



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

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 273rd day of 2026. There are 92 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair. His guest speaker is Assistant Superintendent of SAD 17, Amy Marx. David Knox is scheduled to be 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.

Enhancing Basic Education skills and Literacy are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Improvements can reduce maternal death, improve childhood survivability, and reduce poverty. They can also enable success in business or a profession.

Calendar for October:

5 – Board meeting at Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

7 – Club Assembly and Rob Gunter

14 – District Governor Michele Bois-Gilbody and John Griffith

18 – Road toll for Polio, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

21 – Lynne Schott and Curtis Cole

28 – Warren Spencer and Mike Carter

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Lucas Brett was the guest of Rob Gunter.

Rotary Moment:

My notes are confusing as Dave P. was the greeter, with Donnie Foster as his assistant. However, I have noted that Bob Schott told a story about Reny's in Farmington – which I did not write down and have now forgotten. Sorry Bob.

Announcements:

We have the Road Toll for Polio coming on Sunday, October 18. Usual place, usual time.

Patty and Dave virtually attended the new Membership Swap Shop last Tuesday morning at 8:00 AM. The group has decided to meet weekly on Tuesday mornings to exchange ideas on retaining existing members and attracting new members. Patty said lots of good ideas were exchanged. She reminded us that the group is open to all members.

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and the Four-Way Test, and Curtis Cole gave the invocation. After breakfast, Patty Rice introduced Ally Genovese from SeniorsPlus, the designated Area Agency on Aging for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties, with offices in Lewiston, Wilton, and Norway. SeniorsPlus provides information, options, and services for older adults, including caregiver support, money management, nutrition, and more. Learn more at www.seniorsplus.org.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dave P. was happy that Sunday River is getting their snow guns ready for ski season.

Donnie had happy dollars for a single grandmother raising her granddaughter who is going to close on her first home this coming Friday.

If you can be happy for surgery, **Patty** said she is happy to finally be having knee surgery on October 7th so will be out of commission for a couple of weeks.

50/50 – Liz drew our guest Lucas Brett’s number. Since Lucas, Rob and David got a fire call, she drew for him and got the King of Clubs. There was \$340 in the pot. Congratulations to Lucas!

Funnies for the week:

I’m working on my Phd. dissertation about water condensation on grass at dawn. It’s dew in the morning.

Does your train of thought have a caboose?

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.