



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 330th day of 2020. There are 36 days remaining in the year. This is our fourth Zoom meeting this time around. Beth Abbott is program chair and Peter Kaurup is greeter.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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

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

30 – Abbie Earle and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter and Foundation Chair George Rice updated us on the Foundation. Contributions to the Annual Fund in 2019-2020 totaled \$123,000,000. There were 1,306 Global Grants provided by the Rotary Foundation in support of the 6 Areas of Focus in the amount of \$86,670,000 rounded as follows

Disease Prevention: \$36,000,000
Providing Clean Water: \$19,000,000
Supporting Education: \$11,000,000
Growing Local Economies: \$10,500,000
Saving Mothers and Children: \$7,000,000
Promoting Peace: \$3,500,000

Rotary Club of Oxford Hills contributions:

2019-2020 Annual Fund: \$11,885.00; Polio Plus: \$2,113.00
2020-2021 (To date) Annual Fund: \$2,279.00; Polio Plus: \$1,100.00
All time contributions to the Annual Fund: \$197,662.00; Polio Plus: \$26,807.00

Last Week:

We had our third November Zoom meeting after a few months of in person meetings. Those in attendance included John, Tina, Chris, Lynne, Bob, Warren, Stan, Pat, Val, Curtis, Patty, Beth, George, Liz, Tally, Frank, Dave, Dan H., Alice, Joel, Peter, Beck and Abbie. Lynne Led is in the Pledge and 4-Way Test.

John brought up the idea of our doing a Secret Santa since it appears that we won't be meeting in person before Christmas. We need to do something fun – something that has been in short supply this year. Those in attendance thought it was a great idea so John will work on putting it together.

Patty talked about the Progress Center Drive-by Food Pantry and our helping out. However, she received an e-mail from Miranda over the weekend telling us that the Progress Center is closing their kitchen until further notice. She thanked us for our support through the years.

Dave received word that our past member and friend, Erny Swanson, passed away from cancer last week. Erny was a member of the club from March 2005 until January 2010. There are no service details as of yet.

Dave asked if there was something else that we could do for food insecurity and Beth said we do have some money still available. We will discuss this at the board meeting on Monday, November 30.

Beth told us that in talking with Jean Delameter about Christmas for Teens and Christmas for Kids, that they are very concerned about the "lack of stuff" for the kids. Items can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce in South Paris.

I am leaving this in for a second week just in case you missed it: **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>

For our program, Warren Spencer gave his classification talk. We had hoped to hear from Alice Paul as well, but she had a technical glitch so was not able to. We will catch you later, Alice.

Warren is from South Berwick and his line there goes back 12 generations to the 1600's. His parents had a cottage on the lake for many years which is how he connected to the Oxford Hills. His parents sold their cottage in the 1970's, so in 1990, Warren and Susan bought a cottage for their family and have spent as much time as possible there since. After graduating, he spent two years in the Naval Reserve as a Shore Patrol MP. Always a hockey player, he then played hockey in Ontario for a year and a half. Realizing he needed a career involving money, he joined Security Pacific Bank in California and stayed with them until the early 80's – during which time, they transferred him to Boston where as part of the bank's commercial division, he helped finance the Von Trapp family lodge in Vermont. He then worked for 1st NH Bank and Bank East in Rochester, NH, after which he joined the FDIC. The FDIC job required a lot of travel, to the point that he was missing a lot of family life, so he took a job with Kennebunk Savings. Warren spent the last 12 years of his career with Edward Jones. With retirement in mind, he sold his practice to Ameriprise 5 years ago. As a side note, he said his grandfather was a charter member of the South Berwick Rotary in 1928 – and that Paul Harris himself attended the club's charter night.

 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Frank was happy to be part of some friend's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Because this couple had to cancel their travel plans to Italy due to COVID, 5 of their friends are getting together to put on an "Italian Event" at which Frank will be the chef/waiter. It will be a total surprise to the couple.

Dan H. was happy for our new members.

Lynne said that Will and Maud's wedding went off ok in Aruba and that will is now back in Vermont and Maud in Quebec. Now the big question is how they are going to arrange things so they can actually live together.

Dave has a happy \$5 for the great strides in developing a vaccine for COVID since he talked to us about vaccinations last month. He is very excited about the prospects for these vaccines.

Liz had a happy \$20 for the South Paris Town Office re-opening last Monday. Everyone tested negative.

Lois had a sad dollar for those who say they won't take vaccines.

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:

You never see photons carrying a suitcase because they're always traveling light.

A Brainteaser!

A farmer with a huge pear tree supplies fruit to a nearby grocery shop. The grocer calls the farmer asking about how much fruit is available for the next delivery. The farmer knows that the main trunk of the tree has twenty-four branches. Each branch has exactly twelve boughs and each bough has six twigs. Since each twig bears one piece of fruit, how many plums will the farmer be able to deliver?

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