



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

**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 351st day of 2020. There are 15 days remaining in the year. This is our seventh Zoom meeting this time around. This morning we will be revealing our Secret Santa gifts. Yours truly is 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](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.

### December:

23 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

30 – Tally Decato and Abbie Earle

### January:

6 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato

13 – Vocational Speakers and Pat Cook

20 – Vocational Speakers and Curtis Cole

27 – Vocational Speakers and Dan Allen

### **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

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

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Dan Hart talked about an article in the December Rotary magazine entitled “Good, and good for you” so please check page 23 of the magazine for the full article. It talks about the benefits we receive when we help others.

### **Last Week:**

We had our sixth Zoom meeting. Those in attendance included Tina, John, Chris, Mike, Tally, Stan, Warren, Paul, Liz, Lynne, Bob, Beth, Curtis, Alice, Lois, Frank, Becky, Peter, Patty, Val, Dan A., Dan H., Joel and Dave. Dan A. led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test.

**John** – As of the end of the meeting, it seemed that everyone has received their Secret Santa. Some of the e-mails from John’s daughter ended up in SPAM. Remember that we will be opening our gifts at our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, so please be sure to get them in the mail or otherwise delivered on time.

**Beth** – talked about the food pantries. To reduce contact because of COVID, they would prefer cash or gift card donations. Also don’t forget that Daddy O’s has a pantry in their front entry way. Beth said that Amanda is donating a kidney. While not a match to the person she wanted to donate to, that person matches another donor as does Amanda, so because of her donation, a chain is created that I think Beth said gives four people new kidneys.

Beth also said that Christmas for Teens and Christmas for Kids is facing high demand. Donations and gift cards can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce on Western Ave.

**Tina** – the Interact and Key Clubs have decided to donate \$100 each to Christmas for Teens. If anyone wishes to donate on their own, please send checks to the high school marked to the attention of Christmas for Teens. Some Rotarians have already sent gift cards.

Tina said that everyone should have received an e-mail with the form to fill out to nominate our Rotarian of the Year. Please return it through Tina’s e-mail address by December 10<sup>th</sup> if you can.

### **I am repeating this from last week:**

**Peter and Chris** are working on officers for next year. We will be in need of a Vice-president and President-elect, so please consider putting your name in as a candidate. Likewise, current officers and chairs should let Peter or Chris know if you wish to continue serving for 2021-2022.

**Liz** said that cheese wheel money is still coming in but she still needs to collect from some members. If you haven’t, please get it to Liz so we can close the books on this fund raiser. Cabot farms gave us a discount on the cheese which will add a little more to our coffers.

Paul said he was still recovering from having some benign tumors removed from his leg. Unfortunately, his leg isn't healing well and that he will be getting a pump to drain the fluid accumulating. He has to remain quiet and is not supposed to walk any more than is absolutely necessary – a difficult task for him because he is so active.

Dan H. – when we hand out our scholarships, we always invite the students to come and talk to us about their first year in college. Of the seven recipients, we have heard back from one, Katrina Wilson, who has said she would like to come and speak to us.

Dan Allen was our program chair – he didn't remember that he was so had to improvise – so he asked us to (1) tell the group something no one else knows about you and (2) tell us one special Christmas gift you received as a child. It would have been too much to write them all down, but I think we all agreed we had a fun meeting with lots of good stories.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Frank – was happy that he received his present from his Secret Santa and he promised not to peek.

Lois was happy for our meeting and enjoyed our program.

Stan said that he had the keys to Lois's convertible but I didn't note why this subject came up.

Curtis was happy that Dan was good at improvising a program.

Dave was happy to have his Sunday River ski pass.

Patty had a happy \$10 for her power being restored after 72 hours. She and George shared a generator with George's sister who lives across the street. She lost the food in her fridge but didn't lose the freezer.

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

December Birthdays – Curtis Cole – 12/6

December Wedding Anniversaries – Ron & Laura Morse – 12/20

December Membership Anniversaries – None

### **Pun of the Week:**

One night, a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain." His wife asked, "How do you know?" Rudolph replied "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

### **December Brain Teaser:**

In the traditional Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many total presents does "my true love" give "to me?"

### **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