



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, April 8, 2020

**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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### 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

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Good Morning, Good Afternoon and Good Evening! – whenever you happen to be reading this. Wednesday will be the 99th day of 2020 with 267 days remaining in the year.

**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

**As we now know, due to the Coronavirus, our meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice, now through April at a minimum.**

**Zoom Meeting** – As I write this, I have not received any updates about our having a Zoom meeting on Wednesday. We did find out that if we use the district Zoom site, our usual morning time was already spoken for and we would have to choose a different meeting time. I'm sure Tina will let us know.

### **Here's What's Up!**

**Glenn Huntley** called to tell me he found the "critter" that invaded his and Sharon's space. Turns out it was a large gray squirrel that Glenn found in the corner of their furnace room. He thinks it came down through the chimney and escaped through the vent in the stack. It did the damage to the window trying to get out of the cellar.

**PDG Marie Williams** sent me an e-mail:

"I really appreciate being on Oxford Hills "weekly" newsletter and know the goings on in Oxford Hills. Like Oxford, Kittery is not holding in person meetings to help keep everyone safe. We are going to have our first Zoom meeting tomorrow. This "elderly" person had to have a lesson from our DG over the phone/computer on how to do this. It was really neat to have a face to face conversation with DG Andy on the computer. I am anxious to see how tomorrow's meeting goes. "Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks!"

Bruce and I are well and staying close to home except to get groceries. We lucked out at Hannafords, they were pretty well restocked except for paper products. I was pleased to see that Hannaford's in York had plastic shields in place to protect their cashiers and the public after last night's news about the Hannaford in Oxford. Say hi to everyone for us. Say hi to everyone for us. Hope things get squared away so we can go to camp this summer but will have to wait and see."

**Patty Rice** reports that she is still working at her office with no face to face meetings with clients. Many of their staff are working remotely, trying to get the work done. Both the IRS and State of Maine have extended the filing deadline from April 15 to July 15 for both filing tax returns and making payments. No extension for is needed for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

When she wrote to me, she also said that baby bull, Rocky, was 5 weeks old on March 27 and weighed a whopping 225 pounds! He is going to be a big brute! Next calf is due April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Frank Shorey** wrote that he just installed the Zoom app and will try and look forward to attending the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said he may need guidance. In the meantime, he says that he and Connie are will but that he is extremely tired on a daily basis because Connie keeps chasing him around the house. When Connie is not chasing him, he says they walk one day in their community, the next day they bike and that they also go to their beach club and walk the beach. They go to Publix once a week and have signed up with Publix to have their groceries picked and waiting for them when they get there. Also signed for pick-up at Sam's Club. He hopes all is well and that they are hoping to see us all in July.

**Abbie Earle** reports that she is doing well, working from home when possible and working really hard at school. "Unfortunately, it seems my professors have tripled down on work to make up for no in-person classes (even though we are video chatting during every class period). I have been working literally around the clock on assignments." She says she is excited because she has three more weeks left in the semester and then it is on to student teaching.

**Dennis King** sent an e-mail that he has been reading the Reader faithfully. He reports that he and Lorraine are hunkered down in Lakeland, Florida. Normally, they would be back in New Jersey by now. They are waiting it out in Lakeland trying to decide if they are safer there or in New Jersey. He says they are both well but the days are becoming long and boring. He sends his best to the club and hopes everyone and their families and friends are well.

**Peter Kaurup** wrote:

"Becky and I just returned from Hannafords. Prior to leaving home, we established our shopping list. Upon arrival there wasn't an exterior waiting line and their friendly manager waved us in. It was unsettling

seeing so many shoppers wearing facial masks and properly avoiding each other's space, but we know they are necessary measures. We found all of our necessary items and had no delay in checking out. Our cashier was great and we thanked her for being there. When we got home, we wiped down all of our just purchased items with a Lysol soaked cloth. So we're back to seclusion for another week. Who knows what challenges await us next time, but we know how blessed we are to be able to secure what we need."

**Dan Allen** says that he has finished off this year's maple syrup and is spending his extra time at home washing and painting woodwork. He was surprised when he realized that they have been in their house 12 years already. His son, Nate, is pretty bored. He is GM of a restaurant and pub in Manhattan. No take-out there.

### **😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊**

**Peter** is happy to report that they lost all the ice off The Pond this morning – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – and that he can't wait to rake and then paddle every day.

**John** is happy that Spectrum has finally gotten their act together with e-mail. Since the change from Time Warner to Spectrum, it has taken 30-60 seconds and sometimes more to go from page to page or to delete messages. Something happened a week or so ago and the time now is rarely more than 10 seconds. Maybe all my complaining to their "Feedback" finally paid off.

**Abbie** is happy dollar for turning 21 on Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>. She said she plans on having a nice day of staying home!

**Let's keep this going! Let me know what's up with you. Are there any Happy and Sad dollars out there? I'd like to keep doing the Reader until we meet again! E-mail me at [griffs2@roadrunner.com](mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com), send me a text 461-7158 or message me on FB.**

**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 lizard mom is pushing her newborn down the street in a stroller when a neighbor approaches. "How cute! What's your baby's name?"  
"Tiny," says the lizard. "Because he's my newt."

**Test Your Memory:**

Can you remember which movie won the Academy Award for best picture:

- 5 years ago (2015)? **Spotlight**
- 10 years ago (2010)? **The King's Speech**
- 15 years ago (2005)? **Crash**
- 25 years ago (1995)? **Braveheart**

Don't know about anyone else, but the only one I saw and remember is Braveheart.

**Speaking of movies,** in March 1970, Universal Pictures released the movie, **Airport,** starring Burt Lancaster and Dean Martin. The film spawned three sequels and introduced the genre of disaster movies that dominated the box office in the early 1970's.

**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](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

