



Rotary

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."

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 – Co Vice-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers - 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 Whenever You Happen to be Reading This! If we were meeting on Wednesday, it would be the 85th day of 2020. There are 281 days remaining in the year. Chris Weston would be program chair and greeter. Originally, Chris and Val were scheduled to be away this week but I assume they cancelled their plans.

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

As we now know, due to the Coronavirus, our meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice.

When I sent out the Reader last week, knowing it would be the last regular Reader for some time, I asked members to send me updates of their activities, how they are doing, any particular adventures in social distancing or something to share with the group and if anyone was in need of help. I was thinking it was important that we stay in touch through this time. So here goes:

Board Meeting – regularly scheduled for March 30 at 5:30 PM, Dan H. sent an e-mail to board members suggesting that we have an on-line meeting. Those responding thought that was a good idea so Dan and Tina are looking in to arranging it.

Dave – the Cornhole Tournament has been cancelled. I do not know if we will try to schedule it for later in the year or if we will just wait until next year.

John – After several days of trying to decide whether to stay in Florida or come home, I decided to come home. My two months there turned into two weeks. However, I did not want to be quarantined down there by myself and did not want to be alone should I be unfortunate enough to get the virus. Everyone here was anxious about me being down there, so I decided to come home. Very disappointed to give up 85 degree days and 65 degree nights!

When in Florida, I spent a day at Florida Jets in Lakeland with Glenn, his son, Steve, and Steve's girlfriend, Anita. Lots of fun watching \$20,000 model jets flying around at 200 mph. The pilots who fly these models are very talented, the youngest being 13 years old. Last Monday, I met Glenn, Sharon, Steve and Anita at Honeymoon Island beach. Other than those two outings, I spent most of my two weeks cleaning the house and working in the yard.

Glenn – talked with Glenn this morning. He and Sharon are thinking of heading home for the same reasons I came home. He said he would let me know what they decide.

Paul – had an e-mail from Paul last week telling me that they were leaving Florida on the 19th and expected to be home by the 23rd. Paul said that with everything closed and Gulf Shores inundated with spring breaker's not practicing social distancing, there was not much point in staying.

Dan A. – sent me a note on FB telling me what he has been up to. He said that maple syrup season looks to be very good this year. He learned from Albert Davis in North Norway when he was a teen, helping him run his commercial operation. Tap March 1st and pull April 1st. However, of late, he says he has to tap in mid-February and was going to pull the taps on March 21, the day he sent me the note. He said his business is continuing, and is working mostly for absentee owners which makes social distancing easy. However, he said Nancy closed her hair salon due to virus concerns.

Frank posted a picture of himself on Face Book standing by a "Beware of Alligators" sign somewhere in Florida, I think with a note to the effect that he was looking for a steak for dinner. He received many comments about being careful or he'd end up being steak for the 'gators.

Lastly, what a tragic fire for Ed and Julie Daye whose home and garage on Watson Rd. in Norway burned to the ground last week. I looked at the home on google maps and it was gorgeous. They also lost 11 vehicles stored in their car barn. Hopefully, they were well insured. I don't know them myself, but I am sure many of you do.

So people, let me know what's up with you. Are there any Happy and Sad dollars out there? I'd like to keep doing the Reader until we meet again! E-mail me at griffs2@roadrunner.com, send me a text 461-7158 or message me on FB.

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 Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

March Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

March Membership Anniversaries – Ron Morse – 34 yrs. – 3/1; Dan Allen – 36 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 24 yrs. – 3/27

Pun of the Week:

The spices in my cabinet were so old I had to throw them out. What a waste of thyme!

Test Your Memory:

Can you remember which movie won the Academy Award for best picture:

5 years ago (2015)?

10 years ago (2010)?

15 years ago (2005)?

25 years ago (1995)?

Answers next week!

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?

(I am leaving make-ups on here so I don't have to rewrite them all again when things return to normal).

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

