



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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-Molln - 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 344th day of 2020. There are 22 days remaining in the year. This is our sixth Zoom meeting this time around. This morning is a Club Assembly. Becky Kaurup 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. 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

12 – Grow Rotary Zoom meeting – check the district website for info

16 – Secret Santa Day and John Griffith

23 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

30 – Tally Decato and Abbie Earle

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Becky Kaurup shared this with us from RI President Holger Knaack. President Knaack stated "that he found people cared as much as he did and that Rotary has the same heart. That Rotary serves our communities and takes action. Racism, prejudice and discrimination take on different forms but exist in every country, in every city and in every person. When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world different. We can apply the 4-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area? Are things beneficial and fair to people of all ages? We already connect to so many people. Imagine the possibilities when we bring even more people along for the ride."

Last Week:

We had our fifth Zoom meeting after a few months of in person meetings. Those in attendance included Lois, John, Liz, Mike, Dave, Frank, Dan H., Dan A., Curtis, Lynne, Becky, Peter, Tina, Joel, Chris, Bob, Val, Patty, Tally, Alice, Warren and Stan. Dan H. led us in the Pledge and Alice led us in the 4-Way Test. We didn't have a program as this was a Club Assembly meeting.

Frank started off by asking the group what they thought of mailing cheese wheels to his daughter in Bangkok, Thailand. He said that they sent some chocolate bark to her and then when it got there, it was all melted into a big blob, so was concerned that the cheese might do the same or worse. After some discussion, the group decided that Frank and Connie should just go for it and send it. We will be waiting to hear if it arrives okay.

John – As of the end of the meeting, it seemed that everyone has received their Secret Santa. Some of the e-mails from John's daughter ended up in SPAM. Remember that we will be opening our gifts at our meeting on the 16th, so please be sure to get them in the mail or otherwise delivered on time.

Beth – talked about the food pantries. To reduce contact because of COVID, they would prefer cash or gift card donations. Also don't forget that Daddy O's has a pantry in their front entry way. Beth said that Amanda is donating a kidney. While not a match to the person she wanted to donate to, that person matches another donor as does Amanda, so because of her donation, a chain is created that I think Beth said gives four people new kidneys.

Beth also said that Christmas for Teens and Christmas for Kids is facing high demand. Donations and gift cards can be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce on Western Ave.

Tina – told us that the clubs at the high school are donating to Christmas for Teens, especially clothing. She also told us that the Students of the Month have been chosen and that the "themes" under which students are nominated have been discontinued for the rest of the school year due to remote learning. This will widen the pool of students from which the teachers can nominate. I will have the write-ups for the students in the Reader next week.

Tina also reminded us that it is time to nominate our Rotarian of the Year. She will be sending out the nomination form for us to fill out. Please return your nominations to Tina, Peter or Tally.

Peter and Chris will put together a nominating committee for officers next year. We will be in need of a Vice-president and President-elect, so please consider putting your name in as a candidate. Likewise, current officers and chairs should let Peter or Chris know if you wish to continue serving for 2021-2022.

Dan H. – has been in contact with Linda at the church about our meeting in person again and Linda feels it is still too risky. We will continue to Zoom through December and likely January, but Dan will keep us posted.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Dave had \$30 happy dollars, reminding us to continue to donate and to work towards becoming a sustaining member. We are almost half way through the Rotary year.

Lois was happy to be flying south on (last) Friday. (Hope she joins us on Zoom from Florida).

Curtis was happy to learn about using the space bar to mute and unmute on Zoom.

Lynne was happy to meet up with a high school friend she had not seen in a while. It was good to see someone outside of family and Rotary.

Tina said that her daughter was a week away from her due date and there is a possibility that the baby will be born on his sister's 8th birthday – which was okay with her. She also said that Charlie is doing better but was anxious to get back to work.

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:

Never interrupt someone concentrating on a difficult newspaper puzzle unless you're prepared to hear some crosswords.

Something to think about:

I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.
A magical thing
And sweet to remember.
“We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,”
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.

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