



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

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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."

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### 2020-2021 Officers:

Rotary International President: Holger Knaack, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Molln - District 7780  
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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 337th day of 2020. There are 29 days remaining in the year. This is our fifth Zoom meeting this time around. This morning is a Club Assembly. Becky Kaurup is our 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

2 – Club Assembly and Becky Kaurup

9 – Dan Allen and Glenn Huntley

16 – Secret Santa Day and Dan Hart

23 – Curtis Cole and John Griffith

30 – Tally Decato and Tina Fox

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

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

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Peter Kaurup talked about “Giving Tuesday” which is Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 from an idea that came out of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street YMCA in New York City. The organization’s reputation helped it get 1400 other entities on board for the first Giving Tuesday. The organizers chose the day which followed two days of consumption at Thanksgiving and they reasoned that a weekday would work well because people are more likely to be in front of computers and phones, making it easier to donate in response to the reminder.

Rotary has embraced the concept as a fundraising opportunity for clubs and for the Foundation and the campaign has grown each year. In 2019, Rotary raised \$550,000 from donors all over the world in response to a Giving Tuesday e-mail campaign.

### **Last Week:**

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

**AG Chris** informed us that Michael Nesmith, the husband of PDG Anne Lee Hussey, passed away recently. We were very sad to hear. Michael was a great guy and a fixture at many Rotary events. He will be missed.

Chris also told us that there will not be a District Conference this year but perhaps will be a 2 year joint conference in 2022.

**John –** Secret Santa is progressing. After some final discussion, we decided that we would do one gift of \$10 or less and that we would open our gifts at our December 16 meeting so we can show everyone what we got. John’s daughter, Courtney, and grandson, Zachary, have agreed to draw names and e-mail us the person we are to gift, so be looking for an e-mail before Monday, November 30, from “Courtney Muller.” Don’t forget to check SPAM if you don’t receive your e-mail by Monday.

And lastly, **Connie Shorey** said hello from Florida. Looking good, Connie!

For our program, **Alice Paul** and **Becky Kaurup** gave their classification talks. Alice grew up in Massachusetts and is the oldest of 13 children, 7 boys and 6 girls. Her father was a dock worker who didn’t think girls needed to go to college, although Alice wanted to. She met her husband when she was 17 and they married when she was 19. They had 5 daughters. Alice worked as a nurse’s aide for 10 years and then went to work as a physical therapist’s assistant. While working, she went to school in Boston and also learned Shiatsu, opening her own practice. When her daughter, who cannot live alone, turned 24, Alice sold her home in Massachusetts and moved to Camden, Maine, which was a bold move as a single mom because she didn’t have a job. However, she started a successful Shiatsu practice in

Camden. In the ensuing years, she worked at a PT clinic, and as a chiropractic assistant working with the brain injured. Her last job was as a CNA at the Odd Fellows Home in Auburn. When she met and married her current husband, they decided to move to the Oxford Hills where she has done a lot of volunteer work.

Becky grew up in Florida – we knew your accent was “from away”. After finishing school, she went to work for Eastern Airlines. Peter worked at the next counter for Delta Airlines and after a time, Becky asked him to go out on a date. On their third date, Peter asked her to marry him. Peter had a list of 5 qualities that he was looking for in a partner and Becky fit the bill when she said she would go to the bathroom in the woods. After getting married, they transferred to Melbourne, Florida, then to Salt Lake City, and then back to Atlanta. All this time, they were busy with their kids and volunteering at church and school. After a time in Atlanta, they moved to Orlando, then to Norfolk, Virginia where Becky worked for the school district and did substitute teaching. She and Peter also got involved in boating and volunteered with the Coast Guard. Moving again to North Carolina, she continued her work with the Coast Guard doing vessel safety checks. When her father needed help, she and Peter moved back to Florida to take care of him. Upon her father’s passing and their retirement, they bought a home here in the Oxford Hills with the intent of wintering in Florida. However, they decided to sell in Florida and make Maine their permanent home – and we are glad they did!

Alice and Becky – I had to write fast when you were talking, so if I missed anything or put something in that isn’t right, please let me know!

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Dan H. – had happy dollars for the board meeting on Monday, November 30, as we will be inducting 2 new members, Ed Millett and Mike Morin. We will try to Zoom the meeting for those who cannot attend. Also, in talking with Linda at the church, it has been decided that we will Zoom our regular morning meetings until after the first of the year.

Pat – had happy dollars to thank Tina for setting up and keeping our Zoom meetings going.

Lois – had a sad dollar for leaving for Florida on December 4 but was happy to be heading to a warmer climate.

Alice – had \$5 happy dollars for being healthy and happy.

Paul – was happy for a successful cheese wheel fund raiser and for the help he received.

Frank wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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:**

I invested a lot of money in my origami business, but it folded.

**Thought for the Week:**

“I’m grateful for what I am and have. My Thanksgiving is perpetual.”

~ Henry David Thoreau ~

**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

