



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**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."

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### 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 20th day of 2021 and it is Presidential Inauguration Day. There are 345 days remaining in the year. Unfortunately, our two guest speakers for this morning have cancelled. I have not heard if we have replacements. Our greeter is Curtis Cole.

**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](mailto: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:

**23 – Grow Rotary Discussion – Improving Our Public Image on Zoom at 9:00 AM.**

**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

24 – John Griffith and AG Chris Summers. Our guest speakers will be Pat Wiegel, CEO and Board Chair of Norway Savings Bank and Dan Walsh, the new President of the bank.

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Other than our guest speakers, there were no guests or visiting Rotarians last week.

### Rotary Moment:

CPE Peter told us that he had participated in the first PETS Zoom call and that Dick Hall had a very interesting 64 page slide presentation for the group. Peter was surprised by the number of co-Presidents participating and that many clubs don't yet have a president for next year.

### Last Week:

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

Posting for the last 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 this morning.

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
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Dan H. told us that he and Patty Rice are working on our scholarship awards. So far, we have heard from 5 of the 7 recipients. Dan is hopeful that some more of our scholarship recipients will come and talk to us like Catrina Wilson did a couple of weeks ago.

## Calling All Knitters and Crocheters

Becky Kaurup has volunteered to coordinate the efforts of a new group of our Rotarians who share a love of knitting or crocheting hats, shawls and scarves, and graciously want to donate these items to infants and children at Stephens Memorial Hospital and to cancer patients at the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine. If you are interested, please contact Becky at 207-739-1148 or [bkaurup@gmail.com](mailto:bkaurup@gmail.com). Let's see what we can do to help others in our community of need at these two caring facilities.

Peter and Becky have already delivered 15 infant hats and 10 older kid's hats. Dan H. suggested contacting past members to see if they would like to help.

To begin our Vocational Service Month of Programs, our guest speakers were Paul Bickford, Director of the Oxford Hills Technical School and John Williams, Executive Director of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Paul began by thanking us for inviting him to speak. He told us that he is a graduate of Oxford Hills and Harvard College. He has been teaching for 26 years, 23 of which have been right here where he graduated. Prior to accepting his current position, he was a math teacher, guidance counselor and principal of the Oxford Hills Middle School. He is married and has 2 daughters. He had a great support system growing up with education in his blood.

The Tech school offers 19 different technical career educational courses which makes our tech school the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the state. The tech school is independent from the high school and has its own school board. However, it receives a lot of support from the school community and administration. It also aligns its offerings with the Maine Community College system so students can get a start on their college education if they choose to go that route. 90% of the students come from SAD #17 and 10% come from Buckfield High School. The program is open to students in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and in addition to schooling, they offer real work experiences. FMI check out their website at [ohs.net](http://ohs.net) or on Facebook.

John Williams also started off by thanking us for having him. He was pleased to announce that Paul (Bickford) has joined the Chamber board and will be attending his first meeting in a few days. John said that he has been associated with the Chamber almost 25 years. He started his career working in broadcast management at different radio stations around the country and that during this time, he started his own company producing programming for radio stations which he continues to do part time to this day. He was Executive Director of the Chamber for many years before taking a break to work on his company, then re-joined the Chamber 11 years ago. There are currently 350 members in 13 different communities. Essentially, the Chamber acts as a facilitator for local businesses, providing support and resources for them. John said that the last year has been a tremendous challenge for small businesses and he wants to make sure that every benefit available is known to members.

## 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Frank was happy that the cheese wheels he sent to his daughter and son-in-law arrived in Bangkok, Thailand unscathed and totally intact.

Val said that she had been in touch with Kathy Whittier and that Dave is now in an Alzheimer's facility in where they live in Texas. (Dave was an important member of our club from day one and we are very sorry to hear that his disease has progressed to this stage).

George had \$20 happy dollars in honor of our speakers and that it was great to hear about the tech school.

John had a sad dollar for his mother who has reached the point of needed to go into a nursing care facility.

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

## From High School and College Examinations, How about a couple of Malaprops?

“Johann Sebastian Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between, he practiced on the old spinster which he kept up in his attic.”

“Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.”

## 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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

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

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School