



Rotary

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:

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 177th day of 2020 with 189 days remaining in the year. I don't have any information on a guest speaker. However, the last meeting in June is usually a changeover from the outgoing president to the incoming president.

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 tenth Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: John, Tina, Frank, Beth, Dave, Stan Chris S., Lynne, Liz, Becky, Peter, Dan H., Val, George, Patty, Jen, Joel and Dan A. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM. Tina led us in the Pledge and Peter led us in the 4-Way Test.

Announcements:

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.

AG Chris – Linda Smith’s plan for us to resume in person meetings at the church was approved by the church council so we will be meeting there on Wednesday, July 8th. For those who are still uncomfortable about meeting in person, we plan to continue offering Zoom meetings. Our meetings will be different. The kitchen is off limits, so we will all have to enter and exit through the front door. We will also not be able to have a buffet, but instead will have to line up at the “window” where the coffee usually is and will be served by the kitchen staff there. There may be other requirements as well.

Patty – we have donated \$1,000.00 to the Bridgton-Lake Region Club to support their District Grant for personal hygiene products.

Dan H. – Nicole Carter from the Advertiser is doing a story on how Covid-19 has affected fund raising for organizations such as Rotary and Kiwanis. Peter agreed to talk to her about the Lobster Fest and although Paul wasn’t attending, we suggested that she talk to him about the Auction.

Also, Dan said we still have 13 members that have not attended or completed training on club protection. He sent out an e-mail to those members asking them to do so.

Lynne announced that Marty Helman was appointed to the Council on Legislation for the District at the District Business meeting. The District Governor was appointed as the alternate.

Dan A. – after hearing from some members and thinking about it, Dan has decided to forego asking for the Club’s support for his idea of helping a single mother build a tree house for her autistic son. Instead, he is going to proceed on his own privately, but if any member would like to help him with this project, they are more than welcome to do so.

Liz – the budget committee has met and is working on a proposed budget for 2020-2021 which will be presented to the club shortly.

Guest Speaker:

Tina introduced John Williams, Executive Director of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. John has been associated with the Chamber for 22 years and has owned William’s Broadcasting for over 30 years. In addition, he is an ordained minister – so is a very busy guy. John said the Chamber represents 13 communities and has over 350 members, both profit and non-profit, at last count. The Chamber will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year. John said that the Covid-19 shut downs obviously affected all of the members so the Chamber has having to do business in a different manner these days and he has primarily been looking at and for resources to help all member businesses. There are still many challenges to re-opening the economy and that it is more important than ever to keep the lines of communication open. Businesses can always reach out to the Chamber but John said that calling every member has been

a priority through this time. He has been working with the Casino and advocating for them in Augusta. They can't open under the current rule of not having gatherings of more than 50 people. He has also met with Pender Makin from the Maine Dept. of Education about re-opening schools and believes that with all the health and safety protocols in place, schools will be able to re-open in September.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Stan has a happy dollar for George and Chris helping him set a tent at Norway Savings Bank for Brenda Moore's retirement party. We also have a tentative tent set on July 20 for Chris Summers' daughter who is getting married.

John had a sad dollar for the passing of an elderly, long-time friend who worked with his father at Sears in Portland for many years. He will be missed.

Patty had a happy dollar for her knee surgery which was 2 weeks ago. She is making progress and can now be on her feet for 30 minutes each hour instead of 15 minutes. She is also returning to work for half days.

Tina took a school bus with the school administrators and teachers through the district to the homes of 14 retirees to thank them for their service. It was a very rewarding day.

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

My dad used to try and annoy me with bird puns, until I realized that toucan play that game.

Here is a Brain Teaser

This is an unusual paragraph. How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so plain, you would think nothing was odd about it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual, though. Study it, and think about it, but you may still not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might still find out.

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

