



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, December 29, 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: 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  
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Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact  
Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**

**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 363<sup>rd</sup> day of 2021. There are 2 days remaining in the year. Ed Millett is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Kristina Cartensen, who owns and manages a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Otisfield. Val Weston is scheduled to be 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.

### **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:**

### **Announcements:**

Because we did not meet last week, there are no new announcements. I am leaving the info about the Kentucky tornadoes in for another week.

### **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**

**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.

### **😊 Happy and Sad Dollars**

Not having Happy or Sad dollars for the last two meetings, we should have plenty saved up to end the last meeting of 2021.

**50/50** – No drawing

### **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?**

One last time: In keeping with the theme for the last couple of weeks, according to [Howmanyofme.com](http://Howmanyofme.com), there are 43,588 people in the US with the first name "Clark" and there are 12,922 people with the last name "Griswold." Put them together, and there are 2 people in the United States with the name Clark Griswold. (For those who don't know who Clark Griswold is, he is the father in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation movie.)

## **Quote for the Week:**

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

~ Dale Evans ~  
1912-2001

## **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](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