



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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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 238th day of 2026. There are 127 days remaining in the year. Jeff Noblin is our program chair this morning and Patty Rice 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 buick663speed@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

Rotary Membership Month is observed in **August** each year to recognize the contributions of current members, celebrate their dedication, and focus on strategies to grow and strengthen clubs globally. It emphasizes the importance of member engagement, retention, and recruitment, highlighting the impact Rotary members have in their communities and around the world

Calendar for September:

2 – Club Assembly and George Rice

9 – George Rice and Jeff Noblin

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

19 – Bridgton-Lake Region Golf Tournament

16 – Dave Preble and Liz Knox

23 – Patty Rice and Dave Preble

30 – Bob Schott and David Knox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Donnie Foster was the guest of Beth Abbott and Aimee Edmunds, our speaker, was the guest of Liz Knox.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Lynne Schott told us that she was proud to be a Rotarian and to be part of a group of people who work together to accomplish great things.

Announcements:

Last week was our last meeting before the Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, August 23rd. and we discussed last minute details – prize money and sponsorships, tents, set-up and miscellaneous items. I am sure Dave P. will have some details to share. We had a good turnout, the weather held and it seemed like everyone had a great time.

There was a Fireside Chat scheduled for Friday, August 21, at 1:00 PM, at Oxford Federal CU in South Paris for Regina Wilson, Donnie Foster and perhaps Theresa Drag.

We still have cheese to sell and it is almost time to order more for this year. I believe I saw something that said it was available to members for half-price ?

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole led us in the invocation. After breakfast, program chair Liz Knox introduced Aimee Edmunds from Oxford Hills/Nezinscot Adult and Community Education. Aimee is the Workforce & Career Advisor/Coordinator. Aimee started out by telling us she was originally from Oxford Hills. Her career took her to New Jersey for 20 years where she worked at Monmouth University. She came back to the area 4 years ago and has been working as the Workforce and Career

Advisor/Coordinator for the adult education program. Aimee told us about all of the programs available through the adult ed program including GED classes, CNA and CRNA programs, heat pump technology, truck driving for class A and B drivers, bus driver training and soon to be a plumbing trainee program. They also do enrichment training, have veterans and senior programs, classes in Spanish, crafting and many others. There will also be a college fair on the 30th of March next year and they would love to have us at that fair.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Lynne had happy dollars for being here and for having fun with her grandchildren.

Tina was happy for Aimee being with us.

Beth reminded us that we still have cheese to sell and that if anyone needs some, to see her. She said past member Glenn Huntley wanted two more!

Patty had happy thank you dollars for Curtis and Terry hosting our ROTY get together last week. She said that Bruce and Marie Williams came that morning to visit only to find us not meeting.

Bob went hiking Tumbledown with some of his grandkids and found that with the new parking lot the distance up and distance down have exchanged distances!

50/50 – Patty drew Lynne’s number but Lynne drew the Jack of spades. There was \$292.00 in the pot.

Funnies for the week:

Speaking of cheese, what do you call cheese that isn’t yours? Nacho cheese.

I got an e-mail talking about how to read maps backwards. It was spam.

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.