

# 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."

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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  
– 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 132nd day of 2021. There are 233 days remaining in the year. This morning is an open meeting with perhaps a classification talk or two and maybe an activity. Liz Knox 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.

## May:

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 Peter Kaurup. Alice's guest speaker is Brad Peck, Administrator of the South Paris Veteran's Home.

26 – Dave Preble and Becky Kaurup

26 – Set up for Senior Picnic, Culinary Arts kitchen at OHCHS, 11:00 AM

27 – Senior Picnic, Oxford Fair Grounds

31 – Board Meeting, South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM, Memorial Day, subject to change

## June:

**2** – Club Assembly and Glenn Huntley. Patty Rice and Abbie Earle will also be giving their classification talks.

**9** – George Rice and Dan Hart

**16** – Patty Rice and John Griffith

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

DG Peggy Belanger and Natalie Donais were our visiting Rotarians. We did not have any other guests.

## Rotary Moment:

Greeter Mike Morin told us about some distinguished honorary Rotarians.

## Announcements:

**A continuing reminder that sign-up sheets for the Senior Picnic** prep work on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and the picnic itself on May 27<sup>th</sup> were passed around. We may have enough volunteers now but check with Beth to see if more help is needed. We will also be setting three of our tents for this event.

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

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. The deadline for turning in tickets is June 2 with the drawing on June 9.

It was nice to see **Jen Sherbinski** last week. She gave us an update on her daughter, Kat. She said that they had just returned home after Kat spending 30 days in the hospital fighting bacterial meningitis. She will be on an IV for the next 30 days, then will have 30 days off to gain strength before beginning 10 weeks of chemotherapy in July. I am sure I speak for the club when I say that our thoughts and prayers are with Kat and her family.

**Bob Schott** announced that he has reserved two dates for Road Tolls, Sunday, September 12 and Sunday, October 17. They will be on Fair St. by the tennis courts from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

## **Last Week:**

**Greeter Mike Morin** led is in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and **President Lynne** gave the blessing.

**We began our Club Assembly with DG Peggy Belanger** who gave a brief talk about this year's theme and how it relates to Rotary opening doors – that we are open to all, that open doors expand our abilities and that our doors are always open to new members. We also need to remember that while we are looking for new members to help us, we don't want to forget to let them know that we can help them.

Peggy also talked about the on-line virtual District Conference scheduled for Friday evening, June 4 and Saturday morning, June 5. There will be an on-line auction, I believe she said, beginning May 18. There is a \$20 fee for the Conference which will be donated to Polio Plus.

At the end of her talk, Beth came forward and presented Peggy with her Paul Harris +4 pin. It seems that our \$100 donation to the Foundation in Peggy's name put her over the top for the +4.

**Beth** told us that the Pink Feather Foundation completed their move last weekend. They had numerous volunteers and I believe she said moved five truckloads of clothing.

**AG Chris** announced that he will be ordering another round of Rotary t-shirts, so see Chris if you want to order a replacement or extra shirt.

**CoPE Peter** told us that the board approved the revised by-laws at the board meeting Monday evening. Liz Knox e-mailed a copy to everyone for them to review. We will be voting on these by-laws this week.

**PP George** reminded us that we need to get back in the habit of entering our volunteer hours in the note book. Some members e-mail their hours to George every month but those that don't need to be sure to keep up to date by entering them weekly now that we are back to in-person meetings.

Lastly, **Stan** gave us an updated classification talk. Stan was born and brought up in Otisfield. He graduated from high school in 1968, attended college and did carpentry work until 1972. At that time, he got into tool and die making which he did until 1987 when he started his storage business after purchasing the family farm where he currently lives. He started his own machine shop in 1993 and ran that for a time before devoting all of his efforts into the storage business. He married in 1971 but later divorced and married Anne Marie in 1986. He is a member of the Down East Street Rods and currently owns and registers 10 cars and trucks.

## **Other items from the board meeting on May 3 that were not mentioned at our meeting:**

**Peter** reported that he helped with the Bridgton-Lake Region Club's Earth Day pick-up on May 22. He said we received donations of furniture and other goods from Tally Decato and past members, Bob and Irina Kahn, for our auction. Peter also told us that he went to a Rotary Club meeting in Jacksonville, Florida on his and Becky's last trip and that that club makes \$500K from their auction. Of course, there is no comparison size wise to our club.

On a motion of **AG Chris**, the board voted to donate \$250 to the Bridgton-Lake Region Club in memory of Kathy Sullivan.

The board voted to donate the \$585 remaining in the budget to Kenya Rising, the successor to Friends of Kakamega. We have been supporting Jacob through the Friends group for several years. This new organization supports the families of the students as well as the student which this additional amount will go to.

The board also voted to continue our support of Gardener's Growing Healthy Communities with a \$200 donation. This is the third year we have donated to this group.

**Treasurer Liz** will be sending out 2021-2022 dues notices by the end of May. Dues are due by June 30 so we can make sure we have an updated club roster for our national and district dues on July 1.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Dave** offered a proposal to the revised by-laws that we make it illegal for anyone to wear non-New England sports gear at our meetings, a not so subtle hint to Frank.

**Lynne** was happy that her orange cat came home after a few days absence and that she got to see all four of her grandchildren last weekend.

**DG Peggy** said it was great to see everyone and thanked us for presenting her with her most recent PHF.

**Paul** was happy for the additional auction items. He thought one truck would be enough but he ended up with 4 trucks full. He thanked Tally and the Kahn's.

**May Birthdays** – Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Susan (Warren) Spencer – 5/29

**May Wedding Anniversaries** – Peter & Becky Kaurup – 5/16; Dan & Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank & Connie Shorey – 5/23

**May Membership Anniversaries** – Lynne Schott – 17 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 3 yrs. – 5/9; Joel Speakman – 10 yrs. – 5/17.

**50/50** – Liz's number was drawn but she didn't draw the King of Clubs from the deck. There was \$131 in the pot.

### **Pun of the Week:**

"I just returned from a very emotional wedding. Even the wedding cake was in tiers."

## 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:

**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