



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780
Governor: Dick Hall, Rotary Club of Portland – Oxford Hills Rotary Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers
– Co-Pres. Elect: Vacant – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms:
Stan Brett – Past pres.: Lynne Schott – 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

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 356th day of 2021. There are 9 days remaining in the year. This morning, Jen Sherbinski will be giving her updated classification talk. Beth Abbott is scheduled to be 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. 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:

22 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly Meeting – 9:00 AM after our regular morning meeting.
29 – Ed Millett and Val Weston. Our guest speaker will be Kristina Carstensen who owns and manages a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Otisfield.

January:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:30 PM.
5 – Vocational Service Speakers and Paul Thornfeldt
12 – Students of the Month and Warren Spencer
19 – Evening Meeting and Lynne Schott
26 – Vocational Service Speakers and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Sharon Huntley was the guest of Glenn Huntley; Laura Morse was the guest of Ron Morse; Ann Marie Brett was the guest of Stan Brett; Dave Knox was the guest of Liz Knox.

Announcements:

Dan Allen talked about Rotary's response, and in particular, our club's response, to the tornado in Joplin, Missouri several years ago. We passed the hat and made other donations that we sent through to the Rotary Club in Joplin. Now, another tornado has devastated Mayfield, Kentucky and many other communities from Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee. As with the Joplin tornado, Dan has pledged to match the club's donations up to \$1000.00. I have attached a copy of Dan's write-up about this and one from DG Dick Hall concerning Rotary's response below:

Dan Allen:

For those who did not hear any news there was a horrible tornado over the weekend.

The history of this club includes our response to another terrible tornado on May 22, 2011, in Joplin Missouri. Around that event the Oxford Hills Rotary went beyond thoughts and prayers

and supporting special relief. We took it personally in a way that others cannot but we could because we are Rotarians.

We found a Rotary club local to Joplin. We asked them to be our “boots on the ground” taking our personal help to people who would otherwise fall through the cracks. In every event like Joplin’s and this one that happens for a myriad of reasons. While federal help and FEMA and local and state and more are out there the reality is needs, sometimes desperate ones, sometimes go unmet. It is through Rotary that are privileged to make it personal. Even knowing District 6740 including Mayfair KY, will respond robustly how do we reach individuals?

For Joplin we passed the hat for a few meetings. I remember we offered the opportunity to others to participate as well. This was before the day of Go Fund Me. Speaking to that, here is a chance for us to be positive every penny we raise will to towards the avowed purpose.

I ask for permission from the club for a similar effort. I will match the first \$1000.00 secure in the knowledge this club will readily blow by that amount. I propose that the board consider the board’s response to this and perhaps join in these individual efforts. Thank you, Dan

DG Dick Hall:

Several Rotarians in District 7780 have asked how they can work through Rotary to assist those in Tennessee and Kentucky. It took a while for things to get set up, but now we have a Call for Donations for Communities in Rotary District 6760 and District 6170

Once again, #RotaryResponds where human needs are great.

Last week, numerous tornados devastated Kentucky and a total of 15 tornados devastated Middle and Western Tennessee as storms swept through the state. Winds of up to 135 miles per hour ripped up communities and tore up the lives of those who survived. Small towns have lost homes, entire business districts and neighborhoods, and destroyed livelihoods, with many people in need of basics such as a place to sleep and shelter, non-perishable food, gas cans and storage bins, as well as cleanup equipment.

The loss of life in many small towns is heartbreaking, and survivors have lost their communities, their homes and livelihoods. In many areas, electricity, food, gasoline, supplies and medical services are limited or unavailable

Rotary District 6760 Governor Michael Babb, and Rotary District 6170 Governor Gail Story, both district leadership teams, and Rotary clubs in the devastated communities are organized to accept donations and contribute to helping these communities survive, recover and rebuild.

At this very special time of year, those who survive have little to celebrate. Please help. Here’s what is currently known, and what you can do.

- **Tennessee: Rotary District 6760** is accepting donations to assist communities in need who have been affected by the tornado.

- Please make checks payable to: **Rotary District 6760** and include **Disaster Relief** in the memo, and mail to:
Rotary District 6760 Treasurer
P.O. Box 399t
Dickson, TN 37056
- **Kentucky: Rotary District 6170** can now accept tax-deductible donations for tornado relief.
- Please make checks payable to: **Rotary District 671** and include **Heart of America Disaster Relief Fund**, and mail to:

Rotary District 6170 Treasurer
Jennifer Johnson
304 Green St.
Morrilton, AR 72110

If anyone has a network of suppliers who are willing to donate supplies, or are considering sending a team of recovery volunteers, please contact Michelle Balsley at rotary6760disaster@gmail.com.

Please help out these communities that are in need at this time of year when family, peace and compassion are especially important. Thank you for being a Rotarian, and thank you for your compassion.

Dick Hall
Rotary Club of Portland Maine
District 7780, DG 2021-2022

Stan Brett announced that we have been asked by Tony Wagner of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth club to set a tent in South Portland for the weekend of January 28-29. They are looking for one of our regular size tents and have offered to pay us \$1,000.00. Stan readily agreed, weather dependent.

Continuing Reminder – be sure to enter you extra hours in the log book, or e-mail or otherwise inform George of the extra time you put in for the month. It's easier to do it once a week than wait until the end of the month and try to remember what you did.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “We wish you a Merry Christmas....” and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

We had a delicious ham dinner with mashed potato, green bean casserole, corn, rolls and chocolate cake put on by the church ladies. After dinner, we had a Yankee Swap led by Secretary John Griffith. It was a very fun evening with lots of interesting gifts exchanged.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars

We saved our happy and sad dollars for this week's meeting.

50/50 – Glenn's number was drawn but he drew the 9 of Clubs, not the King of Clubs. There was \$176 in the pot.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays – Curtis Cole – 12/6

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

December Membership Anniversaries – Phyllis Summers – 1 yr – 12/30

Did you Know?

In keeping with last week's theme, according to Howmanyofme.com, there are 36,878 people in the US with the first name "Kris" and there are 387 people with the last name "Kringle." Put them together, and there is 1 person in the US with the name "Kris Kringle."

Christmas Movies that didn't make the cut:

1. "A Christmas Corolla" – the star of the movie finds a Toyota under her tree.
2. "It's a Wonderful Fife" – starring Barney Fife
3. "The Molar Express" – the train that goes to the dentist's office
4. "Miracle on 5th Ave." – the star finds a dress for under \$500.
5. "Wheat Christmas" – where nothing is gluten free.

Well, I guess there is room for a pun:

A group of chess enthusiasts were standing in a hotel lobby recounting their biggest tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of his office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked as they moved off. "Because," the manager said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

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