



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."

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 163rd day of 2020 with 203 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 eighth Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: John, Tina, Lynne, Heidi, Liz, Stan, Val, Beth, Patty, Ron, Frank, Dan H., Peter, Becky, Tally, Jen, Dan A., Dave, George and Curtis. Guests were Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and Natalie Donais from Suffield, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at about 7:35 AM. Tina led us in the Pledge and Lynne led us in the 4 Way Test.

Announcements:

As a reminder, I am going to leave Foundation Chair George Rice's announcement in the Reader until the June 21 deadline.

(1) We have until June 21 to get our contributions in for EREY in order to get credit for this Rotary year. Please mail them to PO Box 14, Norway or drop contributions off George and Patty's on Cottage St. as Patty will not be in the office for a few weeks due to her knee surgery. (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 weeks. 207-890-3122 or gwrice@myfairpoint.net.

We talked about the topics discussed at the Board meeting on June 1.

On a motion of George Rice, the board approved a \$100 contribution to the Oxford Hills Education Exchange. We have made this donation for the last several years.

Liz has sent out our annual dues notice via e-mail. If you didn't get it, please let Liz know. Dues remain the same as the last several years, \$160.00. Please let Patty or Liz know if you would like to pay in installments or pay half now and half later. You can pay on-line with a credit/debit card, mail checks to PO Box 14 in Norway or drop them off at Rice's.

Lynne, Patty and Liz are working on the budget for next year. Patty is still waiting to hear from committee chairs on their needs. The budget committee will be meeting on Monday, June 15 via Zoom at 5:30 PM so if you don't get your budget request to Patty by then, you might not get anything.

We still have about \$4,000.00 to spend before the end of the month but we have almost \$9,000.00 left in budgeted items, so some things won't get funded or might not get the amount originally intended. Those items include \$2,200.00 for a Veteran's project, \$2,200.00 for Special Olympics, \$100 for the Boy Scouts, \$500.00 to Camp Susan Curtis, \$2,000.00 for food pantries and \$1,765.00 for additional community donations. We are short because, of course, we were not able to have any of our spring fundraisers.

Stan brought up the question of when we return to in person meetings at the church. AG Chris checked with Linda at the church and she told him that they would be ready to go in July. However, Peter talked with Rev. Mayberry later and although the church can open for groups of 50 people July 1, he wants to discuss this with the church council before giving permission for us or any other group to use the church. Therefore, we will have to continue with Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. DG Andy feels that it is too soon for clubs to meet in person and recommends that clubs to continue to use Zoom as well.

Beth told us that we still have \$500 each to go to the West Paris and Otisfield food pantries. When she last checked with West Paris, they were set until July. Beth said she has called Otisfield a couple of times, but has not gotten a call back. The Bridgton-Lake Region Club has applied for a District Grant to purchase personal hygiene products for the Harrison and Sweden food banks and is looking for financial support from other clubs – something we might consider helping with.

Val attended a Zoom meeting on International Service. It was interesting to hear what other clubs are doing.

Tina said the flashlights we ordered for the seniors to use at their graduation came in but are smaller than expected but still ok. She also suggested that we support the Pre-K and first grade book programs through the teacher's association. The board liked the idea and she agreed to get more details and get back to us.

Peter and Becky have been over to Bridgton to their Drive-in Curbside BBQ Community Kettle and thought we might be able to do something similar for our Lobster & Steak Fest, less the steak, in August. We could do lobster, clams, corn, chips and a drink to keep the cost down. The board agreed to look into doing this.

If are able, the next Bridgton-Lakes region Curbside BBQ will be on Thursday, June 18, starting at 5:00 PM in the Bridgton Community Center parking lot on Depot St. The suggested donation is \$10. All donations will assist the Club's Covid-19 projects. Rotarian Nick Orgo of M.A.N.E. Catering will be the chef so the meal will be outstanding.

Patty proposed that we try to structure our Zoom meetings better and go back to having speakers in hopes of boosting our attendance. The board agreed so we will go back to having members responsible for programs and speakers.

There will be a Changeover Event via Zoom on June 30 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. You must sign up in advance on the District website to get the link to the meeting.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Frank was sad that he and Connie had to BUY a new mattress and box spring recently. Frank said all contributions would be gratefully accepted.

John had a happy dollar for Glenn coming over and helping him with a yard project last week.

Patty announce that she was having knee surgery tomorrow (now last Friday) and was happy to finally having it done.

Tina had a happy dollar for her daughter who passed her tests and now has her nurse's license.

Tally said she finally finished with her flowers and has no more incidences with them disappearing.

Liz was happy to be celebrating her 15 years at the Town of Paris.

Lynne was happy that her son was able to meet up with his girlfriend from Quebec when he went to pick up some kayaks. However, when he tried to cross the border, some of the paper work on the kayaks did not match up so he was held at the border for 10 hours while customs verified that the boats were his.

Patty and George celebrated their 20th Anniversary with dinner at Market Square Restaurant. The dined in and were impressed with how the restaurant handled things.

Lois said she is looking forward to getting out to breakfast again.

Natalie Donais was sad not to be helping with the auction this year. She said that with help from her local state representative, her club in Connecticut is distributing 50,000 masks.

June Birthdays – Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; Peter Kaurup – 6/17; Cory Stolzenburg (Heidi Ortiz) – 6/18; Becky Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22

June Wedding Anniversaries – George & Patty Rice – 20 yrs. – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 49 yrs. – 6/5; Joel & Heather Speakman – 29 yrs. – 6/8; Charlie & Tina Fox – 33 yrs. – 6/18; John & Shelley Griffith – 45 yrs - /21

June Membership Anniversaries – John Griffith – 14 yrs. – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 36 yrs. – 6/14

Pun of the Week:

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

An Article on Lyme Disease – from Bob Schott

Last fall, Bob Schott gave me an article he found in the newspaper about a doctor starting an online clinic to fend off Lyme disease. I didn't have room to put the information in the Reader, then winter came so I thought I'd wait until spring. I hadn't forgotten the article but I misplaced it and just found it the other day. I am not writing out the whole article but will summarize it.

Catherine Lockwood, a Freeport based doctor, is taking a step back to focus on treating a problem she has seen all too frequently – Lyme Disease. Maine has the highest concentration of people with Lyme disease by population according to the Center for Disease Control. There were over 1,400 cases diagnosed in Maine last year. Tick season is at its height through October and November. Lockwood has started a new on-line clinic, treatmytickbite.com as a way for Mainers to have a tick bite evaluated for potential risk within 48 hours of the bite and serves as a quick option to get a round of preventative antibiotics if they are unable to get to the doctor immediately. The website, which uses video connection and photos to allow Lockwood to consult with a patient to hear about the event, see the bite area and possibly identify the type of tick, is not meant to help diagnose anyone with Lyme disease.

I checked the website. It is active and looks very informative. Treatmytickbite.com

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

