



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills, PO Box 14 Norway, ME
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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-Mölln - 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 358th day of 2020. There are 8 days remaining in the year. This is our eighth Zoom meeting this time around. Curtis Cole is our program chair and Tina Fox is our greeter. Ed Millett will be giving his classification talk.

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.

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December:

30 – Tally Decato and Abbie Earle

January:

4 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM

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 John Griffith expressed his gratitude for the Club and how much everyone's friendship has meant to him during this difficult year. Despite everything that has been going on, Rotary has been a steady, unifying force throughout and we all have a lot to be grateful for.

Last Week: We had our seventh Zoom meeting. There were only 4 members who were not able to be with us. Secretary John Griffith led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test.

There were only a couple of brief announcements:

Dave reported that one of the cheese wheels he delivered apparently did not seal well and when opened, it was all dried up and crumbly. It happened to go to our past member and his niece, Kim Bright. Several of us spoke up and said we had an extra wheel we could give to Dave to replace it.

Paul told us he is doing better, but is still more or less immobile, having to stay off his leg. He was grateful to find a high school student through Tina to shovel his porch, steps and areas the plow cannot reach. He also said that Ron Morse had found another student to do the same for him.

After these announcements, we opened our Secret Santa gifts. I think most of us mailed our gifts but there were a few who delivered in person, trying not to be found out. Dave got George so he took his gift up to leave it on the Rice's doorstep during his lunch hour, thinking no one would be home. However, George came home at the same time and the jig was up. Also, totally at random, and unbelievably, Frank got Dave's name, and thus, Dave received a plethora of Tampa Bay Rays items. I think we can all imagine Frank's joy when he opened his e-mail to find that he was Dave's Santa. Some of us did not yet have our gifts, so we will finish up this week.

☺ Happy and Sad Dollars:

We were all sorry to hear that Val had a positive COVID test, but **Stan** had a happy dollar for her that it appears to be a mild case.

Dan is working on getting our pictures that Jen has taken on our Club Runner profiles and was grateful that none of us are posted on the wall in the Post Office. In honor of Dave, he showed us his Boston hat.

Glenn was happy that Sharon got up an hour early to get him into Zoom and attend our meeting. (We were happy to see you, Glenn).

Dan A. had a happy dollar for the good old days when Frank ran the Western Auto store.

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: “There’s nothing like a Christmas tree to spruce things up.”

50 years Ago – December 1970 – The film *Love Story* premiered. It starred Ali MacGraw and Ryan O’Neal and was directed by Arthur Hiller. At the time of its original release, it became the sixth highest grossing film of all time.

(Ali MacGraw, 81, was born on April 1, 1939 and Ryan O’Neal, 79, was born on April 20, 1941)

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

Here are the December Students of the Month:



9th Grade – Madelaine Miller
Nominated by Ian Truman

“Madelaine strives to be the best she can be in every class. She never accepts anything less than her best and will always seek out ways to improve if they are presented to her. Madelaine goes above and beyond on every single assignment.”



10th Grade – Alexis Richards
Nominated by Andrew Merrill

“I enjoy observing Alexis Richard’s mode of operation as a student in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation Management. She is never the center of attention and may actually go out of her way to avoid being conspicuous, but academically she is terrific. She puts forth an effort both in class and in her homework. Alexis builds quiet but strong social relationships. She operates with great character, is genuine in her interaction, acceptance and tolerance of others. Alexis seems to steadily and quietly build content knowledge and experience. She continues to raise her potential in an approachable and non-threatening way. Alexis is a quiet, unassuming student who radiates positive impact and builds stronger classroom community through her work. It is a pleasure, as a teacher, to have this brand of academic influence in the classroom.”



11th Grade – Chloe DePalma
Nominated by Amy White

“Chloe is a leader in the classroom and works hard on her assignments. She is creative, kind and speaks up regularly. Chloe is always willing to work with others in the class. The last few weeks, she encouraged her peers to work together on several assignments. In Zoom calls, she is always willing to share her screen and lead discussions. Last class, she led her peers in analyzing sources.”



12th Grade – Robert Paradis
Nominated by Lindsay Fox

“I had Robert last year as a junior and he did all that was expected in class in order to learn the material and pass the course but this year as a senior he is pushing himself hard in classes not only to pass but to learn the material and understand it at a deeper level. He is taking AP Biology with me and Anatomy and Physiology with Mr. Morrell and is really determined to do well in those classes as he has decided to go to school for science. Seeing this change in him has been inspiring and uplifting. He has shown resilience and determination here at OHCHS.”