

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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."

2019-2020 Officers:

Rotary International President: Mark D. Maloney, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama - District 7780 Governor: Andrew Glazier, Rotary Club of Kittery – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Pat Cook – Pres. Elect: Lynne Schott – Vice-pres.: to be determined – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Chris Weston – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good morning and Welcome! Today is the 275th day of 2019. There are 90 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Peter Kaurup and our greeter is Paul Thornfeldt.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach John at 207-461-7158 or 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's paraphernalia.

October:

5 – Rotary Rocks, University of Southern Maine, Portland, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

9 – Club Assembly and Tonya Swart

16 – Heidi Ortiz and AG Chris Summers. This will be our first evening meeting at Daddy O's in Oxford.

No morning meeting!

17 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

20 – Road Toll for the Food Pantries, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fair Street by the tennis courts.

23 – Dave Preble and Joel Speakman

30 – George Rice and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our only visiting Rotarian and her guest was her grandson, Grant Winship.

Rotary Moment:

Unfortunately, this was greeter Marianne Todd's last meeting before she moves to Florida. She told us she joined Rotary because she felt it was her civic duty to become a part of the community. She also became part of the Western Maine Recovery Initiative and appreciated Rotary's help with that organization. The Recovery Rally last weekend was well attended and covered by Channel 8 News. In summation, she thanked us for who we are.

Announcements:

President Pat said she is looking forward to our evening meeting on October 16. In that vein, she showed us a bell that we can use instead of carrying our large bell with us. However, it turns out that it is a Kiwanis Club bell which caused more than a few chuckles and comments. Secretary John then announced that he ordered a Rotary bell from Russell-Hampton, which is also small enough to easily carry around and is much better than the Kiwanis bell.

Pat also said she had information on a quilt project for Wrap-a-Smile which provides quilts for kids who are having cleft palate surgery – Quilts for Kids. Quilts need to be 36x46 or 40x60 and 100% cotton. See Pat if you are interested.

Patty Rice – Patty, Beth, Jen, Tina and 14 Interactors went to the Common Ground Fair on September 20th. They volunteered in the children's area. One of the most popular activities was pounding nails in a board. The kids loved it! So, we are going to be adding this to May Day Play Day.

Peter Kaurup – Peter announced that he and AG Chris are going on a Rotary trip to Guatemala from October 26 to November 3rd to construct a playground at a school there. They will also be taking school supplies so if anyone wishes to contribute, please feel free to do so.

Last Week:

President Pat led us in the Pledge, the 4-Way Test and the Rotary prayer. Dan A. led us in singing "Yankee Doodle."

Peter, Becky, George and Patty talked about their experiences attending the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Peter said it was quite an experience and learned that "we are many, we are one." There were 15,000 people pre-registered but in the end there were 26,000 Rotarians from 170 countries. There were 35 speeches, 98 breakout sessions and 200 humanitarian projects. The convention center was like a movie set it was so large – and there was a lot of walking, both at the convention and around Hamburg getting from their hotels to the center itself. If there was an overriding theme, it was concern over membership which has declined for 4 consecutive years in the US and remains stagnant in the rest of the world. Patty and George presented a slide show of pictures at the convention and around Hamburg.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊:

Patty – had a great day working at Riverside Cemetery on Saturday.

Glenn – had a happy dollar for his 88 year old cousin who gave him 3 horse Johnson outboard that folds into a case that was made by his great grandmother in 1925.

Lynne – was happy to attend the wedding of a former Interact student and former Boy Scout. Her granddaughter went as well and enjoyed dancing.

50/50: Marianne drew Curtis's number, but Curtis drew the 3 of Hearts, not the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over.

October Birthdays – Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26

October Wedding Anniversaries – Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Michael and Beth Abbott – 10/11

October Membership Anniversaries – Abby Earle – 1 yr – 10/3; Glenn Huntley – 35 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Weston – 6 yrs. – 10/9; Chris Summers – 7 yrs. – 10/10; Tina Fox – 3 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 26 yrs. – 10/20.

Timely Insight – Back to School:

“Some students drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle.”

~ E.C. McKenzie ~

An October Riddle:

Why did the scarecrow get a promotion?

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Remember the 4-Way Test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Make-ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., 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

