



Rotary

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."

2020-2021 Officers:

Rotary International President: Holger Knaack, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Molln - 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 13th day of 2021. There are 352 days remaining in the year. For Vocational Service Month, we have two guest speakers joining us this morning – Tech School Director Paul Bickford and Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Williams. Our greeter is PP Pat Cook.

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.

January:

13 – South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Meeting with Past RI President Mark Maloney, 6:30 PM on Zoom.

20 – Vocational Speakers - Brandon Abbott of Abbott Trucking and J.E. Coffin of Coffin Trucking. Curtis Cole is greeter.

25 – District Mid-year Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

27 – Vocational Speakers - Norway Police Chief Robert Federico and Norway Fire Chief Dennis Yates. Dan Allen is greeter.

February:

1 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM. This will also be on Zoom for those who prefer to not meet in person.

3 – Club Assembly and Beth Abbott

10 – Abbie Earle and Val Weston

17 – Tina Fox and Paul Thornfeldt

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no guests or visiting Rotarians last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Tally Decato talked about the pandemic and how it has influenced our club and our meetings through this past year. However, we have persevered and have been able to continue our weekly fellowship. We have also been able to adapt our fundraisers to make them safe for all.

Last Week:

We had our tenth Zoom meeting, and once again we had an excellent turn out with only a few members not in attendance. Greeter Tally led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test.

Posting for the second week, The Nominating Committee is proposing the following officers for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year. We will be voting on these officers at our meeting on January 20th.

Co-presidents:	Chris Summers and Peter Kaurup
Co-presidents-elect:	Liz Knox and Abbie Earle
Vice-president:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Liz Knox
Secretary:	John Griffith
Immediate Past President:	Lynne Schott
Club Service Director:	George Rice
Vocational Service Director:	Dan Hart
Community Service Director:	Beth Abbott
International Service Director:	Val Weston
Youth Service Director:	Tina Fox

Last week:

Catrina Wilson, one of our scholarship recipients, talked to us about her first semester at the University of Maine in Orono where she is majoring in chemical engineering with a minor in pre-med. Catrina found her first semester challenging but rewarding. She had a combination of in class, lecture

hall and remote learning depending on what was happening with COVID. One of her most challenging classes was trying to do chemistry lab work on-line without being in a lab. However, despite the challenges, she managed to get a 4.0 grade in all her classes. Congratulations to Catrina and we will look forward to hearing more from her.

The rest of our meeting was a Club Assembly talking about some of the items discussed at the Board Meeting on January 4th.

PE Peter told us that the board is working on an updated committee list/structure and that we will be looking at updating the Club By-laws which were last updated in August of 2014.

Dan H. led a discussion about our meeting in person again. He talked to Linda at the church and they still feel there is a risk to our resuming meetings there, so we will continue to Zoom for the month of January. Liz talked to the South Paris town manager about our using the South Paris Fire Station community room – and that led to a long discussion about the facility, how we could use it following CDC guidelines and what to do about food. In the end, the majority of members felt that there was still too much risk to our resuming in person meetings and that it simply wasn't worth taking a chance at this time.

Foundation Chair George Rice said that he would send everyone an e-mail telling them what their Foundation contributions are to date for this Rotary year. Numerous members said they would like to know where they stand.

Secretary John received a note and Christmas card from the Dictionary Project thanking us for our donation / purchase of dictionaries for 3rd grade students. This led to some questions from club members about the scope of the Project. John found the following information:

“Our goal is to reach every third grade student in the UNITED STATES and you are helping us make this possible. So far this school year, we have reached an estimated 486,172 students. Cumulatively, we have been able to reach an estimated 33,557,513 students. Of these, 4,488 were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oxford Hills.”

That's a lot of dictionaries, folks!!

The January Students of the Month have been chosen. Their write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Lynne had a sad dollar for missing the board meeting on Wednesday due to an asthma flair-up.

Glenn had a thank you dollar for Liz for following up on our meeting at the South Paris Fire Station and a reminder that our Foundation money does not have to be in until June.

Val had a thankful dollar that she and Chris made it through the virus without too much difficulty.

Alice had a happy to know everyone and to be able to Zoom with us.

Paul was happy to finish up the year with 5 new members inducted in the last couple of months.

50/50 – On hold due to Zoom meetings.

January Birthdays – Stan Brett – 1/3; Ed Millett – 1/9; Heidi Ortiz – 1/9; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Dan Allen – 1/22

January Wedding Anniversaries – David & Liz Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 37 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 38 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 39 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 27 yrs., 1/4

Pun of the Week:

We have a pun thanks to Lois Strauss

“If I were pun-i-shed
For every pun I shed
Where would I find a puny shed
In which to hide my punished head?”

Quote of the Week:

“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt ~

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:

Please check in advance with the club you are thinking of making up at in case they are not meeting in person during the pandemic.

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

January Students of the Month

9th Grade – Jaxton Stain

Nominated by: Pete Ducette

“Jax is very conscientious and caring about work and classmates. He completes all work on time and asks questions when in need of help.”

“A student was struggling to take good notes on zoom and a suggestion was made to take a screen shot but the student did not know how to do it. Jax offered to screen shot the work and send it to the student in need. This was very helpful to the classmate and me.”

10th Grade – Thomas Richards

Nominated by: Scott Walker

“Thomas has the most positive attitude and his presence enlivens the room. Thomas takes the lead on discussions and adds value to the class. He has been very welcoming to some of our newer students.”

11th Grade – Cadence Allen

Nominated by: Dan Daniels

“Cadence does not miss school. She is the first one to turn in her work which is always at a very high level. In the shop or on the job site, Cadence is always performing a task of some sort, a very high-level complex job or is sweeping the floor when she runs out of work and Mr. Stevens and I are too busy to

find her another job. She is a kind and considerate person that is willing to work with anyone in the class. She will be a very valued employee.”

“We were trying to move a 20’ x 24’ garage when the bracing failed. During the repair of the unit, Cadence worked with almost everyone as the leader and then as a helper and was very effective in both roles.”

12th Grade – Thomasina Lester

Nominated by: Tom McGarvey

“Thomasina is an excellent student who always pursues excellence in the classroom. She is helpful to other students and has always been helpful to me as a teacher. She is diligent and hardworking but also pleasant and gracious to all. Thomasina took part in a class debate. She was well prepared but did not flaunt her knowledge and was gracious to all who were participating. However, at the same time, she presented an excellent case for her side. Again, she should be Student of the Month for January.”