

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
Norway, ME 04268

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

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 331st day of 2019. There are 34 days remaining in the year. This morning, AG Chris Summers and Peter Kaurup are going to talk about their recent trip to Guatemala. Our greeter is Dave Preble.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Here is the original Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on October 3, 1863:

Washington, D.C.
October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the

source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

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

December:

1 – Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast at Gould Academy

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

4 – Club Assembly and Heidi Ortiz

11 – December Students of the Month and Ron Morse

18 – OHCHS Chorale and Liz Knox. No evening meeting.

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

25 – Merry Christmas! No meeting!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Charlie Fox was the guest of Tina Fox and D.J. Thorne was the guest of Dan Hart.

Rotary Moment: Greeter George Rice gave us some Rotary Foundation facts as they relate to our club's history:

- We have given out 105 Paul Harris Fellows and 31 multiple Paul Harris Fellows
- 24 of our current members are PHF and 9 are multiple PHF.
- We have 29 Benefactors and 3 Bequest Society members
- We have given \$183,837.00 to the Foundation through the years
- We have raised and donated \$26,807.00 to Polio Plus
- So far this year, 17 members have achieved EREY and 9 members are sustaining members

Announcements:

Tally handed out a new survey on membership which she would like us to complete and return at our next meeting. The results will be tabulated and shared with the membership.

Heidi – The cheese wheels are in Peter and Becky's truck for pick-up. Check with Heidi first to make sure you have the correct number.

Tina – the Interactors will be working on their float for the Christmas parade on Sunday, November 22nd at Tina's house if you are interested in helping out.

Dan H. – told is that Daddy O's is closed the third week of January so we will not be having an evening meeting in January. And of course, we will not be having one in December as the OHCHS Chorale is coming to our morning meeting that week.

Peter – we received a thank you from Amanda Flayer, the Director of La Puerta Learning Center, Santiago, Atitlan, Guatemala:

On Mon, Nov 11, 2019, 09:44 Amanda Flayer <amandaflayer@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Chris and Peter,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of school supplies to be shared amongst the children of la Puerta Abierta and Amigos of Santa Cruz! I appreciate your effort in collecting the supplies and transporting them to the lake...the latter I imagine was no easy task:)

With the new school year on the horizon, we are very grateful to have the basic supplies for our students.

I enjoyed meeting you both and the beginning of the month and I hope that our paths will cross again. In fact, I have confirmed with Carolyn to be in Portland, Maine for a quick visit on December 11th while I am visiting friends between Philadelphia and Boston!

I am attaching the link for our recent documentary and our updated web page. Please share with anyone who might be interested in our story.

www.atitlanabierta.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDsGrH_V4Mk

With kindness,

Amanda

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Amanda Flayer
Director, La Puerta Abierta Learning Center
Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala



Last Week:

President Pat led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4 Way Test and the Rotary prayer. Dan A. led us in singing "God Bless Our Rotary."

Program Chair Patty Rice introduced Diane Madden, Executive Director of the Western Maine Cancer Center in Norway. Diane moved to the Oxford Hills from Portland after 30 years as a radiation therapist and working in oncology. Diane said that she was very happy with her transition and that she feels very welcomed in our community. Right now, she is the only paid employee of the Center. Everyone else is a volunteer. So far this year, the Center has helped 1,350 people. It is patient centered and helps connect people to various resources to make their journey easier. Patients can get complimentary therapies such as massages, yoga and even gas cards to help with transportation. Diane said she is working on a grant for more transportation assistance. She is also reaching out to the Bridgton, Bethel and Rumford areas in hopes of providing services to those areas. Another hope is to expand to offer resources for children.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊

Lynne had a happy dollar for something that I did not catch. Tina had a happy dollar for her grandson, Gilbert, who is now up to 6 pounds and that he and his mother are doing well. Dan H. had a happy dollar

for D.J. Thorne coming to our meeting. Curtis was happy for the evening meeting because he can sleep in on those Wednesday mornings.

50/50 – D.J. Thorne drew George’s number but George did not draw the King of Clubs to win the \$128 in the pot.

November Birthdays – Bob Schott – 11/1; Julie (Dan) Hart – 11/4; Liz Knox – 11/16

November Wedding Anniversaries – Dan & Julie Hart – 11/8; Glenn & Sharon Huntley – 11/26

November Membership Anniversaries – George Rice – 36 yrs. – 11/11

The Weekly Extra:

100 years ago, on November 23, 1919, the first play-by-play of a football game was broadcast on the radio and featured the Aggies of Texas A&M hosting the Longhorns of the University of Texas.

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



