

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, March 17, 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."

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## 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 76th day of 2021. There are 289 days remaining in the year. Glenn Huntley is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is John Willard, the Chaplain at the Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland. Frank Shorey 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](mailto: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.

## March:

**24 – Becky Kaurup and Dave Preble. Becky's guest speaker is Bonnie Roth, Senior Director of Practice Operations at Stephens Memorial Hospital.**

**31 – Abbie Earle and Bob Schott. Abbie will be updating and reviewing the Membership Program the Membership committee presented last year.**

## April:

**5 – Board Meeting by Zoom or in person at the South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM**

**7 – Club Assembly and Patty Rice**

**14 – Liz Knox and George Rice**

### **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter and PP Joel told us that the 2027 International Convention would be in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was supposed to be there last year but was cancelled due to COVID. Joel also had a suggestion that if it is possible for members to do, they should consider paying their Happy Dollars in full when they pay their dues. That way, they have met the EREY donation and don't have to worry about sending a check to George.

### **Announcements:**

**Tina** told us that Jenn, Matt and Katarina returned home from the hospital last week, but that Kat developed an infection in her incision so they had to go back to Maine Med. They are still waiting for the biopsy results. If you would like to help out with donations or food, contact Deb Ladner at the high school as she is coordinating what and when things are needed. Tina will also take check donations.

### **Last Week:**

It was Zoom meeting number nineteen. Greeter Joel led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Program Chair and Club Protection Officer Dan Hart presented the District 7780 Protection Policy on the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment. While there was a lot of information and discussion, there isn't room in the Reader to review all of it. I think one of the first slides sums up the policy very well.

- 1) Be a model of appropriate behavior.
- 2) Treat others with respect.
- 3) Respect each person's right to privacy
- 4) Be aware that behavior can be misinterpreted, even well intended actions
- 5) Challenge unacceptable behavior.

It is important that our Rotary Clubs protect the interests of everyone involved, and create and maintain a safe and respectful environment for all participants. Therefore, all allegations of abuse or harassment must be taken seriously and handled in accordance with the policy.

### **Last Week Last Week:**

As everyone knows, I left the meeting on March 3 to attend the Oxford North, England, Rotary Club. I did get the announcements which were in last week's Reader, but I left before Curtis's classification talk and Happy Dollars. Thanks to Tina recording our meeting and my finally being able to sign-in to it, I will briefly sum up Curtis's talk.

Curtis grew up in Bethel and in the insurance business as his uncles started the W.J. Wheeler Agency. After trying different types of jobs, he landed at Wheeler's in 1982, ultimately specializing in commercial lines and I think he said employee benefits. He retired last year after a 38 year career. In 2000, due to his acquaintance of Mark Eastman, he ran for the SAD 17 school board and was elected. A few years ago, due to moving from South Paris to Norway, he had to leave the board until he could run as a representative of Norway and was elected. He said that serving on the school board has been a wonderful learning experience and he is now Vice-chair. He feels he is an educator at heart because so many others educators in his family. Curtis also worked in the ski industry for 40 years and worked part time for Les Otten at Sunday River for 10 years. He has also been a ski instructor at Shawnee Peak for the last 15 years. In his younger years, he did Nordic skiing and competed competitively. His longest ski jump was 229' in Berlin in 1975. He and Terry have been married for 36 years and have 4 adult children and 4 grandchildren with a 5<sup>th</sup> on the way. Curtis has been a Rotarian for 35 years. He credits his father, Les Otten and Mark Eastman as having the biggest influences in his life.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

#### From March 3:

Tina was happy for Curtis as she as well is awaiting the birth of her 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild this coming summer.

Tally said that she and Richard are doing well after their terrible car accident. They have replaced the truck that was destroyed and are very fortunate that they were in Richard's truck and not her car when it happened.

Curtis told us that his sister and her friend had their second vaccine shot and were going to wait a week or so before heading to Florida. However, they ended up leaving the day after they got their shots and were in Florida in three days.

Glenn had a happy \$10 for the large oak tree that he recently had taken down. It was 10' away from his house and a source of worry.

Dan A. had a happy \$50 for just being in Rotary and being part of such a great group of people. He also said that Nancy was having her second cataract operation that morning.

Dave said that Hannaford is getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, requiring only 1 shot. They will be ready shortly but you need to apply on-line.

Alice was happy that she and her husband have received their first vaccine.

#### From March 10:

Lynne announced that she and Bob have a new grandson who was born in Quebec. His father is from the US (of course), his mother is from France and he was born in Canada, so when he turns 18, he can choose in which country he wants to be a citizen.

John had happy dollars for his mother's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 9.

Glenn had an apology dollar for a phone – my notes aren't clear so will have to ask Glenn for a reminder.

George said that he received \$200 in happy dollars from the membership this last week. We have 13 members who have achieved EREY and another 6 who are very close. Just remember that if you tell us happy dollars that you need to send them to George.

Curtis said that he rode his "new" used snowmobile from his house to Stan's for a visit and also saw Tom Kennison.

**March Birthdays – Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; David (Liz) Knox – 3/24; Chris (Val) Weston – 3/25; Susan (Mike) Morin – 3/30; Ann Marie (Stan)**

**March Wedding Anniversaries – None listed**

**March Membership Anniversaries – Ron Morse – 35 yrs. – 3/1; Dan Allen – 37 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 25 yrs. – 3/27**

### **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 ~

### **Riddle Me This:**

Why does Frank Shorey wear two pairs of pants when he plays golf?

(in case he gets a hole in one!)

### **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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

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

