



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 Morning and Welcome to our second virtual meeting. Thursday will be the 107th day of 2020 with 259 days remaining in the year. As I write this, I don't have any information on the topic of today's meeting.

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.

Last Week:

We had our first Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were Curtis, Liz, Stan, Tally, Lynne, Beth, Patty, George, Dan (not noted if it was Dan Allen or Dan Hart), Tina, Val, Dave, Peter, Becky, Chris, Bob and Frank. Lois was a participating guest.

We said the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4 Way Test and clarified the use of Zoom.

1. From the **Board**, at this time, we are not asking as a club to deliver food, but you are certainly welcome to do so on your own if you would like to help

2. **Peter** volunteered with the Bridgton Rotary at the Harrison Food Bank. There were 100 cars lined up to receive food hour early. The process was very smooth and sanitary and Peter had deliveries to West Paris and South Paris. He feels the numbers will double next week. There were 7 members from the Bridgton Club including him and 1 from Portland helping.
3. **Patty** is going to check with OHCHS to request the use of the building for the Auction in July and the Lobster Feed in August – if they are currently accepting such requests.
4. **Patty** also brought up the Scholarship applications. We currently have 7 that have been handed in and we are extending the deadline. Tina said she would follow up with the guidance teachers and get back to us with a firm deadline.
5. **Beth** will be phoning the food banks to see what is needed for help, if they are open or how they are getting food out.
6. **Liz** told us that the Paris PD is delivering food and they have connected with elderly couples to get food to them.
7. It was stated that we need to look at helping the people who are unemployed with food and supplies.
8. **Tina** said she would check with the Oxford PD to see if they are doing similar deliveries in Oxford and Otisfield.
9. **Peter** told us that Daddy O's is working with the Congo Church (not noted if 1st of 2nd) to put on a food bank in Daddy O's lobby, take what you need or leave food to help. Tally said that Daddy O's gave out 100 meals on Friday and Beth added that they were gone in 10 minutes, so there is a great need. It was suggested that we allocate \$1500 to help with this venture. Beth is going to follow up with them. Bob suggested presenting a check to Daddy O's for this.
10. **Dan H.** talked to Erica Lindstom of Healthy Oxford Hills. She is preparing a 5 year/\$500,000 grant for youth tobacco use prevention and education and that they need civic volunteers to sit on a board of 12. Dan said he would step up and be on that board. Tina added that Erica is an alumnus of OHCHS.
11. **Stan** asked for George Campbell's contact information because he is interested in purchasing one of our older retired tents.
12. **Val** asked about auction items. Paul and Curtis will still pick up items and there is currently room in storage. We cannot solicit businesses that have been shut down from this epidemic so right now we will just be collecting furniture and such.

13. We have 2 cheese wheels left. Lois is getting one and Beth has one left at her house if anyone is interested.
14. [Ocean State Job Lots](#) is handing out material to make face masks if anyone wants to make some.
15. [Bedard Farms](#) by Save-a-Lot has masks available for \$5. You need to call ahead and they will bring your order to your car.
16. [Chris S.](#) talked with Mary Ann Brown and they are postponing the dance. They do not want to push it out to fall automatically because there are other events planned for fall. Beth pointed out that the Special Olympics athletes don't compete until fall and winter so we can support them directly as well.
17. [Tally](#) and [Lois](#) asked for an updated phone list. Patty said she would prepare a new club directory and send it out (which she has done).

There was a discussion on a short term vision for our Zoom meetings. We need to encourage others to join in next week as it was great to see everyone. The safeguards that have been put in place will hopefully make people feel secure with Zoom.

[Happy and Sad Dollars](#) 😊

[Dave](#) had a happy dollar, saying this is the most yard work he has gotten done this early. He has a 3 hole golf course all set up. LOL!

[George](#) is happy to be celebrating his birthday and Easter on Sunday. His daughters, grandkids and all are going to Zoom an Easter egg hunt and birthday wishes.

[Lois](#) had a happy dollar for our meeting.

[Tina](#) had sad dollar for this is the first time in 30 years that she and her family are not celebrating Easter together as a big family (25+ family and friends). Becky and Peter attended last year and had a great time.

[Dan H.](#) gave a happy \$5 to thank Tina for helping run the Zoom meeting. He added a few dollars to round off his donation to \$15 for all the happy dollars.

Don't forget that even though we aren't meeting, we still have financial goals to reach by the end of June, particularly Every Rotarian Every Year. We can mail our happy dollars to Patty at our PO Box 14 in Norway.

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:

Did you hear about the short fortune teller who escaped from jail? The police are looking for a small medium at large.

According to Science:

People are happiest at the ages of twenty-three and sixty-nine. Researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science asked 23,000 volunteers aged seventeen to eighty-five to rate their life satisfaction. The research seemed to validate previous theories that happiness is U-shaped over a lifetime, peaking in early adulthood and then later in life, with middle age sagging into less happy periods. Ages twenty-three and sixty-nine averaged out to be the happiest.

The Daily Extra:

Fifty years ago, April 10, 1970, Paul McCartney announced he was leaving the Beatles. He released his first solo album, McCartney, later that same month. The album reached #1 on Billboard's US charts and remained there for three weeks.

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



