



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 142nd day of 2020 with 224 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 in person meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice.

Last Week:

We had our sixth Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: Abbie, Liz, Dan A., Chris S., Becky, Peter, Stan, Frank, John, Curtis, Jen, Paul, Dan H., Dave, George, Val, Ron, Patty, Lynne, Joel and Tina. Guests were Lois from Estero, FL and Ron's daughter, Natalie, from Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test.

Announcements:

Tina has set us up with our own Zoom account which we used on the 14th for the first time. It worked fine and we are no longer at the “mercy” of the District and can schedule our own meetings and events without working through the District. It was also decided that we will continue to have our Zoom meetings on Thursdays as both Peter and Dan H. are busy on Wednesday morning making deliveries for the Harrison Food Bank and we want them to be able to participate in our meetings.

Dan H. has distributed the scholarship applications to the members of the committee to review. Each member has 5 applications to review. Dan said he will send out a spread sheet to committee members on Sunday with info on all of the applicants. He will be scheduling a Zoom meeting for the committee to meet and choose recipients.

Tina and Jen also announced that a graduation ceremony has been scheduled for OHCHS seniors at the Bridgton Drive-in Theater on June 21. Students will be allowed one car per family and will be able to walk up to the stand when their names are called. There will be fireworks at the Speedway afterwards. In lieu of class night, the school will be doing a video to announce scholarship winners.

John - as a reminder, If anyone has an American flag that needs to be disposed of, you can contact Linda Jack, who is now a member of the West Paris American Legion. The Legion performs a yearly ceremony to properly dispose of worn flags.

Program:

Our guest speaker was Rosie DeBella, Deputy Director of Development for Safe Passage in Guatemala. You may remember that AG Chris Summers and Peter Kaurup went to Guatemala last fall on a Rotary mission to build a playground for Safe Passage. Rosie showed us a video of the Safe Passage facilities and talked about the mission and programs they provide. Their mission is to help the children in the Guatemala City garbage dump community break the cycle of poverty through education, emphasizing life skills and perseverance in order to thrive in the world and contribute to their community. There are 60,000 Guatemalans that live in extreme poverty in the Guatemala City dump community. Safe Passage serves 550 students from 300 families from kindergarten through 8th grade. Besides classroom education, they provide after school programs, healthcare, nutrition, social work, adult education, career counseling and entrepreneurship. 2020 marks their 20th anniversary and Rotary has been a supporter for all 20 years for which they are very grateful. It was a very interesting and informative program. It was also announced that OH Rotary will be donating \$500 to Safe Passage.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Becky had a happy \$5, sharing that she and Peter have a new grandson named Huxley. He was 3 weeks early but came in at 7 ¼ pounds.

Frank was happy that he was able to get a haircut yesterday that meant having his temperature taken, signing a waiver form and wearing a mask.

Dan told us that Nancy has opened her hair salon but had four pages of regulations from the state that she must conform to – very long and boring reading.

Jen has two new kittens. She said they were only looking for one, but these two are a bonded pair and are a lot of fun.

Tina had a happy dollar for a great Mother's Day. She and her family cooked out but ate in because it was so cold.

Lynne had a happy dollar for her mother who had gout recently but is fine now and feeling much better.

Joel had happy dollars for his daughter who has finished her classes at USM and for his son in Ohio whose job seems secure.

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:

I got fired on my very first day at the bank when a customer asked me to check his balance, and I pushed him over.

World Surname Quiz

Can you guess the most common last names in these five countries? Here are the answers:

Australia - Smith
France - Martin
Germany - Muller
Russia - Ivanov
Mexico – Hernandez

How about the US? Any guesses?

Language Skills

The word *and* can easily be used five times in a row within a grammatically correct sentence. For instance, suppose a business owner were painting a sign to hang above the front door: “Stanford and Andrews.” A passerby might offer this advice: “You should adjust the spacing between ‘Stanford’ and ‘and’ and ‘And’ and ‘rews.” Similarly, the verb *had* can be used 11 times in a row, given appropriate punctuation: “In his essay, James, where John had had ‘had,’ had had ‘had had;’ ‘had had’ had had a better effect on the teacher.”

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

