



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 Zoom meeting. Thursday will be the 135th day of 2020 with 231 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. 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 July a minimum.

Last Week:

We had our fifth Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: Chris Summers, Ron, Stan Lynne, Liz, Heidi, Tally, Beth, Patty, Tina, Joel, Curtis, Dave, Peter, Becky, Jen, Frank Dan H., John. Our guests were Dick Hall from Portland and Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida. If I have missed anyone, please let me know. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test.

Treasurer Patty Rice started off the meeting by reviewing the Board meeting that was held on May 4th.

1. Due to the Coronavirus and limitations on the number of people that can be in groups, the board voted to cancel all of our events for the summer. As to other events beyond that, the board agreed to assess the situation at our September meeting to discuss holding or cancelling any fall events.
2. There was a discussion about our paying for “meals” for the Zoom meeting as not paying for them does have an effect on our budget. However, it was brought out that started Zoom meetings, we are not and have not paid for meals for the Students of the Month and their guests, and the Top 5% of the senior class, and therefore are currently losing less than we would otherwise. As a result, the board decided that we do not need to charge at this time.
3. Our share of the District Grant for Food Insecurity was \$609.76. The District asked us to report on how we used the money, who benefited, how many benefited and so on. Since we have already donated to other local pantries recently, the board voted to donate the full amount to the Daddy O’s pantry that Aaron and Amanda have set up in the restaurant lobby through their non-profit foundation. Patty, Becky, Peter, John and Beth met with Aaron and Amanda for a photo shoot and presentation of the “large” check after today’s meeting. George agreed to prepare a press release.
4. The board discussed and approved of our getting our own Zoom account so we can set our own meeting schedules without having to work around and schedule with the District. You may remember that our meeting last week was cut off when another group, which turned out to be the South Berwick club, opened a meeting during our meeting. The cost is only \$15 per month for virtually unlimited usage. Tina agreed to be point person on this. The hope is that we can be set up for next week’s meeting and can go back to our regular Wednesday morning time slot.

We have received 26 scholarship applications. Dan Hart has prepared a spread sheet of the applicants and will divide them among the committee members so each member has 5-6 to review and present to other committee members. Dan is distributing them on Wednesday, May 13 and the committee will meet to choose the recipients on Wednesday, May 22. Most of the applicants are going into the medical or engineering fields.

AG Chris announced that the Kiwanis Club has decided to cancel the Ray Brown Dance for Special Olympics for this year. Dave said that the purchasers of the 16 tickets sold have all decided to leave same as a donation to the club. Dave also contacted the business sponsors but none have asked for a refund to date.

We have received 15-20 thank you notes from the students putting on the Yellow Star play we helped to sponsor which was unfortunately cancelled due to the virus.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Patty had happy dollars for finally being able to get a haircut, for the new baby bull born at Rice Farm a week and a half ago and for her birthday.

Lois had \$5 happy dollars as she is enjoying her Cabot Cheese Wheel. She also picked up 2 kittens last week and named them Pan and Demi. She says they are hysterical. She also told us that Hertz, which has a major car rental facility in Estero has 25,000 cars sitting in their lots not being rented because of the virus.

Dave commented about Dan H's beard and Dan said the last time he shaved was March 27 and that he was not going to shave until "this" is over.

Dan H. had happy dollars for the Under a Yellow Star thank you notes and wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Tina was happy that SAD 17 has arranged a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 at the Bridgton Drive-in Theater. The seniors are getting excited.

Ron was happy that if all works out, he and Laura plan to return to Maine on Saturday, May 9. They will have to self-quarantine for 2 weeks but that doesn't matter because they will be home.

Frank said that he was going to the grocery store and had a date to play golf. He was happy that Dick Hall wants a "Kitty Kat hat."

Jen shared a video on the virus – "The Great Realisation" – a story set in the future about the virus today.

Lynne said her cats have finally formed a pride and chased off another cat intruding in their yard.

Curtis had a happy dollar for Tina leading our Zoom meetings and said he had 5 other various Zoom meetings scheduled.

John was happy to find out that the month of April was not as bad as he remembered after spending the last 5 Aprils in Florida. He also said he has been much happier since he banned all virus posts from his Facebook page.

Tally had a happy dollar for Tina for setting up and running our Zoom meetings.

May Birthdays – Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9

May Wedding Anniversaries – Peter & Becky Kaurup – 39 yrs. – 5/16; Dan & Nancy Allen – 18 yrs. – 5/21; Frank & Connie Shorey – 56 yrs. – 5/23

May Membership Anniversaries – Tonya Swart – 2 yrs. – 5/2; Lynne Schott – 16 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 2 yrs. – 5/9; Miranda Ward – 5 yrs. – 5/13; Joel Speakman – 9 yrs. – 5/17

Pun of the Week:

My wife didn't believe me when I told her I was going to make a bike out of spaghetti. You should have seen her face when I rode straight pasta.

World Surname Quiz

Can you guess the most common last names in these five countries?

Australia
France
Germany
Russia
Mexico

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

