



Rotary

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."

2020-2021 Officers:

Rotary International President: Holger Knaack, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln - District 7780 Governor: Marguerite Belanger, Rotary Club of Kennebunk-Portside – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Lynne Schott – Co Pres. Elect: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers – Vice-president: vacant - Treas.: Liz Knox – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Pat Cook – Club Service Chair: George Rice – 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 323rd day of 2020. There are 43 days remaining in the year. This is our third Zoom meeting in November. Val Weston is program chair. She has asked our new members, Warren Spencer and Alice Paul, to give their classification talks. George Rice is our greeter.

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.

November

18 – Membership Committee meeting via Zoom at 6:00 PM.

18 – Cheese Wheel deadline

25 – Beth Abbott and Peter Kaurup

30 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM

December

2 – Club Assembly and Becky Kaurup

9 – Dan Allen and Glenn Huntley

16 – Curtis Cole and Dan Hart

23 – Tally Decato and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was out visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Membership Proposals:

Ed Millett has been proposed for membership by Glenn Huntley. Ed is well known in the auto sales world and currently works in truck sales at Ripley & Fletcher Ford. Mike Morin has been proposed for membership by George Rice. Mike is self-employed in property management.

Last Week:

We had our second November Zoom meeting after a few months of in person meetings. Those in attendance included John, Tina, Paul, Dan A., Liz, Stan, Tally, Lynne, Bob, Warren, Beth, Frank, Dave, Dan H., Joel, Val, Alice, Becky and Peter.

Paul led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test.

Paul talked about the Cheese Wheel sales. Three members sold 200 cheese wheels among them – Ron, Glenn and Patty. Thank you to them for their efforts in making the sale a success. We have sold all of our allotted cheese and Paul has sent out a notice that Cabot has told us that we cannot have any more than that. Still, at \$5 each, we will make \$2,250.

Tina told us about the November Students of the Month and read their write-ups. This month's theme was INTEGRITY.

For our program, **Paul** talked about Veteran's Day and his service in the navy. Veteran's Day was originally called Armistice Day because the armistice ending World War I occurred on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11:00 AM. Its purpose was to honor Veterans for their service. As time moved on, the name was changed to Veteran's Day to include Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and other conflicts. Paul then told the story of the USS Liberty which came under attack by Israel during the 6 Day War in June 1967. During WWII, most Liberty ships were built in the shipyards in South Portland. After the war, those that were left, were scrapped or sold and converted to other uses. The US government kept 5 of them and turned them in to intelligence vessels stationed in different parts of the world. The Liberty was one of those ships. It was on patrol in the eastern Mediterranean Sea when the 6 Day War broke out. Whether by accident or not, the Liberty was attacked by Israel resulting in 34 dead sailors and 171 wounded. Despite a huge gash in the hull from being torpedoed, the ship made its way back to port. Israel later apologized and paid compensation. Paul was serving on a different ship in the Caribbean Sea when that ship received orders to immediately head to the Mediterranean area. However, the war ended before Paul's ship got there. Thank you, Paul, for telling us about this bit of forgotten history.

Peter sent me this link to an interesting article about joining Rotary when you are young:

<https://www.boothbayregister.com/article/spark-change-join-rotary-while-you-re-young/137014>

Happy and Sad Dollars

Lois had a happy dollar for Patty getting us in the Advertiser recently.

Frank had a happy to see everyone dollar.

50/50 – There was no 50/50 drawing due to our having a Zoom meeting.

November Birthdays – Bob Schott – 11/1; Julie (Dan) Hart – 11/8; Warren Spencer – 11/14; Liz Knox – 11/16

November Wedding Anniversaries – Dan & Julie Hart – 11/8

November Membership Anniversaries – George Rice – 37 yrs. – 11/11

Pun of the Week:

When you hold a poem up to a mirror, you'll see that it's written inverse.

November in History:

In November of 1825, the Erie Canal was formally opened in New York!

In November of 1869, the Suez Canal was officially opened in Egypt

In November of 1903, a treaty was signed agreeing to develop the Panama Canal in Central America.

The 4-Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER 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