

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 153rd day of 2021. There are 212 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly Club Assembly. Glenn Huntley is our greeter.

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.

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.

5 – Work Day at Pioneer Cemetery, 540 Paris Hill Rd., Paris Hill, 9:00 AM - Noon

9 – George Rice and Dan Hart

16 – Patty Rice and John Griffith

23 – Bob Schott and Tina Fox

30 – Changeover meeting and Abbie Earle

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Becky Kaurup talked about the history of the 4-Way Test and how it came to be used in Rotary.

Announcements:

We still have a few safety vests left, sizes 2X and 3X. See Peter or Becky if you would like to purchase one or two. \$12 each.

We had a thank-you from the South Paris Town Office for our work cleaning up Moore Park and the playground, and for planting flowers and mulching the flower beds.

From CoPE Peter:

"Our next planned workday will be this Saturday, June 5th, from 9 am to noon at the Pioneer Cemetery. The address is 540 Paris Hill Rd, behind the yellow house. There is a bronze plaque on a rock as a location marker. You can park on the side of the road or drive your vehicle down into the cemetery itself. We'll be trimming bushes and trees and also do some raking. Please bring pruners, kneeling mats, rakes, and sun protection. In addition, wheelbarrows will also come in handy as we will deposit the trimmings in a central location for the Town of Paris to take away. Please contact Peter at 739-1148 if you have any questions."

The Oxford Hills Rotary Charitable Foundation board met after last week's regular morning meeting. The following members were elected as officers for the 2021-2022 Rotary year: President – Peter Kaurup; Vice-president – Liz Knox; Secretary – John Griffith; Treasurer – Patricia Rice; Member-at-Large – Curtis Cole; Member-at-large: Heidi Ortiz; Past president: Lynne Schott.

Last Week:

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

President Lynne handed out perfect attendance pins to Chris Summers for 8 years, Val Weston for 13 years, Pat Cook, also for 13 years, Tally Decato for 5 years and Abbie Earle for 1 year.

Program Chair Dave Preble, with assistance from Dan Hart, introduced our guest speaker, Geoff Iacusso, General Manager and President of the Portland Sea Dogs baseball team. Geoff began by thanking Rotary

for its community involvement, something that the Sea Dogs view as very important and one of their chief roles as well. Geoff said that he has been with the Sea Dogs since 2001. He has always been a huge baseball fan and had dreams of playing for the Red Sox as a kid. As college approached, he was undecided what he was going to major in until he found out that he could major in Sports Management at UMass Amherst. He interviewed with the Sea Dogs as an intern and was offered a full time position after graduating, gradually working his way up to his current position. For the first 8 years, the Sea Dogs were an affiliate of the Miami Marlins, but became affiliated with the Red Sox in 2002 – and they recently re-upped with the Sox until 2030. Portland has the smallest market base in the league but is always at or near the top in attendance. In fact, 380,000 fans attended the first year. One reason for their attendance is that they focus on family entertainment and try to be family friendly in everything they do. Their season runs from early April until Labor Day in September. They remain busy during the off season, evaluating the season just past and building for the next season, as well as preparing their promotion schedule, some of which are Strike Out Cancer in Kids, a Mother's Day 5K race and a golf tournament to benefit the Barbara Bush Children's hospital at Maine Medical Center. Players also go in to local schools to talk about health and education – as well as baseball.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Lois – was happy to be back. She said that she gets the Advertiser in the mail in Florida and was impressed with the publicity we have received this year.

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

June Wedding Anniversaries - George & Patty Rice – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 50 yrs. – 6/5; Joel & Heather Speakman – 30 yrs. – 6/8; Charlie & Tina Fox – 33 yrs. – 6/13; John & Shelley Griffith – 46 yrs. – 6/21

June Membership Anniversaries – John Griffith – 15 yrs – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 37 yrs. – 6/14

50/50 – Heidi drew Alice's number but Alice didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$162 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

I was happily watching the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra recently when the guy playing the triangle suddenly disappeared.

The Rotary Theme for June is Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a **fellowship** is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your **Rotary** experience.

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