



Rotary

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-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 6th day of 2021. There are 359 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having our January club assembly. We will also be joined by Katriena Wilson, one of our 2020 scholarship winners. Tally Decato 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.

January:

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

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and DG Peggy Belanger from Kennebunk-Portside were our visiting Rotarians. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

We turned our Rotary Moment time over to DG Peggy who thanked the club for the work we did last year and for continuing to move forward during a difficult time. She also thanked us for continuing to support our communities and everyone in Rotary is looking forward to the next six months. She also announced that the three districts in Maine have each received \$10,000.00 to assist with immunization clinics working with EMS and public health agencies.

Last Week:

We had our ninth Zoom meeting, and once again we had an excellent turn out with only a few members not in attendance. Greeter Liz Knox led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test.

AG and 2021-2022 Co-president Chris Summers announced that Liz Knox and Abbie Earle have agreed to serve as co-Presidents for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. Thank you Liz and Abbie. Keep in mind that we will need someone to step in as treasurer for Liz that year.

The Nominating Committee is proposing the following officers for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year. We will be voting on these officers at our meeting on January 20th.

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
Youth Service Director:	Tina Fox

We held a [Fireside Chat](#) on Wednesday evening, December 30th, for Mike Morin and Phyllis Summers. At the conclusion of the Chat, Phyllis was inducted as our newest member. Congratulations, Phyllis, and welcome to Oxford Hills Rotary. We are looking forward to seeing you again this coming summer.

[Foundation Chair George Rice](#) would like to remind everyone to continue sending him your Happy Dollars. Donations are down compared to last year, probably the result of not having in-person meetings. It's easy to have Happy Dollars on Zoom but we have to remember to send him the money. You can send donations to our PO Box, to George directly or drop them off with Treasurer Liz Knox at the South Paris Town Office.

For our program, Tally asked us to think about two questions and through the miracle of Zoom, Tina divided us into 4 groups of 5 to independently discuss these questions and assign a spokesperson to tell the group.

Question 1: What should we continue to do and why?

[Group 1](#) – enhance our efforts with the food banks, more involvement with Norway and Harrison; have more structured meetings and programs.

[Group 2](#) – continue working with the Progress Center when they resume their food pantry and community dinner; continue working with the food banks, particularly the ones in the schools; continue with the Student of the Month program; promote tent rentals; need younger members to help with auction

[Group 3](#) – continue working with the Progress Center; distribute food baskets; do something to bring the community together, perhaps have an outdoor dance on a summer evening; something for Veterans.

[Group 4](#) – continue with the Lobster Drive-through, maybe do 2 a year and bring in other elements, such as a lobster roll or barbecue chicken. Also continue with tent rentals, auction and more community activities such as the cemetery clean up.

Question 2: What would you like us to pursue in the coming year?

[Group 1](#) – perhaps use our unclaimed scholarship funds to support kids in other ways such as vocational education; help support covid vaccinations in readiness and distribution; do another hands on community project such as the work we did on Riverside Cemetery or roadside trash pick-up; lastly, promote Robert's Farm activities for little kids – maybe in conjunction with May Day Play Day or something like that.

[Group 2](#) – continue with the auction but in a different format, perhaps secure the use of one of the buildings at the fairgrounds so we don't have to move multiple times; continue to do the Lobster Fest as a drive through; start cheese wheel sales earlier.

[Group 3](#) – perhaps increase funds to continue to support the food pantries; do something for Veterans; a community dance; help with vaccine clinics.

Group 4 – adopt a cemetery as a community project; adopt a road; do something fun for ourselves such as going bowling, a potluck dinner or summer social; perhaps do 2 lobster drive-throughs or do lobster rolls and chicken.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars:

Glenn – had a Happy New Year dollar

Dave – had a sad dollar for the Tampa Bay Rays – the end of an era – as they traded their best pitcher.

John – had a Happy New Year dollar with the hope that things will be better in 2021.

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:

Regrettably, the Pun of the Week is on hold because the 2020 calendar I was getting them from is no more. A new calendar of same was on my Christmas list, but I didn't receive one, so will try to find one myself.

Quote for the Week:

“You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.”

~ C.S. Lewis ~

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