



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:

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Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome to our Zoom meeting. Thursday will be the 128th day of 2020 with 238 days remaining in the year. I don't have any program information.

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.

The write-ups for the April Students of the Month are on the last pages of the Reader.

Last Week:

We had our fourth Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: Tina, John, Dan A., Curtis, Dave, Beth, Becky, Peter, Stan, George, Liz, Tally, Paul, Frank, Lynne, Ron, Val, Chris S., Abbie, Heidi and Patty. If I have missed anyone, please let me know. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test although not necessarily in unison.

Because we did not do Happy Dollars last week, we started off with them although they also morphed into announcements. Unfortunately, our meeting was cut off at 8:00 AM because someone else started a Zoom meeting on the District's account. Some of us did manage to regroup about 10 minutes later when Tina opened a meeting on the school district's Zoom account.

1. **Beth** started off with a sad dollar saying that she is hoping to file for unemployment which is difficult for a self-employed person. With everyone staying home, no one needs their house cleaned.
2. **Patty** told us that we received thank you notes from the Oxford Hills Food Pantry and the Harrison Food Pantry for our recent donations. We also received a donation of \$150.00 from Alice and Charlie Hall.
3. **Dan H.** hopes to have a scholarship committee meeting on May 20 at 4:30 PM. We have 26 applications to date and 6 Rotarians have volunteered to serve on the committee.
4. **Tina** announced that the April Students of the Month have been chosen and she has mailed their plaques and write-ups to them. She has also sent their information to the newspaper. She said the parents she spoke to were happy and excited to hear their student had been selected. We will have the same process for the program in May.
5. **AG Chris** spoke with Mary Ann Brown about the Ray Brown Memorial Dance and it has been decided to cancel the dance for this year. They talked about rescheduling it for the fall but there are other things going on them which really prevent adding another event to the schedule. We will refund ticket prices or the purchasers can just make them a donation to the club. We need to contact the people we sold tickets to and ask them what they would like to do. Contact Patty if refunds are requested.
6. **Tally** had a happy dollar for turning 80 on April 20th. Congratulations, Tally! She was also happy that the poison ivy she had is going away.
7. **AG Chris (a/k/a Wilson)** said that he was contacted by Responsible Pet Care as they needed help with a rescue pup, a pug named Toby. Chris is fostering him and if things work out, will adopt him permanently.
8. It was announced that **Warren Spencer** has sold his house in Berwick and has moved to his summer home on Norway Lake. John has also been in contact with him and said he invited him to participate in our meeting but Warren said that he had an appointment with a client at his office in Scarborough at the same time. Warren said he would try to participate in this week's meeting.

9. [Dan's wife, Nancy](#), is opening her hair salon on May 1. She and Dan have been busy going through the 4 pages of regulations she must comply with in order to do so because of the coronavirus. Opening and staying open means a lot of cleaning!
10. [Tina](#) had a happy \$10 for her daughter, Ali, who is taking her final tests for her nursing degree. She has already been hired at Stephens and can start as soon as she finishes her exams.
11. [Abbie](#) was happy to join us. She said it was better than taking her on-line classes. She is hoping to get her student teaching done when school starts in the fall.
12. [Frank and Connie](#) are looking forward to their trip to Thailand next fall to visit their daughter and son-in-law in Bangkok. They are hoping that the virus thing won't interfere.

[😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊](#)

Mixed in with above.

[Rotary Foundation News from George Rice, Foundation Chair](#)

I would like to bring your attention to an article District Chair Lawrence Furbish wrote in the May District Newsletter accessible at [Rotary 7780.org](http://Rotary7780.org). He explains the importance of Annual Giving, and the reasons the Foundation asks us to reach whatever level of giving we are comfortable with on an annual basis. Keeping in mind that all contributions are voluntary, they encourage Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) giving of at least \$25 (50 cents per week) or Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow giving (SPHF) (\$2.00 per week), or contributing \$100 and become a SPHF. In our club, we have 18 members that have contributed \$100 and become a SPHF. We have a few members that have yet to make a contribution. Please consider contributing something this year, by contributing on line OR sending a check payable to Oxford Hills Rotary Club to PO Box 14, Norway, ME 04268. If you wish to check your level of giving so far this year, contact me via e-mail, phone or text and I can let you know. gwrice@mayfairpoint.net or 207-890-3122.

On a positive note, we are the recipient of a \$600.00 Foundation Grant from the Disaster Response Fund to address food insecurities affected by Covid-19.

George Rice, Foundation Chair 2019-20

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:

If the head of a monastery makes a monk finish a tedious chore, it's been done by force of abbot.

Thought for the Week:

“We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid.”

~ Benjamin Franklin ~

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

April Students of the Month – Respect: Students who demonstrate consideration for others.

9th grade – Walter Kimball, nominated by Darcy Brook and Kristi Bancroft

“Walter is always respectful of other peers’ ideas even if he does not agree with them. He is respectful and polite to adults as well. We were talking about climate change in our classroom and a peer did not believe in it. Even though Walter did believe in it, he kindly asked his peer their thoughts on the subject. Her respects everyone’s opinions even if they are different than his own.”

“Walter is an exemplary student when it comes to respect and responsibility. He completes all of his work on time and works well with all of his peers. He also takes pride in getting good grades and works hard to in my Honors English Class. Walter is very deserving of being named Student of the Month any month of the year.”

“Earlier in the year, I had miscalculated one of his grades and Walter approached me respectfully with his evidence of my error, which I was able to correct quickly. Also, Walter is a member of the Chamber Choir, which as a freshman is quite commendable. From time to time he must miss class for choir related events, but he always makes up any work he has missed.”

10th grade – Destiny Eppinger, nominated by Barbara Routh

“Destiny is forever concerned about helping others and about making sure she is setting the best example she can for others. She is generous with her time, thoughtful in her actions and cheerful in every way while respecting others. During announcements in the morning, Destiny was unhappy that the girls’ wrestling winners had not been announced as had other sports. She asked me if she could go to the office to correct what she thought was a serious oversight. She wanted to “champion” the girls who had won and done so well. She went to the office, talked to Admin and the news was announced shortly thereafter. One of the girls who placed is Destiny’s foster sister. And Destiny has a HUGE heart as she has numerous foster siblings at home and treats them just like family She has a smile that makes your heart sing!!”

11th grade – Michael Patterson, nominated by Pamela Jackson

“Michael is respectful to the daily Food Service staff. He is observed to be respectful to his peers, also, while in the cafeteria setting. Michael greets staff and is always cheerful. In the cafeteria, Michael is observed to clean up after himself and does not have a mess around him.”

“Daily, Michael is pleasant to those around him in the cafeteria, including staff. His smile is infectious. He is courteous and enjoys sharing information about weather to staff. Students are not always courteous and respectful in the cafeteria, while with peers and staff. Michael always is!”

12th grade – Trenton Levesque, nominated by Vicki Merrill

“Trenton is very respectful to the staff in the OHTS office and to his teachers. Trenton stands out as a respectful student; he is courteous and polite when he comes to the office and when he is in a classroom. Trenton is conscientious about paying his auto tech bills and is one of the most polite young men that I interact with from the automotive programs. Pete Arntsen also added that Trenton always completes his homework on time and is countless and helpful in class. I feel Trenton is a perfect representation of the April theme, thank you for considering him.”

