

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, April 21, 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 111th day of 2021. There are 254 days remaining in the year. Ed Millett was scheduled to be program chair but just contacted me to say he is not available. If anyone has anything they would like to talk about or knows a speaker who can come on short notice, please let me know. Alice Paul 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](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:

**24 – Earth Day Clean-up at Moore Park in South Paris**

**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**

## **May cont'd**

19 – Alice Paul and Liz Knox

26 – Dave Preble and Peter Kaurup

## **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

## **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter George Rice gave us an update on where we stand with Foundation donations. We now have 21 members who have achieved Sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship Members. Remember that RI President Knaack has suggested that Rotarians donate \$25 to Polio Plus in honor of receiving our Covid vaccination. And if any member would like their Happy Dollars to go to Polio Plus, please make a note on the envelope.

## **Announcements:**

**CoPE Peter** sent me an e-mail with updated plans for our Earth Day clean-up. He visited both Moore Park and the Cornwall Preserve on Saturday and then met with Liz.

“Cornwall’s dirt parking area is in desperate need of grading and it’s virtually impossible for more than three cars to park there right now. Luckily there’s only a need for litter pick-up around the parking lot / entrance. I can do so myself in about an hour and will complete this before Wednesday. The trails are in good shape so there is nothing for our group to do there right now.”

“If our members want to participate in a project on Earth Day, we can join Bridgton-Lake Region in their event. I plan on joining them in order to improve our growing relationship.” (Info below)

“As for Moore Park on Saturday (the 24<sup>th</sup>) we’ll be working from 9:00 AM until noon. Members are encouraged to bring drinking water, rakes, hand clippers, work gloves and kneeling pads. Wheelbarrows would also be appreciated if members can transport them. The Town of Paris will provide us with trash bags but most of our clean-up will involve raking, cleaning out flower gardens and the playground area of dead leaves. We will also be evaluating the condition of the gazebo for repair and painting by our group in the near future.”

**Regarding the Bridgton-Lake Region clean-up day, Thursday, April 22nd** – They will be working from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM for clean-up and lunch. They are partnering with the BCC Community and Loon Echo Land Trust to clean the grounds at the Community Center, along Depot St. and into Pondicherry Park. Bring work gloves and probably a rake. Garbage bags will be provided. RSVP helpful for the luncheon count. Masks and distancing appropriate and wear your Rotary t-shirt.

[Dick Hall, District Governor 2021-2022](#), sent out an e-mail about the 2021 District Training Assembly Virtual Program:

[Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 – Our Rotary Foundation](#)  
[Thursday, April 29 at 5:30 – Club Treasurers and Assistant Treasurers](#)  
[Thursday, May 6 at 5:30 – Rotary Foundation Goal Setting at the Club Level](#)  
[Monday, May 10 at 7:00 – Growing Membership](#)  
[Tuesday, May 18 at 5:30 – Opportunities for International Service](#)  
[Monday, May 24 at 5:30 – Fundraising in the Current Environment](#)  
[Tuesday, June 1 at 5:30 – For Club Secretaries](#)

Zoom links will be sent out to all District 7780 Rotarians and Rotaractors two days before each session. These are programs we should all keep in mind.

[A reminder from last week, 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.](#) sent an e-mail to scholarship committee members last Friday. It looks like we have 18 scholarship applications to review. The scholarship committee will be meeting in mid-May to review the applications and decide on the recipients.

### [Last Week:](#)

We had our first in-person meeting at the church for the first time in almost 6 months while there were 5 or 6 others attending via Zoom. President Lynne led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen gave the blessing.

After breakfast, we went right to our guest speakers, Paris Police Chief Mike Dailey and Detective Nicholas Gilbert who talked about the drug and opioid crisis in Oxford Hills. Both told us that there has been a huge increase in drug use since the pandemic began, and even before then, they were beginning to see an increase in methamphetamines. Doctors have been cracking down on prescriptions so users are focusing on the cheaper drugs. The Paris PD is receiving 3-4 calls per week for drug overdoses. Police and medical professionals are doing what they can and try to interact with users in a positive manner to get them some help, but they have a very small window of time once the person is transported. Covid has also interfered with the ability of police to arrest and detain. Jails don't want people so most are released with conditions. Most other crimes such as burglary come back to drug use and many drug issues are the results of family conditions. If mom and dad are users, their kids are, too. One last point was that state programs are severely lacking in support for these situations.

### [😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊](#)

If there were any happy or sad dollars, please let me know and I will publish them in the next Reader. I couldn't hear if there were any over the Zoom.

**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:**

A rancher counted 196 head of cattle when they were out on the range, but when he rounded them up he had 200..

### **From “Yankee Wit and Wisdom, New England Proverbs”**

“The world is your cow, but you have to do the milking.”

### **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