



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 149th day of 2020 with 217 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: John, Tina, Curtis, Patty, Val, Tally, Beth, Lynne, Stan, Chris, Liz, Dave, Dan A., Dan H., Paul, Joel, Frank, Becky, Peter, George and Jen. Lois Strauss also joined as our guest. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test. Tina gave a brief Rotary Moment on Appreciation, that in these times of concern, we should appreciate the things we have and can do for ourselves, our families, for others and for Rotary.

Announcements:

George had a couple of reminders for us: (1) We have one more month to reach our goal of EREY. In order to get credit for this Rotary year, George must receive your contributions by June 21. Please mail them to PO Box 14, Norway. (2) George needs our volunteer hours so please call, text or e-mail him with what you have been doing for Rotary these last few months. 207-890-3122 or gwrice@myfairpoint.com.

Peter told us he has participated in a number of Rotary Zoom meetings. He has found them very interesting and has learned a lot from them. He particularly enjoyed the one with RI President Maloney. He also told us that the Harrison Food Bank continues to be very busy, but things seem to have settled into a routine that works well. There is a need for food more than ever. Peter told us the manager, Juhita Solari, has been working many hours, seven days a week to keep things going. He would like to have her join us for a few minutes as a guest speaker.

Stan announced that past member, George Campbell, bought our last tent. All of the old yellow and gold ones are gone and we just have the white ones remaining.

The Scholarship Committee chaired by **Dan Hart** met on Wednesday evening, May 20, and chose our 7 scholarship winners. Dan will follow up with the school and the award letters. Of the scholarships we gave out last year, only 3 were claimed. We never heard back from the other 4.

Patty asked committee chairs to submit their requests to her for next year's budget but has not yet heard from everyone. Please get your requests in as she, Liz and Lynne are putting the budget together now. We also had a brief discussion at this time about future events – doing an E-Bay auction as we know Paul has sold things successfully for us on that site and perhaps doing a take-out only Lobster & Steak Fest. Everyone also felt that we could continue to do the cheese wheel sale successfully again this year.

Thanks to **Tina**, we have purchased flashlights for the Seniors to use at their graduation ceremony next month. They say on them that they were provided by the Oxford Hills Rotary and I believe had the Rotary logo on them. The Kiwanis Club is providing the lawn signs with the graduates pictures on them for people to put out so we thought the flashlights would be a good complement to that.

I forgot last week to include the contact information for **Safe Passage** if anyone wants to make a donation to them.

To make a one-time donation via credit card on-line: <https://www.safepassage.org/donate/>

Via credit card over the phone: call 1-207-846-1188

Via mail: send a check to Safe Passage, 49 Farm View Dr., Suite 302, New Gloucester, ME 04260.

Lastly, the write-ups for the **May Students of the Month** are on the last pages of the Reader.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Frank had a sad dollar for Love Bug season in Florida. They make a huge mess and will eat the paint off your vehicle if you don't get them off immediately. He and Connie still have plans to come home to Maine for July and August, but said that it depends on the quarantine situation. He said that their activity center and pool have opened. He also offered to be a guest speaker for us, talking about the Tampa Bay Rays.

Lynne was happy that she was able to see both grandchildren this week.

Beth was happy that after 160 redials, she was able to get through to the unemployment folks and spent 45 minutes on the phone with a nice customer service person who was able to help her get signed up.

Curtis was happy that Dan A. was in South Paris, that the golfing was good at Norway and that Steve's is open.

Peter and Becky left the meeting early to head to their son's in Virginia for a week. They had a sad dollar for Frank stuck in Florida.

Lynne had a happy dollar for going to the Bridgton Drive-in to see the new "Invisible Man" movie.

Dan H. was happy to finally get a haircut and shave.

Jen said she played a new board game with her mom and dad and had a great evening with them. She was also happy to learn that Bob Marley would be putting on a show at the Bridgton Drive-in.

Tina had a happy \$10 for Dan's work on the scholarship committee.

Dave was happy for being happy!

Chris S. said he hosted Paul and Dawne last Saturday night and they had a great time.

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:

When my kleptomania gets really bad, I take something for it.

According to Science:

Reading helps to stave off cognitive decline in middle and later life. The Victoria Longitudinal Study included 250 middle-aged and older adults who were tested three times over six years. Those participants who engaged regularly in intellectually stimulating activities like reading reduced the impact of natural cognitive decline.

Answer to last week's question: If you guessed that Smith was the most popular surname in the United States, you were correct.

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

May Students of the Month

Theme: Moral Courage: Students who are willing to do what's right despite any unpleasant consequences that might follow.

9th grade – Briana Meserve – nominated by Sue LeBlond

“Briana has been hard at work. She is often reaching out to her teachers, even asking for extra work to keep her skills up in math! She is consistently showing up to video chat with teachers and participating in virtual classes.”

“I meet with Briana twice a week on Google Meet and she has attended every session. Our sessions are so productive while at the same time personal as during our meetings we talk about the impact on her life due to the Coronavirus and the school closing that has resulted. We have had conversations about how things have changed in the community and her part in the adjustment. Aside from doing her work and meeting her teachers on-line, Briana showed me a mask she had sewn – one of several for people who need masks at this time. Briana has always been a positive student who comes to class with a smile but participating for her while in a large class is not comfortable for her. While working with her on-line, I've had the chance to have some very interesting conversations with her and really hear her voice. We've discussed the assigned short stories, the controversial topic of later start times for school, and currently we are talking about a novel that all freshmen are reading. Despite the difficulties presented during the lengthy closing of school due to the coronavirus, Briana has remained positive and has also shown perseverance in completing her school work. I'm so proud of her and feel she is deserving of Student of the Month!”

10th grade – Austin Thomas – nominated by Chris O'Brien

“Austin has been doing a lot of excellent work during this digital learning period. He is working hard and has improved his English grade. Austin has not missed an assignment and has already finished the novel we are reading for class. His work is well done and fun to read.”

11th grade – Brody Edwards – nominated by Lori Millett

“Brody continues to work on his garment construction, sometimes by hand. He is asking questions and using on-line research to continue his independent projects. During one of our class meetings, Brody had numerous questions regarding how to put a zipper in one of his projects. His laptop stopped working before we left school. He borrowed a computer from his grandmother but had to use his phone to connect with the audio of the meet. “

12th grade – Miranda Colby – nominated by Daelyn Elizabeth

“Resilience during tough times – keeps on working and moving forward without prodding. This is what Miranda has done through the spring. Miranda was coming up with her own design projects to do while remote learning before I could even get there. As a senior these are tough times and many of mine have checked out a bit, but she keeps going and even asked for model making supplies to get work at home. This is specific and yet truly indicative of her typical work ethic and desire to create.”

