



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."

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
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Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 104th day of 2021. There are 261 days remaining in the year. Liz Knox is our program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Detective Nicholas Gilbert from the Paris Police Department. George Rice 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.

April:

21 – Ed Millett and Alice Paul

22 – Earth Day Clean-up Part I – Moore Park

24 – Earth Day Clean-up Part II – Cornwall Preserve (or could be vice-versa)

28 – Mike Morin and Heidi Ortiz

May:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office at 5:30 PM.

5 – Club Assembly and Mike Morin. Stan Brett and Patty Rice will also be giving updated classification talks.

12 – Heidi Ortiz and Ed Millett

19 – Alice Paul and Liz Knox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice told us that as a past DG, George gets a newsletter “Beyond Borders.” In a recent article, RI President Holger Knack wrote about Polio Plus, how donations have gone down during the last year and how important it is for all of us to contribute. President Knack challenged all Rotarians to donate \$25 to Polio Plus and Patty challenged us all to do so.

Announcements:

From the Board meeting on April 5, based on the survey conducted by Dan Hart, we will begin in-person meetings this week, April 14, at the church. We will also continue to Zoom for those members who are not yet comfortable in a group setting.

Due to the increased cost of food, the church ladies are increasing the cost of breakfast by \$1.00. The club will absorb this increase until the board can discuss whether or not to increase our cost of breakfast from \$10 to \$11, which of course, includes the 50/50 raffle.

The board also voted to continue with a Drive-through Lobster Fest, which if my calendar is correct, will be on Saturday, August 21, this year.

We have been asked to help out with the OHCHS Senior Picnic this year which the Board approved. This is a project the Kiwanis Club used to do. We will be getting together in the culinary arts kitchen at the high school from 11-3 on Wednesday, May 26, to prepare lunches for the students and then will need to transport the lunches and serve the students who will be at the Oxford Fair grounds the next day, May 27 (rain date May 28). The board also voted to donate three tents for the event.

The Cancer Resource Center is looking for help providing rides for a patient who cannot drive while undergoing treatment, but is able to continue to work. She needs rides from her home in Harrison to the hospital in Norway. Contact the Cancer Resource Center if you are interested in helping out.

There will be a virtual District Conference this year, the evening of Friday, June 4 and the morning of Saturday, June 5th. The cost will be \$20 which the District will donate to Polio Plus. There will also be an

on-line auction with all proceeds going to the Foundation. The District is looking for items worth \$75 for the auction which George Rice said he will look into.

PP George has Lobsters for Scholars tickets to sell so please see George to get yours. We will be selling them through May with a drawing in June.

Dan H. announced that we have received 3 scholarship applications as of the first of April and we expect more to come in. The deadline for students is April 16th. The scholarship committee will be meeting in mid-May to review the applications and decide on the recipients.

Last Week:

It was Zoom meeting number twenty three, and another smaller than normal turnout. Greeter Patty Rice led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test.

After our Club Assembly and announcements, we had two classification talks – one from Pat Cook and another from Frank Shorey. Pat began by telling us that she always knew she wanted to be a nurse. She said she had a wonderful career and never looked back. She spent the last 20 years of her working life as a Senior VP with Western Maine Health Care at Stephens. Before Stephens, she worked at various other hospitals and home health care companies. Somehow, she managed a home, family and career as well as achieving her doctorate degree. She said “it all worked out.”

Frank was born and brought up in Rumford, attending Rumford schools and having fun being a “teacher’s nightmare.” After school, he spent 2 ½ years in the Navy, met and married Connie, had 2 kids, Chris and Cindy, and now has 2 grandchildren. He started his retail career working as a stock boy at a Rumford shoe store. Deciding he wanted to do more, he got into radio at WRUM in Rumford and worked as a radio personality for 4 years. After his radio stint, he went to work for Sears-Roebuck, working his way up to an operating superintendent. He left Sears in 1978 and with two other stock holders, bought the Western Auto store in Norway. In 1980, he became the sole owner and ran the store for 30 years. He joined Rotary 36 years ago and has many memories of the people he has met and the friends he has made, especially the pranks members used to pull on each other. He said that the Student of the Month program started the year of his presidency and that some club members hired a limo to bring him to his last meeting as president.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

No one was happy – but John had a “nightmare” dollar for the dream he had about moving to Midland, Texas and finding Frank Shorey as the Executive Director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Where that came from is anyone’s guess.

The April Students of the Month are on the last pages of the Reader.

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:

Please be careful when you eat at Sam and Ella's Diner.

April is Maternal and Child Health Month:

“Investing in children is not a national luxury or a national choice. It's a national necessity. If the foundation of your house is crumbling, you don't say you can't afford to fix it while you are building astronomically expensive fences to protect it from outside enemies. The issue is not are we going to pay – it's are we going to pay now, up front, or are we going to pay a whole lot more later on.”

~ Marian Wright Edelman ~

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

April Students of the Month

Theme: Respect: Students who demonstrate consideration for others.



9th Grade: Jayda Johnson

Nominating Teacher: Susie Hannington

Jayda Johnson exemplifies student of the month behavior because she has exhibited hard work, a positive attitude, and the ability to be flexible all year long. While these are always good traits, during this school year all of these qualities are of extra importance. With all of the changes, modifications, and roadblocks we have had pop up in class this year, Jayda has conquered all with a smile on her face.

I have Jayda during a lunch block this year, which means that I spend an extra hour each gold day with her entire class. I've seen her being friendly and talkative with all of her classmates, support students in completing work for other classes during lunch, ask clarifying questions of me, and remediate old assignments. Choosing to be kind, cooperative, and work hard even during your own lunch time is a perfect example of a student who is on the path for success.



10th Grade: Jason Boulet-Hunter

Nominating Teacher: Melissa Kluge

Jason is an excellent student, a good friend to his peers, and always helpful around the classroom. He volunteered to teach a Science class that was very well received by his peers. Jason takes on harder projects and assignments to challenge himself whenever the opportunity arises.

Jason is willing to do anything that is asked from him. He is willing to help his fellow students. He was asked to partner with a peer during Science Class because she is visually impaired. On his own volition he increased the size of the font so she would be able to see the assignment and information better. He was very patient and kind with the student. It is very nice to have a student such as Jason in our classroom.



11th Grade: Prestyn Young

Nominating Teacher: Julie Gomez

Prestyn is in a class that has some students that are disengaged with school. She is a shining example of how to DO SCHOOL in the Hybrid model. She comes to class, often a few minutes early and asks to visit with other students on ZOOM! She is friendly with whoever is in the room and always encourages others to keep on working at school. She always has her assignments

completed and passed in on time to the Google Classroom. She participates during class, in person or on ZOOM and does it with an upbeat attitude. Her attitude is contagious.

Every single class that Prestyn coaches students when they need a little push, cheers others on when they do well and is a great model of how to be a student in this crazy hybrid world.



12th Grade: Jacob Mondor

Nominating Teacher: Erin Flynn

Jacob is a hardworking student who consistently sets high goals for himself and achieves them. He is a valued member of our varsity lacrosse team. He is thoughtful, polite, giving and helpful. He is an all-around great young man who represents our high school very well. He is not a student who typically seeks recognition, but he certainly deserves it. When I think of citizenship, his name comes to mind very quickly.

