



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 218th day of 2025. There are 147 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott is program chair this morning and Val Weston 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:

8/13 – Warren Spencer and Warren Spencer

8/20 – Val Weston and Lynne Schott

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Beth Abbott announced that the Bethel Rotary club's annual yard sale starts Tuesday, August 5, and runs through Saturday, August 9. They are located in the field next to the movie theater.

Announcements:

Congratulations to Dave Preble on receiving the Rotarian of the Year award at our annual dinner last Saturday at the Cole's. The setting was great and the food was excellent. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault!

President Jeff – thanks to all who helped out with the Lobsters for Scholars dinners the last two Sundays. Everything went well and the winners were very happy.

Stan – 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. Tentative time as I write this is 3:00 PM. We will then have to set a tent on the 23rd for the Cornhole tournament.

Dave – Cornhole is progressing. We still need sponsors, so if there is anyone else you can contact, please do so and let Dave know so he can add them to the list. We have 4 banners promoting the tournament around the towns thanks to Bob.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test for both weeks. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Bob Schott introduced PE Connor Burnam as his guest speaker. Conner opened a discussion about some things he would like to do during his presidential year. We talked about doing a car show, perhaps doing something jointly with the Masons. Obviously, we want to continue with the things we are doing that work well and perhaps re-introduce some fund raisers that we have done in the past. Cheese sales, another Lottery ticket raffle, doing a Business After Hours and definitely something for Veterans.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Bob – was happy to find Jeff at the hospital while he was there with Lynne. He also announced that July 30, 1965 is the 60th anniversary of Medicare.

50:50 – Val drew Beth’s number but Beth didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$52 in the pot.

Puns for the Week:

The grand opening of the new Lego store was a huge event. People were lined up for blocks!

I dropped a large ice coffee on my foot. Now I have a cold brews.

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.

