



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: 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 27th day of 2021. There are 338 days remaining in the year. In recognition of Vocational Service Month, our guest speakers this week are Norway Police Chief Robert Federico and Norway Fire Chief Dennis Yates. Dan Allen is our greeter. We will also be voting on our slate of officers for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year.

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.

February:

1 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM. This will also be on Zoom for those who prefer to not meet in person.

3 – Club Assembly and Beth Abbott

10 – Abbie Earle and Val Weston

17 – Tina Fox and Paul Thornfeldt

24 – John Griffith and AG Chris Summers. Our guest speakers will be Pat Wiegel, CEO and Board Chair of Norway Savings Bank and Dan Walsh, the new President of the bank.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Once again, Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our only guest.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis Cole told us about the tradition of singing at Rotary meetings which began in 1905 with Rotarian Harry Ruggles. The first book of Rotary songs was published in 1920 and was updated in the 1930's. Dan Allen commented on the value of communal singing as a way to bring people together. Unfortunately, this has become a lost art in the United States.

Announcements:

President Lynne Schott received 4 Paul Harris Fellow awards in the mail last week and so recognized those members – Becky Kaurup as a PH + 3, Frank Shorey as a PH + 2, Val Weston as a PH + 3, and Peter Kaurup as a PH + 4. Congratulations to Becky, Frank, Val and Peter!

Secretary John recognized 4 members for their longevity in Rotary – Dan Hart for 37 years, Dave Preble for 38 years, Warren Spencer for 39 years and Stan Brett for 27 years. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication and service to Rotary.

Patty Rice and Beth Abbott recognized their mother, Evie's 86th birthday. Evie is well known to all of us and has participated in many of our events through the years. Happy Birthday, Evie.

Peter Kaurup updated us on the Harrison Food Bank where he helped to make up boxes (not in my notes but I believe he said they made 500 of them) and put together hygiene kits. They do this on Monday mornings from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. They are currently looking for clothing so if anyone has any to donate, contact Peter. They are also looking for additional volunteers to deliver on Wednesday mornings.

Peter and Dan Hart also told us that we can register with [Mainerresponse.org](https://mainerresponse.org) if we wish to help with providing the virus vaccine when it becomes available at Stephens. Dan said that there is a 5 question on-line test. While we can't administer vaccines, they need volunteers to help with other duties. Moss Brook Church on High St. in South Paris plans to be a vaccination site on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Frank Shorey told us he and Connie got their vaccines in Ft. Myers and can attest to the fact that a lot of volunteers are needed.

We will also be receiving a new allocation of masks to hand out (which I believe we have now received).

Officers for 2021-2022:

As a reminder, these are the officers we will be voting on this morning to lead the club for 2021-2022:

Co-presidents:	Chris Summers and Peter Kaurup
Co-presidents-elect:	Liz Knox and Abbie Earle
Vice-president:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Liz Knox
Secretary:	John Griffith
Immediate Past President:	Lynne Schott
Club Service Director:	George Rice
Vocational Service Director:	Dan Hart
Community Service Director:	Beth Abbott
International Service Director:	Val Weston
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Happy and Sad Dollars:

Frank was happy that he and Connie received their first vaccine shots and he was happy to say that he sold his BMW convertible and is getting a new Jeep Wrangler in Snazzberry.

Lois was happy to announce she is a licensed driver in Florida and is an expert on what is needed.

Dave was happy to announce that President Trump has just left the White House.

John had a happy dollar for his mother who is now a resident at Norway Rehab and is adjusting well.

Mike said he was happy to see Liz in person at the town office yesterday.

Curtis was happy for Frank's mid-life crisis.

Bob announced that he received a \$50 tip for teaching skiing last week.

Abbie was very happy that she is beginning the first day of her last semester of college.

50/50 – On hold due to Zoom meetings.

February Birthdays – Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/13; Ron Morse – 2/24

February Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

February Membership Anniversaries – Pat Cook – 21 years – 2/2; Heidi Ortiz – 2 years – 2/20; Marianne Todd – 2 years – 2/20.

Pun of the Week:

Regrettably, my new calendar has replaced the “Pun of the Week” with a “Joke of the week.” However, I found some puns that someone shared with me on Facebook so here goes:

“My son wants to study burrowing rodents. I told him to gopher it.”

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