



Rotary

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."

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 83rd day of 2021. There are 282 days remaining in the year. Becky Kaurup is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Bonnie Roth, Senior Director of Practice Operations at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Dave Preble 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.

March:

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. As part of our Assembly, Pat Cook and Frank Shorey will be giving their classification talks.

14 – Liz Knox and George Rice

April cont'd:

21 – Ed Millett and Alice Paul

24 – Earth Day Road Clean-up – more details to come!

28 – Mike Morin and Heidi Ortiz

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We had one visiting Rotarian, Bonnie Gould, from the Ossipee, NH, Rotary Club. There were no other guests except for our guest speaker.

Rotary Moment:

Through the miracle of Zoom, Frank Shorey was our greeter from Florida. He talked about the different occupations of the first members of Rotary and their classifications. He said his classification was retail appliances. By the end of 1905, the Chicago Rotary Club had grown from the original 4 founders to 21 members. Some of the early members and their classifications were: Paul P. Harris was an attorney, Gustav E. Loehr was a mining engineer, Silvester Schiele was a coal merchant, Hiram Shorey was a tailor, Harry Ruggles owned a printing company, William Jensen was in real estate and insurance, George Baxter was a physician, J.S. Tunnison was an insurance broker, A.L. White was a piano and organ manufacturer, and E.W. Todd was in the hay and grain business. (Hiram Shorey was originally from Maine. Any connection Frank?).

Announcements:

Don't forget that if you would like to help Matt, Jen and Katrina Sherbinski during Kat's illness, please contact Tina Fox or Deb Ladner at OHCHS for what they might need and to donate.

Peter called me this morning (Monday) to say that we have received twice as many face masks as we ordered. Tina will likely take most of them for the schools but we might also have enough to give to the towns or perhaps the libraries.

Peter also said that the church is ready to have us return for in person meetings on April 7. However, it will be mandatory for everyone to wear a mask and abide by all Covid protocols. We will be discussing this return at the April board meeting.

Last Week:

It was Zoom meeting number twenty. Greeter Frank Shorey led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Program Chair Glenn Huntley introduced our guest speaker, John Willard, the Chaplain at the Long Creek Youth Development Center.

John is a former pastor and ministered in several churches in Maine through his career, his last church being the Hebron Baptist church. He left the ministry in 2005 and although he did not have any experience, he applied for and was hired as a corrections officer at the Maine Correctional Center in Windham. He spent 14 years there as a guard and 2 years as a chaplain at the Maine State Prison in Warren, later transferring to the Long Creek facility for juvenile offenders. Unfortunately, most of the news we hear about Long Creek is how bad it is there and how much abuse there seems to be as there is now a big movement in Maine to get and keep kids out of prison and put them in group home situations. However, we cannot release violent offenders into the community and they certainly don't belong in an adult prison. John runs religious services for the residents and spends his time counseling them. Most of the kids have family issues – missing, abusive and alcoholic parents; start with drugs at 9 or 10 years old, or have mental health issues. Contrary to what we sometimes hear, the residents do go to school, have projects they work on and have other various responsibilities. Besides John as Chaplain, there are teachers, social workers, psychologists and other therapists working with the residents, trying to be positive influences in the kid's lives so that they can re-enter society as productive, healthy citizens. All of these folks are working to break the cycle so that the kids don't follow in the footsteps of their family. Mentoring is huge so if anyone would like to become a mentor, contact Long Creek.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Tina showed us some name tags she had made up at Grass Roots. They are magnetic so you don't have to put a hole in your shirt, are in Rotary colors and have the Rotary wheel on them. She is having some made for the Rotoract Club and thought we might like to have one for when we are working projects and so on.

Glenn had happy and sad dollars – happy that he and Sharon are leaving for Florida on Monday, the 22nd, but sad that he will miss our meetings.

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

Pun of the Week:

The penny making machine at the US Mint suddenly stopped working last week for no reason. It just doesn't make any cents.

Did You Know?

The twenty-seven known moons of Uranus are named after characters from the works of William Shakespeare and Alexander Pope.

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