



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, August 29, 2026

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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Rotary Theme for 2026-2027:

"Create Lasting Impact"

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."

2026-2027 Officers:

Rotary International President: Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria - District 7780 Governor: Michele Bois-Gilbody, Rotary Club of Freeport. Oxford Hills Rotary President – Conner Burnam – President-Elect: Bob Schott – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Jeff Noblin – Club Administration Chair: Bob Schott – Service Projects Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Valerie Weston – Youth Service & Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 231st day of 2026. There are 134 days remaining in the year. Liz Knox is program chair this morning and Lynne Schott 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 huick663speed@yahoo.com. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia

The Rotary theme for the month of August is Membership and New Club Development

There are numerous tools available on Rotary.org addressing membership: Assess and Adapt; Engage Current Members; Connect with Prospective Members; Make New Members Feel Welcome; Strengthen Your Club; Start a New Club and Stay Current.

Calendar for August:

23 – Cornhole Tournament at Paris Hill Country Club, noon to 5:00 PM

26 – Jeff Noblin and Patty Rice

Calendar for September:

2 – Club Assembly and George Rice

9 – Dave Preble and Dave Preble

14 – Board Meeting at the Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

16 – George Rice and Jeff Noblin

23 – Patty Rice and Liz Knox

30 – Bob Schott and David Knox

Proposed Member:

Regina Wilson has been proposed as a member by Patty Rice. Regina is the Branch Manager at Oxford Federal Credit Union in South Paris. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

As ye editor has not attended a meeting recently and has no notes to go by, the only announcement I know of is that the Cornhole Tournament is next Sunday at the Paris Hill Country Club from noon to 5:00 PM. Hopefully, we will have a good turnout of members and participants

Last Week:

We met at Curtis and Terry Cole's home for our Rotarian of the Year dinner. This write-up about Beth is posted on Club Runner:

Congratulations to our 2025-26 Rotarian of the Year, Beth Abbott!! She has served on our Board for many years in many positions; serving as Club President twice, has been very active with Interact, May Day Play Day, DECA cheese sales, Veteran's Projects including cemetery flags, Project Graduation, Christmas for Teens and more. She has also participated in our community with Chamber events, volunteers for Pink Feather Foundation, Heywood Club and more! She possesses many admirable qualities, but her willingness to help others makes her a valued member of our Club and community. She has a strong dedication to Oxford Hills Rotary and for Rotary at Large. Beth lives in South Paris with her husband, Mike. Congratulations!!

Happy and Sad Dollars

Next week!

50/50 – Next week!

Funnies for the week:

“I wanted to start a new diet, but I just feel like I have way too much on my plate right now.”

“The sweater I bought the other day was picking up too much static electricity, so I decided to return it.
The salesclerk gave me another one free of charge.”

August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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

Anniversaries: None found

Membership Anniversaries: David Knox – 3 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.