



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 174th day of 2021. There are 191 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair this week and Tina Fox is greeter.

Congratulations to Dan Hart,
our 2020 Rotarian of 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.

June:

30 – Changeover and Abbie Earle. Don't forget, no breakfast. We will be having coffee and donuts.

July:

5 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM

7 – Club Assembly and Talley Decato

10 – Auction Sale at OHCHS, 8:00 AM – Noon

14 – Joel Speakman and Pat Cook

21 – Warren Spencer and Curtis Cole

28 – Paul Thornfeldt and Dan Allen

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss was our only visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter and club Secretary, John Griffith gave his annual update on the Club. As of June 2020, we had 29 members. As of June 2021, we are at 33, a net gain of 4. Our average attendance, including 102 make-ups, is 80.45%. Our lowest membership attendance was 17 on July 2, 2020 and our highest was 28 members on January 6, 2021. During the 2019-2020 year, we had two months with 100% attendance, so we are lagging a bit this year. 48% of our members have been Rotarians for more than 20 years; 12% have been members for 10-20 years; 6% have been members for 5-10 years; 33% have been members for 1-5 years and 1% have been members for less than 1 year. We are 45% female and 55% male. 2 members, 5.7% of us are under 29 years old; none of us are between 30-39; 1 member, 2.9% of us is between 40-49; 5 members, 14.3% are between 50-59; 9 members, 25.7% are between 60-69; 13 members, 37.1%, are 70 and older. 3 members, 8.6% have not disclosed their age. Based on the above, our average age is 64 which is up from 62 last year. Lastly, 4 members have never logged in to Club Runner.

Announcements:

We had a wonderful **Rotarian of the Year** gathering at Peter and Becky Kaurup's last Saturday. The weather forecast was "iffy" with scattered thunderstorms possible but except for one brief period of dark clouds and a few sprinkles, the weather could not have been better. And what could be better than an outdoor potluck meal. There was very little left over. **Congratulations to Dan Hart** on becoming Rotarian of the Year for 2020. Dan has put his heart and soul into our club these last couple of years,

leading the Membership committee, the Scholarship committee, serving as Club Protection Officer and as Vocational Service Director. We are very grateful that he chose to leave the Bethel club and join Oxford Hills. Congratulations, Dan!

Next week - Don't forget that the kitchen ladies will not be serving breakfast next week, so coffee and donuts or BYOB. (Breakfast, not that other "B"). It will be a change-over meeting from President Lynne to Co-Presidents Chris and Peter.

George Rice – June 23rd (this week) is the last day for Foundation dollars to be credited to this year. Anything given after that date will be credited to 2021-2022.

Tina Fox handed out Lobster tickets last Saturday for us to sell for our Drive-thru Lobster Fest on August 21. If you did not get yours, please see Tina – and if you don't, I'm sure she will seek you out. We have 500 tickets to sell.

A reminder from last week, Dan H. is hoping that club members can join him at Sea Dogs game in Portland on Saturday, July 24 at 6:00 PM. He is checking to see if the picnic area is available. He will have a sign-up sheet coming soon. July 24 is Red Snapper Day at the Dogs.

Last Week:

President Lynne led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in song for the first time since the pandemic. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Following along with our giving updated classification talks, Patty Rice gave hers. Patty was born and raised in Oxford Hills. She graduated from Oxford Hills in 1979 – (I didn't put the year in my notes, but I think that's what she said) – and went to school in Boston for a year, during which time, she decided she was not a city girl. Her first job was at Norway National Bank. She worked there a number of years before getting laid off with all the mergers that occurred. She then had various office jobs before joining Austin Associates in 1993 – where she remains today. Patty started as a secretary and receptionist but eventually worked her way into CPA work, the majority of which is providing tax and bookkeeping services. She is also a member of the Heywood Club and has been involved with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Patty joined Rotary in 1992, sponsored by Tom Kennison. Since then, she has served in a number of club and District roles, too many to list here. Patty has two children, Derek and Nikki, from her first marriage and three granddaughters. We all know that she is married to PP and PDG George Rice and that Rotary has been an integral part of their life together.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Ron was happy to be back among us – and we were glad to see you, Ron!

John was sad that his computer and his and Shelley's vacuum cleaner both departed this world in the last couple of weeks and that it cost almost \$2000 to replace them. However, he was happy to have both up and running and it's nice to have a computer that doesn't have sticky keys.

Warren had a sad dollar for taking off the side mirror on his wife's new car when backing it out of the garage.

Tina had a sad dollar but my notes aren't clear as to why.....sorry about that!

Glenn congratulated Bob and Lynne on their 50th Anniversary and couldn't help but note that the cake was the same color as Bob's sock!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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 – 34 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 – Glenn drew George's number, but George drew the Queen of Spades from the deck. There was \$194 in the pot for someone to win next week.

Did you know?

Since last week's note of how many Francis and Frank Shoreys there are in the United States generated quite a bit of interest, I thought I would carry on for a bit. According to Howmanyofme.com, there are 92 people in the US named Warren Spencer and there are 1 or fewer people named Paul Thornfeldt. Of course, we know there is at least one! Interestingly, there are only 123 people with the last name of Thornfeldt. In comparison, there are 166,522 with the last name of Spencer.

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