



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, December 30, 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  
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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 365th day of 2020. There is 1 day remaining in the year. This is our ninth Zoom meeting this time around. Tally Decato is program chair this morning and Abbie Earle 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.

**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**

## January:

4 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office. This will also be on Zoom for those who do not wish to meet in person.

6 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato

13 – Vocational Speakers and Pat Cook

20 – Vocational Speakers and Curtis Cole

25 – District Mid-year Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

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 Tina Fox read a poem she found in the August Rotary magazine about the gift of time and love. She also told us about an accompanying story to the poem in which the writer said that the most important thing about your personal relationship with Rotary is to find your niche, and if there is something you are passionate about that you think your club should do, then bring it to the board.

## Last Week:

We had our eighth Zoom meeting, and once again we had an excellent turn out with only a few members not in attendance. Since Tina already had our attention with the Rotary Moment, she went ahead and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test.

It was announced that Paul Thornfeldt was having a second surgery this morning on his leg that does not want to heal from his first surgery a few weeks ago. Hopefully this second surgery will do the trick and Paul will be up and about again soon. We are all thinking about you Paul!

It was also nice to see Val Weston and have her report that her turn with the virus was relatively minor. She had a new test that came out negative. However, she said that Chris was having a more difficult time with a lot of nausea. Hopefully, he is better this week.

For our program, Ed Millett gave his classification talk. He spent his early years in Stoneham and attended Fryeburg Academy. After graduation, he intended to join the service but before that happened, he ended up in the automobile business, spending 10 years at Berlin City in Berlin, NH, then 9 years at Bessey's in South Paris. He then moved to Economy Auto for 4 years before joining Ripley & Fletcher Ford with encouragement from Glenn Huntley. All the while, he was busy raising 4 children and following his passion for music. He started a local band and has played a lot of venues, including playing at funerals! Very interesting Ed, thanks for sharing with us!

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Beth had a sad dollar for the family of David Stearns due to his accidental death while on vacation in Florida.

Tally had a happy dollar for her son and Past President of OH Rotary, Dick Decato, is recovering at home following a recent, minor stroke.

Curtis was happy for the decent start to winter, having gotten out 8 times cross country skiing and a good day doing instructor training and skiing at Shawnee Peak. (the rain storm on Friday kind of put the kibosh on cross country skiing, though).

Mike had a happy dollar that he was able to speak with our friend and former Paris resident, Helga Thurston, who now lives in Minnesota. Helga has experienced some health issues and would appreciate hearing from the folks back in Maine. Her address will be made available.

Alice had a happy dollar for the club bulletin puns and that they make her happy! (Thanks, Alice!)

Tina was happy for her new grandson, Lucas Jarek Mains, who was born earlier in the week.

50/50 – On hold due to Zoom meetings.

January Birthdays – Stan Brett – 1/3; Ed Millett – 1/9; Heidi Ortiz – 1/9; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Dan Allen – 1/22

January Wedding Anniversaries – David & Liz Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 37 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 38 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 39 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 27 yrs., 1/4

**Pun of the Week:**

Authorities at the daycare center charged a toddler with resisting a rest.

**Did you know?**

Christmas was first celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup> in the year 336 AD during the reign of the Roman Emperor Constantine. A few years later, Pope Julius I officially proclaimed that Christians would celebrate the birth of Jesus every year on this day.

## 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