

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, March 31, 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  
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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 90th day of 2021. There are 275 days remaining in the year. Abbie Earle is our program chair. She will be reviewing the program she did last year on proposing new members. Our greeter is Bob Schott.

**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.

## 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**

**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 didn't have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Dave Preble told us about an article in the April Rotary magazine about a nurse in Texas. That's all my notes tell me and I couldn't find the article myself. So, I checked with Dave and he said it was in the March issue on page 11 if you want to know more about what he said.

### **Announcements:**

**We were very happy to see Jen** at our meeting on Wednesday and she gave us an update on Kat's condition. Jen told us that Kat would be having her initial surgery on Friday to remove as much of the tumor as possible. She said Kat is trying to stay positive and is anxious to get out of the hospital, get well and get back to her normal life.

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.

**We had a discussion about getting back to in person club meetings.** As I mentioned last week, Dan H. has been in touch with Linda at the church about our doing so. The church ladies, pastor and church board have all approved our coming back, initially on April 7 – next week. However, it was felt that our board should weigh in on this so we will be discussing it at our meeting on April 5, which is too late for us to go back on April 7 as the church ladies need some lead time. Dan suggested that we wait until later in April or perhaps early May. However, some members felt that there was no need to wait that long. Other members said that they would continue to Zoom indefinitely – or until positive cases in the state declined significantly.

**CoPE Peter told us that the masks we received have been distributed.** Tina took 1500 for SAD 17, 1000 for adults and 500 of the kid sizes. Beth also took 1000 adult/100 kids, some of which went to the Pink Feather Foundation; we gave 400 to First Congregational Church, 300 to the Norway PD, 300 to the Norway FD, 300 to the Norway library, 300 to the Paris PD, 300 to the Paris FD, 300 to the Paris Library and 300 to the Cancer Resource Center.

**We are working on putting together a community clean-up service project** for Earth Day on Thursday, April 22 as well as a second clean-up on Saturday, April 24. More details to come.

**Everyone in District 7780** received an e-mail from DG Peggy inviting us to Zoom in on the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Club's meeting on Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM. Their guest speaker is RI Membership Director, Brian King. This will be an informative, time well spent opportunity to hear from an RI Director as Brian offers us insights on how to meet the challenges of growing membership and retaining current members. Check your e-mail for the Zoom address.

**The Membership Committee met last Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.** Due to other circumstances and events, only three members were able to meet – John, Tally and Abbie. However, we had a good discussion about a number of items. One of the more important things we discussed was membership and the need for members to serve on committees – particularly, the Membership, Scholarship, Finance and Visioning committees. We also need members to serve on our event committees – May Day Play Day, Cheese Wheels, the Auction, Lobster & Steak Fest and so on. If any member is interested in serving on a committee, please let someone on one of the committees know that you are interested in joining.

### **Last Week:**

It was Zoom meeting number twenty one. Greeter Dave Preble led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Program Chair Becky Kaurup introduced our guest speaker, Bonnie Roth, Senior Director of Practice Operations at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Bonnie's talk was on the Covid vaccine program. She gave us the background of how the hospital went about setting up to give tests and vaccines but how they have been hampered by the limited amount of vaccine available. They continue to hope that more vaccine will be released. Initially, the Maine Health system was overwhelmed by the volume of calls they received, some 70,000 calls the first day the program was put into place. This, of course, caused a tremendous back log of people looking for appointments when again, there was a limited amount of vaccine available. Over time, the vaccine supply has increased and the volume of calls has become more manageable. On the positive side, the vaccination clinics are happy places to be. Everyone, from the nurses to the volunteers feel really good about finally being able to help.

### **😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊**

**Lynne** was happy and sad for Ben, Maud and their baby son. It seems that Ben and the baby can drive across the border from Quebec to Vermont, but that it looks like Maud will have to fly from Montreal to Chicago and from Chicago to Burlington, Vermont, in order to get into the States.

**April Birthdays –** Abbie Earle – 4/5; Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Alice Paul – 4/17; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Michael (Beth) Abbott – 4/26; Mike Morin – 4/26

**April Wedding Anniversaries – None found**

**April Membership Anniversaries – None found**

### **Pun of the Week:**

I went to the butcher's the other day, and I bet him fifty bucks that he couldn't reach the meat on the top of the shelf. He said, "No the steaks are too high."

### **By the Numbers:**

**\$0.30** – the price for one pound of Oreo cookies in a novelty can when the cookie was introduced by the National Biscuit Company (Nabisco) on March 6, 1912.

**1,325** – receptions made by tight end Tony Gonzales in his seventeen-year career, second only to Hall of Fame wide receiver Jerry Rice's all-time record of 1,549.

### **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