## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills PO Box 14 Norway, ME 04268

## Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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 55th day of 2021. There are 310 days remaining in the year. Secretary John Griffith is program chair and AG Chris Summers is our greeter. John's guest speakers are Pat Weigel, CEO and Board Chair of Norway Savings Bank and Dan Walsh, President of

Norway Savings Bank.

<u>Calendar:</u> 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 <a href="mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com">griffs2@roadrunner.com</a>. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

### March:

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

- 3 Club Assembly and Warren Spencer
- 10 Dan Hart and Joel Speakman. Dan will be presenting our Annual Club Protection meeting.
- <u>17 Glenn Huntley and Frank Shorey. Glenn's guest speaker is John Willard from the Long Creek Youth</u> Development Center in South Portland.
- <u>24 Becky Kaurup and Dave Preble</u>
- 31 Abbie Earle and Bob Schott

## **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians last week.

#### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Paul Thornfeldt showed us a picture from October 11, 1995. George Rice was District Governor then and Dave Sutton was our club president. The picture showed over 30 standing District Governors! The catch was that everyone in the club was holding a full sized copy of George's face over theirs. The picture even made it to the <u>Rotarian</u> magazine. It was fun for all of us to see and a great memory for those who were in the club back then.

#### Last Week:

We had our sixteenth Zoom meeting with 24 members in attendance by my count. Greeter Paul led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test.

The only announcement we had was from <u>President Lynne</u> who received an e-mail from DG Peggy Belanger asking clubs in the district to reward someone in our community who exemplifies excellence in service. The DG is looking for clubs to do this in the month of March.

Tina Fox introduced our guest speaker, Joanne Joy, Senior Program Manager of Healthy Communities of the Capital Area which was formed in the mid-1990's and is similar in focus to Healthy Oxford Hills. HCCA works with communities in the areas of substance prevention, healthy food, and youth work. With youth in particular, they are focused on the perceptions of young people and how they perceive themselves as fitting in with their communities and whether or not they feel valued. These perceptions relate to the high correlation of tobacco use and all other substances — vaping, using alcohol and opiates. The more valued a young person feels, the less likely they are going to be addicted to something. Tobacco use is often the first addictive substance, so HCCA is working to end the sale of flavored tobacco products and increasing the tax on cigarettes by \$2 per pack. They also work with the Maine Farm to School Network with programs on Farm to Sea, Farming and Fishing and Healthy Foods. We can help by getting youths involved with our programs and fund raisers.

# Happy and Sad Dollars:

**Dan H.** was happy to tell us that he and his wife became proud grandparents on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Frank** had \$13 happy dollars for starting his 13<sup>th</sup> year working for the Tampa Bay Rays.

<u>Glenn</u> was happy that his 16 year old great-nephew caught a large lake trout (I think) while ice fishing last weekend.

<u>Patty</u> told us that their two new calves are named Brady and Reba.

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

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

## **Pun of the Week:**

"If you wear both a mask and glasses, you may be entitled to condensation."

## The Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

"Peace is not the product of a victory or a command. It has no finishing line, no final deadline, no fixed definition of achievement. Peace is a never ending process, the work of many decisions."

~ Oscar Arias ~ President of Costa Rica, 1986-1990 & 2006-2010

## **The 4-Way Test**

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Make-Ups:

# <u>Please check in advance with the club you are thinking of making up at in</u> 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 <a href="https://www.lakeregionrotary.org">www.lakeregionrotary.org</a>

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School