

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

Good Morning and Welcome to our fourth Zoom meeting. Thursday will be the 121st day of 2020 with 245 days remaining in the year. We are going to start off with Happy Dollars and go from there.

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 third Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: Tina, Ron, Chris S., Lynne, Stan, Becky, Peter, Beth, Tally, Curtis, Liz, Patty, Dan H., Bob, Paul, Dave, Frank, George, Joel, Dan A., Jen and John. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 AM. We each talked about what we have been doing and something about us that others may not know.

1. Frank told us that he has been doing the grocery shopping at Publix while under the stay at home order. He said that Connie still puts her sneakers on, though, and chases him around the house. (Frank, she's probably trying to chase you out of the house!).

2. Stan said that he enjoys being at home and the slower pace of life. He's been working in his fields, going around the edges of his property cutting trees and trimming branches.
3. AG Chris has been working at Market Square Health Center and is pleased to visit with his daughter who works there.
4. Dan H. says he has been doing a lot of Zoom, keeping in touch with friends and family. He also started helping out at the Harrison food bank and has 6 or 7 deliveries each week.
5. Joel told us he has never been good at home repair but he has been learning to do a few things around the house. He and his wife got brave and replaced their bathroom faucet which only took them two hours – and it works!
6. Lynne said that because of her health, she has been in the house the whole time. Bob has been doing the grocery shopping and usually comes back with three items on the list. The rest of it, well..... Her adopted cat is beginning to assimilate into the family although there is still some hissing and spitting going on.
7. Val told us that she and Chris are blessed to live where they do as they can get out to walk and explore a bit.
8. Paul also said he is happy that he and Dawne live where they do because they can get out and go for walks. Not being able to get a haircut, he decided to take matters into his own hands and cut all the hair off his head after trimming his beard. Something no one knew was that he worked at one of the first three Subway stores that opened back in 1966. He knew one of the owners of the company and was offered a franchise which he decided was not for him. Little did he know, the company is still privately owned and the owners are worth \$2.3 billion each.
9. Ron was happy to see everyone. He reports that his health issues have gone away. He and Laura are still living with their son in Connecticut, but they hope to return to Maine when the stay at home has been lifted. Laura is doing well except for her memory problems.
10. Liz says she misses seeing friends and family but that she has learned to grocery shop in 30 minutes or less. Something we perhaps didn't know about her is that she used to be a cake decorator.
11. Beth told us she is happy she is no longer working in the medical profession with all that is going on.

12. Curtis said he is happy that his mother is no longer with us as she would not be happy that no one could visit her. He said he has been looking at different places to go on walks and found that there is a nice trail at Twin Bridges in Harrison where on that trail, he saw a moose.
13. George is still working full time but is getting more done around the house than usual with his free time. He is grateful to be living in this part of the world. He recently found out that his grandfather died as a result of the Spanish flu in 1918. His grandmother also died very young.
14. Jen said she appreciates family more than ever these days. She's been taking supplies to her grandmother and leaving them on her door step, but at least can wave to her through the closed door. She has been doing a lot of walking and has made friends with a skunk that appears at the same place on Bow St. every time she goes by.
15. Tina has a history of working on prom dresses and wedding cakes. It's been a challenge to teach school at home. She is grateful her daughter and family are next door so she gets to see her grandkids.
16. Patty has been able to continue working at her office but with no in person client contact. While this would normally be a very busy time, with the extension on income tax filing, she has been able to cut back to part time – 3 days per week – so has been able to help George on the farm.
17. Becky said she has been learning patience and doing a lot of walking. She and Peter met when they sat next to each other in an airport. Peter worked for Eastern and she worked for Delta. In their conversation, Peter told her there were 5 things he was looking for in a wife in order to marry, one of which was camping and pooping in the woods. Becky left the conversation thinking "this is the guy I'm going to marry."
18. Peter told us he has learned to slow down. He has started playing his guitar again and found some free lessons on line. He has found volunteering at the Harrison Food bank very rewarding.
19. Dan A. told us that he began his career as an Industrial Education teacher. He said that Nancy is feeling better physically without the daily pressures of running her hair salon as she always drives herself further than she should.
20. Tally just turned 80 and is trying to slow down a bit, thinking of small things to do and the next 15 years. She is also happy to have a new grandbaby coming.
21. John is glad to have found a computer repair person, thanks to Patty Rice. The cooling fan quit and can be fixed for about \$65. A new fan is on order and should be here by the first of next week. In the meantime, he is keeping his computer cool by setting it on ice packs while using

it. Shelley has always wanted a weeping willow tree so through the Norway Neighborhood web site, he was able to get some willow branches. However, after looking at how to grow them on line, it doesn't look like Shelley will have the tree of her dreams for quite some time.

Lastly, there was a brief conversation about George's e-mail and others Paul has received regarding the auction and our events for the rest of this year. This is something the board will be discussing at Monday's meeting but so far all of the responses Paul has received seem to be in agreement George and Paul. More will be forthcoming.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

We did not do 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:

A guy sued the airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case.

St. George's Day

Thursday, April 23rd was St. George's Day. Saint George, a Roman soldier and the patron saint of England, is celebrated in many parts of Great Britain. He is renowned for his refusal to recant his Christian faith despite the penalty of death. The legend of St. George and the Dragon describes the soldier/icon taming and slaying the dragon, thereby rescuing the princess who was to be the next sacrificial offering to the beast.

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?

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

