



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 41st day of 2021. There are 324 days remaining in the year. Abbie Earle is program chair this morning and Val Weston is 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.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

February:

10 – Membership committee meeting at 6:00 PM via Zoom

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.

March:

1 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office and on Zoom

3 – Club Assembly and Warren Spencer

10 – Dan Hart and Joel Speakman

17 – Glenn Huntley and Frank Shorey

24 – Becky Kaurup and Dave Preble

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no guests or visiting Rotarians last week.

Rotary Moment:

As Rotary is having its 116th Anniversary this year, Greeter Beth Abbott talked about and read the Object of Rotary.

Last Week:

We had our fourteenth Zoom meeting with 25 members in attendance. Greeter Beth Abbott led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. After the opening exercises, we went in to our Club Assembly.

Beth said she received an e-mail from a mother looking for help for her home schooled daughter who is doing a project for homeless children. There were questions about our helping; Beth e-mailed the mother for more information, but had not heard back from her.

Jen is working with the Project Graduation group at the high school. Right now, there is a small committee of 3-5 people so if something is to be done for the seniors, more people are needed. The problem is that no one knows what is going to happen with Covid complicating the issue. They are talking about moving the event to the Sunday after graduation – not having an overnight – or perhaps doing a Radio-a-thon. The administration will not be making a decision until April. The committee meets via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact Jen.

Tina has been working on getting our supply of masks to the elementary schools. All of the schools have responded except for Paris. She also announced that it looks like RYLA will be a 2 day event, late fall or early spring, not an overnight and it will be open to sophomores and juniors this year.

Chris and Peter also talked about masks – we had 750 to give out which went to the schools, the Norway library and the Norway Police Dept.

Dan H. said that we have now heard from 6 of our 7 scholarship students and that they all submitted the proper info so they can be funded. Dan also thanked everyone for their participation in our Vocational Service programs last month.

Val told us that the “Friends of Kakamega” has merged with another group to become “Friends of Kenya Rising.” As you know, we have been supporting a student by the name of Joseph Atinya with a \$415 contribution the last few years. This new group has changed the focus from supporting individual students to supporting the students and their families because family life has a lot of influence on how well the student does. We have an additional \$585 in the budget for international that we can use to send additional support to Jacob and his family.

Patty said that we received a thank you from Christmas for Teens for the pillows, gloves and blankets we donated.

Happy and Sad Dollars:

Lynne was happy that everyone in her family who had Covid has recovered.

Tally was happy to tell us that her son has returned to work after his stroke 5 weeks ago.

George said he enjoys watching Dr. Pol on Nat Geo, a veterinarian in Michigan who specializes in larger farm animals. On one of the shows he watched, the doctor was going to receive a Paul Harris Fellow from the local Rotary Club.

Patty said that she and George are expecting two calves to be born this week and that one mother was in labor as she spoke. She was also happy for our recent snow and for the Superbowl on Sunday.

Frank was happy to be playing golf while the rest of us were shoveling snow.

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:

A woman entered an on-line pun contest. She submitted ten different puns in the hope that at least one would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

In the Sports World:

On February 7, 1958, Ted Williams signed with the Boston Red Sox at a salary of \$135,000 per year, the then highest salary ever paid to a baseball player.

(\$135,000 in 1958 is equivalent to \$1,216,747.06 today)

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