



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, September 2, 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 245th day of 2026. There are 120 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly. George 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 September is Basic Education and Literacy.

The theme emphasizes the critical role of literacy and education in reducing poverty, improving health, fostering economic development, and promoting peace

Calendar for September:

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

23 – Charitable Foundation quarterly meeting, 8:45 AM

30 – Bob Schott and David Knox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

It was nice to see past member, Glenn Huntley, once again. Our guest speaker, Krista Bureau, was the guest of PP Jeff Noblin. Regina Wilson was the guest of Patty Rice, Donnie Foster was the guest of Beth Abbott, and Sophie the wonder dog was the guest of Tina Fox.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice read a tribute to Dolly Parton, remembering Dolly's great legacy of humanitarian service, especially the Imagination Library she founded in 1995 and her teaming up with Rotary in 2009 to promote opportunities in literacy and education.

Announcements:

Cheese, cheese, cheese – still available and slowly selling. It is available to members for \$12.50.

If you are a golfer, don't forget the Bridgton-Lake Region club's tournament on September 19. It would be nice if we had a team participating.

Last week was the last week that Regina and Donnie were introduced as guests as we welcome them as new members this week.

Early reports are that the Cornhole Tournament on the 23rd was a big success. While the final figure is not yet available, it looks like we will clear around \$2,000.00. We had 23 teams and 45 players, significantly more than last year. It's not too early to think of ways we can build on this success for next year.

Last Week:

PP Beth Abbott lead us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test as President Conner was not with us. Curtis Cole led the invocation.

After breakfast, program chair and PP Jeff Noblin introduced Krista Bureau from Maine Health EMS, also still known as PACE. Krista has had 25 years of experience working as an EMT and paramedic. When she moved to this area 10 years ago, she joined PACE and did her clinical work through them. Maine Health EMS is a dedicated 911 and covers 9 towns as well as Sunday River and Mt. Abram ski areas, summer and winter. Every ambulance is a mini-ER and with a paramedic on board, they can do almost everything that can be done in a hospital emergency room. Keeping up with education and training is difficult because there aren't many places locally or statewide for that matter. Also due to the expense and training time, it is difficult to find people willing to take on the responsibilities of the work. On the positive side, Krista said that the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative, WMARI, has helped tremendously to reduce drug usage and overdoses.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

We did not have time left for Happy Dollars.

50/50 – Our guest speaker, Krista, drew Donnie Foster's number Donnie drew the King of Hearts. There was \$301.00 in the pot.

Funnies for the week:

It was a sad and disappointing day when I found out that my universal remote control did not, in fact, control the universe. Not even remotely!

The next time you grocery shop, ask your checkout person what kind of candy bar they like and buy them one. I did this the other day. I was at a self-checkout but still, it was a nice thing to do.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Jo (Mike) Carter – 9/3

Anniversaries: Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 40 yrs. – 9/20; Chris and Val Weston – 26 yrs. – 9/23

Membership Anniversaries: Beth Abbott – 24 yrs. – 9/11; Jeff Noblin – 25 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 34 yrs. – 9/23

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.