



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."

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 146th day of 2021. There are 219 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble is our program chair this week. His guest speaker is Geoff Iacussa, President and General Manager of the Portland Sea Dogs. Our greeter is Becky Kaurup.

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.

May:

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

27 – Senior Picnic, Oxford Fair Grounds

June:

1 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM. Note that we will be meeting on Tuesday due this month.

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

9 – George Rice and Dan Hart

June cont'd:

16 – Patty Rice and John Griffith

23 – Bob Schott and Tina Fox

30 – Changeover meeting and Abbie Earle

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

AG Chris Summers introduced Michele Cole from the Bethel Club. Michele will be taking over for Chris as AG for our region. We did not have any other guests.

Announcements:

Paul Thornfeldt had some auction items he thought club members might like first dibs on – one being a print of South Paris way back when. He said he had a framed one himself and knew of a few others around. He would like to get \$20 for it if anyone is interested.

CoPE Peter announced that if a members are fully vaccinated, we don't need to wear masks. Linda Smith asked if we wanted to go back to the round tables and we overwhelmingly said yes. Bob said he liked the rectangle tables because everyone faced forward, no one was back to the front like with the round tables. He suggested that we do half of the room in round and the other half with the rectangle tables and it was agreed we would do that.

Peter, along with Stan and George, cleaned out our storage closet and that he and Becky were working on our flags, eliminating duplicates, re-arranging and re-attaching them to the bases.

If you ordered a safety vest, don't forget to pick it up from Peter or Becky. Remember the cost is \$12.

Peter, Becky, John, Tally, Abbie, Pat and Alice met at Moore Park on Friday, May 21, to weed, plant flowers and mulch the gardens around the Veteran's Memorial.

PP George – continue to sell Lobsters for Scholars tickets. If you have some you can't sell, give them back to George. The deadline for turning in tickets is next week, June 2.

Tina - don't forget that this coming week we will be helping with the senior picnic, preparing lunches on May 26 and serving food at the picnic on May 27. We will also be setting three tents for this event some time that Wednesday.

Last Week:

President Lynne led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

After the announcements, Program Chair Alice Paul introduced our guest speaker, Brad Peck, Administrator of the Maine Veteran's Home in South Paris. Brad told us that the home was originally slated to be built in Rumford but that through the efforts of the community, it was changed to South Paris. Veteran's homes are for honorably discharged veterans, their spouses, widows, widowers and Gold Star parents. No money funding the 6 veteran's homes in Maine comes from the state. They are all funded by insurance or private funds. The homes are governed by a board of directors appointed by the governor and they must all be veterans from the communities served, so there is local control. Brad told us they have assisted living, long term care, skilled nursing care and a 30 bed memory care unit. They have various therapy options available and residents can use their on-site medical staff or their own doctor(s). Brad told us they didn't have a Covid break-out until February 2021, almost a year after Covid started, and unfortunately, they lost 5 residents. However, 100% of the residents are now vaccinated as is 88% of the staff.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Peter had thank-you dollars for George and Stan for their help.

Paul was happy to tell us that Stan got a boat, motor and trailer for the auction. Everything needs a good cleaning but the boat runs good.

Dave said that he just discovered that he is program chair next week, but he has something in mind.

Alice had a happy \$10 for her granddaughter's graduation.

George told us that he has had 104 Lobsters for Scholars tickets turned in but there are still 46 outstanding.

Bob said that he and Lynne got new I-phones and that he accidentally called 911. The Norway PD showed up at the house. One of the officers that came was able to turn off the feature and said that Bob wasn't the only one that this happened to.

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 – Ironically, John drew his own number but he didn't draw the King of Clubs.

Pun of the Week:

Why does the stadium get hot after the game? Because all the fans leave.

From Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs:

Only Yankees and fools predict the weather.

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

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