 – Our guest, Mila, drew Bob W.’s number but Bob drew the 6 of Clubs.
There was \$61.00 in the pot.**

A Couple of Riddles this Week:

There’s a boat full of people but not a single person aboard. How is this possible?

Why did the Rotarian cross the road?

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

August Birthdays: Dean (Jeff) Noblin – 8/3; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Anniversaries: None Found

August Membership Anniversaries: David Knox – 2 yrs. – 8/2

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.

1. They're all married
2. To serve on the other side