



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 156th day of 2020 with 210 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 seventh Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: John, Tina, Liz, Stan, Tally, Lynne, Paul, Val, Frank, George, Beth, Jen, Peter, Becky, Curtis, Dan H. and Joel. We had two guests, DGE Marguerite (Peggy) Belanger from Kennebunk Portside and Melissa Lesnick, President of the Dover club and soon to be new AG. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4 Way Test.

DGE Peggy talked to us briefly about her role as the District Governor for 2020-2021. She is currently working with her incoming presidents to make sure that we stay on mission for what promises to be a different and interesting year. She thanked us for continuing to stay connected and that she is proud to be a Rotarian at this time. She told us that a lot of the polio workers are working on Covid 19 prevention and that there is great work being done. Melissa Resnick introduced herself as a new incoming assistant governor for her area, also referencing the excitement of a new year and Rotarians having to work within the bounds of the “new” normal.

Announcements:

I am repeating Foundation Chair George Rice's announcement from last week as a reminder: :

(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 them off at Austin Associates in Norway for Patty so she can get them to George. (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 months. 207-890-3122 or gwrice@myfairpoint.com.

Dan Hart and Peter Kaurup updated us on the Harrison Food Bank. He said that he delivers to 7 families in Norway and Oxford. The Food Bank has upwards of 10 vehicles and 20-30 volunteers each week. Peter reported that he delivers in West Paris and South Paris and that the Food Bank has a good routine going. He said he noticed other baskets in peoples' yards waiting delivery from others. I did not write down who said it but it was said that those empty baskets were for the food the school bus drivers deliver. Beth reported at all of the food banks are seeing increases in deliveries and that the Paris PD was stopping their delivery program shortly.

George Rice reported that the Club's Charitable Foundation board would be meeting on May 25th for its annual meeting, which was held. The following officers were elected: Lynne Schott, Chair; Peter Kaurup, Vice-chair; John Griffith, Secretary; Patty Rice, Treasurer; Curtis Cole and Heidi Ortiz as Members at Large; George Rice, Past Chair.

Dan Hart reported that he has accepted the invitation to join the Healthy Oxford Hills community committee for drug abuse and awareness. The first meeting of this new group will be on June 24th.

Tina Fox told us that Superintendent Colpitts, along with other superintendents, has met with the Maine Department of Education and that there are 4 scenarios for opening schools in the fall. There is a lot of anxiety right now but more should be known by July. She said that on June 15, the seniors were going to line up so that parents, family members and the community can drive by and salute the kids. I did not catch where this was going to be so will clarify next week.

The Bridgton-Lakes Region Rotary will be hosting their second Drive-in Curbside Barbeque Community Kettle at the Community Center's Depot Street Parking Lot in Bridgton at 5:00 PM on June 18th. The suggested donation is \$10 if you are able. All donations will assist the Club's Covid-19 projects. Please join us. Rotarian Nick Orgo of M.A.N.E. Catering will be the chef so the meal will be outstanding.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, at 4:30 PM, Anne Lee Hussey will be hosting another “This is Your Rotary” zoom meeting with special guest RIVP Olayinka Babalola who will be talking from his home in Port Harcourt, Nigeria about Covid-19 in Africa.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Frank was happy to find the mute and unmute button on his Zoom screen. He was happy to report that he and Connie were finally able to go out to dinner for their 56th anniversary. He also said that they were committed to returning to Maine on July 1st and that by then, we will be meeting in person.

Curtis reported that 1st Congregational Church will be reopening next month.

Tally had a sad dollar that someone pulled up the flowers she recently planted in her yard.

Dave was happy to be attending our meeting from camp. He showed us the Red Sox cup that he said Frank gave to him which Frank quickly denied.

Joel was happy to report that with his improving handy man skills, he got some new blinds put up and that they haven't fallen down yet.

Jen was happy that Resource Officer Sugars dropped off her daughter's things that got left behind when school was cancelled. Her daughter was very happy to have her "stuff" including her dictionary.

Paul said that he was able to sell quite a bit of stuff out of the storage trailer to help a young person set up an apartment. We still need donations as the trailer is getting empty. Contact Paul or Curtis if you or if someone you know have things to donate.

Lynne was happy to announce that Buddy and Sarah are expecting a daughter in September.

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:

Pickpocketing on an elevator is wrong on so many levels.

From the “Book of Useless Information”

Cheddar, England, a village in the southwestern country of Somerset, is the home to the famous geological site Cheddar Gorge. Beginning in the 16th century, visitors to Cheddar Gorge tasted cheese at local inns and started taking home “cheese from Cheddar.” The cheese was actually from cheese makers throughout Somerset county, not just in Cheddar.

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

