



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

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.”

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### 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 252nd day of 2026. There are 113 days remaining in the year. PP George Rice is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Jared Mulliner from Maine Energy Systems. PP Jeff Noblin 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](mailto: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

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### The Rotary theme for the month of September is Basic Education and Literacy.

The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations and service projects around the world. Rotary members make things happen like opening schools, teaching adults to read, providing new teaching methods, making schools healthy and enhancing educational systems.

### *Calendar for September:*

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

**19 – Bridgton-Lake Region Golf Tournament**

**16 – Dave Preble and Liz Knox. Dave's guest speaker is Fred Wilk who will be talking about his mountain climbing adventures.**

**23 – Patty Rice and Dave Preble. Patty's guest speaker is Ally Genovese, Volunteer Coordinator for Seniors Plus.**

**23 – Charitable Foundation quarterly meeting, 8:45 AM**

**30 – Bob Schott and David Knox**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

AG Patti Smith from Fryeburg was our visiting Rotarian. Theresa Drag and Donnie Foster were the guests of Beth Abbott and Regina Wilson was the guest of Patty Rice.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter George Rice updated us on the Rotary Foundation, hitting the highlights of the year. Last year, our club donated \$12,000.00 to the Foundation.

### *Announcements:*

We still have cheese blocks left to sell.

Don't forget the Bridgton-Lake Region club's tournament on September 19. It would be nice if we had a team participating.

Secretary John gave an update on our club attendance. As of June 30, 2026, our membership consisted of 8 women (36.4%) and 14 men, (63.6%). Our average attendance was 88.9%. We had 69 make-ups and had perfect attendance at 6 meetings – 7/9, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 and 11/19. Don't know what was up with July and August last year, but good work! Our lowest attendance was on 5/6/26 with just 9 members in attendance.

### *Last Week:*

President Conner lead us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis Cole led the invocation. After breakfast, President Conner inducted two new members, Donnie Foster and Regina Wilson. Congratulations Donnie and Regina! Welcome to Oxford Hills Rotary!

Conner also handed out perfect attendance awards to Beth Abbott (23 yrs.), Lynne Schott (20 yrs.), Liz Knox (8 yrs.) and Frank Shorey (42 yrs.). Congratulations to these long-standing and outstanding members! I apologize for Lynne's and Beth's awards being significantly late.

### Happy and Sad Dollars

**Bob** had happy dollars for Lynne playing in the Cornhole Tournament. She did very well.

**Conner** was happy for our two new members, Donnie and Regina.

**Liz** announced that former member, Abbie Earle and her husband are expecting a baby girl.

**50/50 – Our guest newest member, Regina Wilson, drew Val Weston's number. Val drew the Queen of Clubs, not the King. There was \$310.00 in the pot.**

### *Puns for the week:*

The local movie theater is cracking down on people bringing their own snacks. But it's okay. I've got a few Twix up my sleeve.

The German government is advising their citizens to stock up on sausages and cheese. This is known as the Wurst Kase scenario.

### *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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.