

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."

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

Happy April Fool's Day! Wednesday will be the 92nd day of 2020 with 274 days remaining in the year. Will you be a fool or be fooled?

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, now through April at a minimum.

When I sent out the Reader last week, I asked folks to send me an e-mail, text or phone call, telling me if there are any announcements, what they have been up to or if they had any happy or said dollars to share with the club. It took a reminder e-mail later in the week and I did get some good responses.

Board Meeting – Thanks to Tina and her computer savvy, the board will be meeting on-line through Zoom tonight at 5:30 PM. We have had a couple of trial "get togethers" and all seems to be working well.

Glenn and Sharon arrived home from Florida last Friday. They left Wednesday morning and stayed with their son, Steve, in South Carolina that night and in Martinsburg, WV, on Thursday, coming straight through from there to Hebron on Friday. They arrived to find a "critter" had broken in through a cellar window, chewing the window frame and destroying the screen. Fortunately no major interior damage and no animal still in the house.

Paul and Dawne are safely home after a three day trip of 1610 miles from Gulf Shores, Alabama. Paul reports that traffic was light and the roads smooth. He said he got four wheels of cheese from Beth upon returning home and sold two to a neighbor. And the big news, they have a new family member, a Chihuahua named **Olivia**. Paul said she took to the house very well and loves running around the yard but doesn't like the snow very much. Paul also asked if anyone needs anything and if so, call him to see if he can help.

Curtis sent an e-mail saying that he is using technology to facilitate meetings and committees, to keep them under the 10 person guidelines. The school district budget committee is one such group that has continued to meet with the help of Zoom technology. Also, the church Bible study group has adapted Zoom to resume weekly meetings.

Dan Allen reports that from Warren that he and Nancy have used the sauna twice in three days for the first time since last fall. They are tired of all the rain because it makes the horse paddock so muddy. Their neighbors across the street returned from Florida which adds to the truth that snowbirds are retreating early. In spite of the rain, Dan reports a lot of crocus blossoms and is starting to get some green leaf look on the emerging rhubarb.

Dan Hart reported that his recent tenure as interim principal of Agnes Gray School has ended. He said he enjoyed serving in the position for seven weeks. He was also impressed to learn that at least six school districts (Lewiston, Auburn, Oxford Hills, Bethel, Rumford and Farmington) are providing families with children 1 yr. to 18 yrs. Breakfast and lunch deliveries via school buses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. SAD 17 is delivering food on Monday and Wednesday.

Peter and Becky had a fantastic cruise of the Caribbean's Windward Islands to and from San Juan, PR. The entire crew and passengers stayed well by constantly performing safe hygiene procedures. They were one of the last cruise ships allowed to dock and disembark in San Juan prior to the port's closure. They made all of their flights flying standby with terrific seats assigned.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Peter has happy dollars for his and Becky's trip and said that they are waiting for things to return to normal so they can take future trips with Windstar Cruises.

John is happy that he decided to return home from Florida when he did considering all that has happened since. He has a sad dollar in memory of his aunt, Ailsa Schreiber, who passed away on Friday, March 13, at the age of 93. This leaves his mother, who is 102, and three of her cousins who are 90, 94, and 96 as the last remaining family members of that generation.

Let's keep this going! 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.

April Birthdays – Abbie Earle – 4/5; Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Michael (Beth) Abbott – 4/26

April Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

April Membership Anniversaries – None listed

Pun of the Week:

The past, present and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

Test Your Memory:

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

- 5 years ago (2015)? **Spotlight**
- 10 years ago (2010)? **The King's Speech**
- 15 years ago (2005)? **Crash**
- 25 years ago (1995)? **Braveheart**

Don't know about anyone else, but the only one I saw and remember is Braveheart.

Speaking of movies, in March 1970, Universal Pictures released the movie, **Airport**, starring Burt Lancaster and Dean Martin. The film spawned three sequels and introduced the genre of disaster movies that dominated the box office in the early 1970's.

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

