

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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 125th day of 2021. There are 240 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly Club Assembly meeting with Stan and Patty giving updated classification talks. Our greeter is Mike Morin.

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:

12 – Heidi Ortiz and Liz Knox

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 (rain date 5/28)

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:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Heidi Ortiz talked about an article in the April Rotary magazine about the effects of our efforts that can be seen over time. Iceland is known for its bare landscape but researchers had discovered that the land was once covered by many forests at one point. Through the assistance and efforts of Rotary, Iceland has seen a significant increase in woodland. From 1990 to 2010 there have been 52,000 acres of forests thanks to Rotary's efforts.

Announcements:

Sign-up sheets for the Senior Picnic prep work on Thursday, May 26th and the picnic itself on May 27th were passed around. If you Zoomed and were not able to sign up, please contact Beth so she can put you on the list. We will also be setting our tents for the picnic.

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

Thursday, May 6 at 5:30 – Rotary Foundation Goal Setting at the Club Level

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 with a drawing in June.

Last Week:

President Lynne led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. After announcements, Program Chair Mike Morin introduced Diane Madsen from the Western Maine Cancer Resource Center. Diane spoke to us last year and gave us an update on what the Center has had to change due to Covid.

First she told us a story about a woman who has cancer whose bathroom needed some work. She needed the floor replaced under the commode and needed a new commode as well. Diane called Paul Thornfeldt for help, Paul called Dave Preble and within an hour, they came up with a commode for the woman. Diane said it was nice that we can all collaborate when there is a need.

Diane said that before Covid, the Resource Center was more or less a drop in kind of place. With Covid, they had to convert all of their programs to a virtual meetings. While they are still not open, they plan to start offering meditation and Yoga classes three times per week. They also hired a social worker with a grant they received from the Maine Cancer Foundation who has been a big help giving emotional support to cancer patients in the Oxford Hills and surrounding towns. Diane told us that they have started working with all the cancer centers in Maine and that they have formed an association to better serve their communities. After all, they are all working for the same goals. To further support their programs, they will be holding a golf tournament in September and plan to continue with their Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving. Both of these events have been good fundraisers. And always, people have been helping with rides, quilts and wigs.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Bob was happy that he and Lynne got to see their youngest grandson recently. He was also happy to announce that his son came in first in a kayak race in Rangeley.

Dan H. announced that there would be more classification talks at next week's meeting and he was happy that he and Julie got to spend some time with family and their new grandson.

Patty had a sad dollar, telling us that Kathy Sullivan from the Bridgton-Lakes Region Club passed away on April 7 after a long battle with cancer. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to the Rotary Foundation and the Western Maine Cancer C

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 – Tally had the winning ticket but she didn't win the \$122 in the pot because she did not draw the King of Clubs.

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:

I don't have a particular quote for Youth Service, but I think we should all give Tina Fox a huge thank you and a big thumbs up for all she does for the youth in our community, with Rotaract and with our club. We would not be able to do what we do without her. She is extremely busy with work and family and yet always finds the time to do more. Thank you, Tina, for all you do!

Pun of the Week:

“Doc, I can't stop singing 'What's New Pussycat.'”

“Sounds like you've got Tom Jones Syndrome.”

“Is it common?”

“It's Not Unusual.”

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