

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, April 28, 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."

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
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! Today is the 118th day of 2021. There are 247 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Mike Morin and our greeter is Heidi Ortiz.

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.

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

13 – Scholarship Committee meeting – 4:00 PM. Zoom or in person TBA

14 – Membership Committee meeting – 4:00 PM. Zoom or in person TBA

19 – Alice Paul and Liz Knox

26 – Dave Preble and Peter Kaurup

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

DGE Dick Hall was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Alice Paul read RI President Knaack's message in the Rotary magazine about Rotary's Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Culture and how we need to continue our efforts in these areas.

Announcements:

Dan H – the Scholarship committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 4:00 PM. Dan does not know yet if it will be via Zoom or in person. I believe we have received 25 applications.

There will also be a Membership committee meeting on Friday, May 14 at 4:00 PM, either via Zoom or in person.

CoPE Peter will shortly be ordering flashy yellow safety vests for us to wear when we do outside projects. The cost is \$12. If you wish to order one, please speak to or e-mail Peter.

Sign-up sheets for the Senior Picnic prep work on Thursday, May 26th and the picnic itself on May 27th were passed around. If you Zoomed and were not able to sign up, please contact Beth so she can put you on the list.

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

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.

Clean-up Day at Moore Park in South Park

A big thank-you to everyone who showed up to work at Moore Park on Saturday morning. I believe there were 13 of us there, including Liz's husband, David, and Tina's granddaughter's, Josie and Maddy. It was

a beautiful morning, starting off cool but warming up such that a lot of us wished we had worn lighter clothing. We raked, picked up and mulched all through the park and the playground. George brought one of his trailers that we loaded up with leaves, sticks and all the other yard debris left after a winter season. Having the trailer was a huge help – we would have been hours bagging all that stuff – so a big thanks to George! We were pretty tired after working all morning but we had a lot of fun.

Last Week:

Greeter Alice Paul led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Whether we were supposed to or not, Dan A. led us in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee” and he gave the blessing.

After announcements, visiting DGE Dick Hall spoke. He said it was fun to finally be at an in-person meeting and that we were one of the first clubs to return to in-person. He said his club had not met in person since March of 2020. He told us that most clubs are hoping to get back to in-person meetings by July 1st. Despite the pandemic and meeting on Zoom for most of last year and so far this year, clubs have continued to carry on, doing the best they can to support their projects, their communities and each other during this most difficult time. He said the District is planning on holding RYLA at Camp Hinds in 2021. Each club will be allowed 1 student. Upon arrival, the student will be placed in a bubble with 12 students and 2 counselors and that there will be 4 bubbles. Everyone must be vaccinated and all protocols followed. By using bubbles, if one person becomes ill, only that person’s bubble will be affected – not the other 3. RYLA will be Sunday through Wednesday, the 27th-30th of June. There will also be a virtual District Conference the evening of Friday June 4th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday morning, June 5th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Tally had a happy dollar but I was not able to hear what she said over Zoom.

Lynne had a happy \$25 for Bob who was up and running about after his knee replacement surgery.

Abbie was happy to be entering her final week of school, followed by exams and graduation.

Bob was happy to be up and walking (among other things I hear, such as climbing a ladder) and he invited DGE Dick to come rafting this summer.

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

50/50 – At our first drawing in almost 6 months, Bob drew Liz’s number but Liz didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$115 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

What do you call a hippie’s wife? Why Mississippi, of course.

From “Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs”

“A rough shell may have a good kernel.”

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