



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."

2019-2020 Officers:

Rotary International President: Mark D. Maloney, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama - District 7780 Governor: Andrew Glazier, Rotary Club of Kittery – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Pat Cook – Pres. Elect: Lynne Schott – Vice-pres.: to be determined – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Chris Weston – 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 8th day of 2020. There are 358 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the January Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is Peter Karaup.

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:

15 – Bob Schott and Becky Kaurup. Note, this will NOT be an evening meeting as the folks at Daddy O's are on vacation.

22 – Jen Sherbinski and Dan Hart

27 – Mid Year Dinner at Fireside Inn and Suites in Westbrook, from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

29 – Joel Speakman and John Griffith

February

5 – Club Assembly and Tina Fox

12 – February Students of the Month and Abbie Earle

19 – Chris Summers and Tally Decato. Note, this WILL be an evening meeting at Daddy O's after a two month hiatus.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had two visiting Rotarians at our last meeting, Jennifer Putnam from Bridgton-Lake Region and Bruce Powell from Bridgton. We also had a number of guests: Bruce Cook, guest of President Pat Cook; Terry Cole, guest of Curtis Cole; Sharon Huntley, guest of Glenn Huntley; Becky Preble, guest of Dave Preble; Charlie Fox, guest of Tina Fox; Debbie Bennett, guest of Joel Speakman.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Liz Knox read us a quote by Winston Churchill taken from the “Book of Rotary Readings.”

Announcements:

President Pat – We received a thank-you note from Diane Madden from the Cancer Center telling us how much she enjoyed speaking to us last month.

Heidi Ortiz – Cheese wheel sales have come to an end. We sold 600 of them this year compared to 565 last year. I think I have this right that Bruce Powell took 17 back to Bethel with him. Some also went to Bridgton, I believe.

Secretary John – don’t forget it is time to nominate our next Rotarian of the Year. Please pick up a nomination form and get it to Tally, Tina or Chris S. as they comprise the committee this year.

In case you missed it in your e-mail, **Patty Rice** sent this update on Ron and Laura Morse:

Just wanted to give you an update on Ron and Laura Morse. His daughter, Natalie, sent me a text and he is settled in to a rehab facility at the Suffield House in Connecticut and is making good progress. They finally figured out what type of infection he has in his knee, and are now able to give him the correct antibiotics. He is doing rehab, using a walker and is in better spirits now that he is making positive progress.

Laura is also in CT, staying with Natalie and her husband, but is having a tough time and is very disoriented. Hopefully she will adjust soon, but with her dementia, it is a challenge.

Ron's phone # is 860-627-4086 and his address is Ron Morse, Suffield House Room 205, 1 Canal Road, Suffield CT 06078. I'm sure he'd love a phone call and/or a card to let him know we're thinking of him.

[Dan Allen](#) posted this message on Facebook Sunday afternoon:

Came to Miles Hospital in Damariscotta by ambulance this morning. Dealing with the colitis discovered yesterday at Urgent Care but even more with a jaw infection. They will soon lance and drain the pus pocket but they also think I may be held here for IV antibiotics. Add that to nothing but clear fluids for days 😞 Ahh well Nothing life threatening. A small bump on the road. : Update Definitely a night in the hospital. Question is it this one or another where an eye ear nose throat guy works.

This is the second week that the proposed officers for next year have been posted in the Reader. We will be voting on them shortly:

The following Slate of Officers have been chosen by the nominating committee for the 2020-2021 Rotary year:

President:	Lynne Schott
President-elect:	Vacant
Vice-president:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Liz Knox
Secretary:	John Griffith
Past President:	Pat Cook
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

Officers and Directors have to be posted in the Reader for two weeks before we can vote on them. Please note, we are still in need of a President-elect and Vice-president.

Last Week:

President Pat led us in the Pledge, the 4-Way Test and the Rotary prayer. Dan A. led us in singing "Up on the House Top"

After our opening exercises, we went upstairs to the sanctuary to listen to the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Chorale for a very enjoyable Christmas Concert. This has become an annual event that we and the kids look forward to every year. We presented conductor Dennis Boyd with a check to help the students with their travels this coming spring.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - We ran out of time so did not have any happy dollars.

50/50 – I did not catch who drew the winning ticket, but it was Bob's that was drawn. Unfortunately, he did not draw the King of Clubs so did not get to go home with the \$135 in the pot.

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

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

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 36 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 37 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 26 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 28 yrs. – 1/8

Thought for the Week:

“Your success and happiness lie in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”

~ Helen Keller ~

According to Science:

Though coffee is often said to dehydrate you, the amount of water in a typical cup of coffee more than compensates for the dehydrating properties of the caffeine.

Remember the 4-Way Test:

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

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



December Students of the Month (Positive Leadership)

9th grade – Carlee-Mae Cash, nominated by Lisa Whittemore

Carlee leads by example, showing students what a good and successful student looks like as she consistently shows an exemplary work ethic, producing quality work and improving whenever she can. She also leads directly, verbally encouraging students to be their best selves and do their best work. She uses an encouraging tone and inspiring words, rather than being aggressive or intimidating. She helps others see that their work and contributions are valued.

At Freshman Team 2's Bryant Pond 4H Camp field trip to promote "Becoming Your Best Self," Carlee was a standout leader among the ten students in my small group. In one activity that required students to balance their weight on a large teeter-totter style structure, Carlee spoke out saying something like "Wait a minute. Let's think about this first and make a plan." She didn't dictate her ideas; admirably she listened to what others had to say and incorporated those ideas into the plan. She led similarly in an activity to construct a shelter from a tarp. In another activity where students made something artistic, Carlee complimented and encouraged other students that their projects were good, especially when they seemed discouraged or negative. Furthermore, the freshmen tutorial teacher says Carlee leads by example. During silent reading whenever kids have a hard time settling down to read, Carlee speaks up and says "We need to stop talking and be focused. We're supposed to be reading now."

10th grade – Bradley Remillard, nominated by Matt Beattie

Bradley stands up for his peers in the way a leader does. He also makes sure to help his peers when he can when he has an extra moment in class. Bradley understands when a classmate is experiencing a hard day or is struggling with a concept or problem, and helps them if he can. He also exemplifies that struggle when he can't help his peers. In short, Bradley recognizes the qualities of a leader and should be recognized for this.

One class last week, several students were having off days and simply being in the classroom was being difficult. We were going through problems that we had just learned and the material was a struggle for all of the students. Bradley thought of his peers and encouraged them to come back to class. When they did, he offered to be in a group with them. Bradley would ask me and Mrs. Wing questions and make sure his peers were all on the same page before his group moved on. I don't know if he knew it, but he was standing up for his peers, leading them in a very effective way. The other students in the room benefitted directly from Bradley's leadership.

11th grade – Meagan Bickord, nominated by Michelle Corriveau

This girl is a self-starter who takes on her role as a Teacher's Assistant very seriously. Wednesdays, she also tutors students after school. When tutoring in the library after school, she arrives early, makes her fellow student she is tutoring feel comfortable, and dives right into the work.

12th grade – Makalia Sjostrom, nominated by Fred Steeves

Makalia is my Freshman CBA Mentor and Auto Collision Teacher's Aide. I have had students fill these rolls in the past. Makalia is the best student I have ever had in both of these positions. She comes every time and asks what she can do to help. I have never had to redo or ask twice for something to be done, unlike almost every other aide I have had before. She comes to actually help, not to just get a credit or hang out.

I asked Makalia to create and type tests from a DVD series that we had. She grabbed this project and ran with it. She was eager to help me. What would have taken me a month to do in my spare time, she created, organized and filed in about 3 periods. She always gives 100%. She is also a kind and caring person. One of the CBA students was having a bad day. Makalia brought in a cake to help make the student feel appreciated. She is a great kid and deserves Student of the Month.