



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
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Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 232nd day of 2025. There are 133 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is John Williams from the Chamber of Commerce. 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 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:

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

8/27 - Beth Abbott and Bob Schott

Calendar for September:

9/2 - Board meeting somewhere. This is a Tuesday as our normal Monday meeting day is Labor Day.

9/3 - Conner Burnam and Patty Rice

9/10 - District Governor Emma Bodwell and George Rice

September cont'd

9/17 – Mike Carter and Dave Preble

9/24 – Curtis Cole and Ron Morse

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Bob and Lois Wilgosz from Estero, Florida, visited again. Welcome!

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Warren didn't know he was greeter and program chair until he checked his phone last night. Thus had little time to prepare.

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 – Cornhole coming together. Still need some more prizes so please finish up and bring next (this) week. Dave said he received 2 calls from people who had seen the banners Bob S. put up, so hope there are more. He also received a text from an Interact student who wants to help out.

Last Week:

In the absence of President Jeff, PE Conner Burnam presided over our meeting. He led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Since Warren didn't have time to find a guest speaker, he said if you don't have a speaker, be prepared to speak yourself, so that's what he did, telling us about his early life after school. During his senior year of high school in 1972, he found out his draft number was 13, so he decided to join the Navy. He did his training in southern California and his platoon was the first to combine blacks and whites together which made for some interesting times. After training, he was assigned to shore patrol, stopping bar fights and cleaning out bars, etc. Always a hockey player, after 2 years in the Navy, he found himself playing hockey in Kitchener, Ontario where he was an "enforcer." He also spent four summers teaching hockey at the Bobby Orr hockey camp, also in Ontario. There, he met Bobby Orr and many other hockey players of the time. He said he still is in touch with Bobby Orr. He also told us he ran in the Boston Marathan in 1975 and 1976.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Bob – had happy dollars for his 4 year old grandson who ran the river from the “dam” and he had a great time. He also donated his elliptical to the church yard sale and was glad to be rid of it.

Curtis – told us the church made over \$6,000.00 from their yard sale.

Patty – has a retirement countdown calculator on her phone and only has 6 more days to retirement.

Lois – was happy for Bob’s (her husband) shirt and had Bob model it for us. She was also happy that Bob picks out her clothes for her because he know exactly what works for her.

Bob W. – had sad dollars for having to change out the battery in the BMW, although it lasted 9 years. He said it was a real bear to replace due to it’s location.

Warren – not sure if Warren said happy dollars, sad dollars or a combo of both, but he told us his daughter and granddaughter are leaving for home tonight after spending 2 weeks with him and Susan.

50:50 – Lois drew Bob W.’s number for the second week in a row. This time Bob drew the King of Diamonds.

Puns for the Week:

My new girlfriend wants me to cook eggs for her in the morning. She wants to be friends with Benedicts.

Have you heard about the girl with the photographic memory? Unfortunately, she never developed it.

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