

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."

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 160th day of 2021. There are 205 days remaining in the year. George Rice is our program chair and Dan Hart 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:

9 – George Rice and Dan Hart

16 – Patty Rice and John Griffith

19 – Rotarian of the Year get together at Peter & Becky Kaurup's home, 101 Point Lane, Norway. Pot luck from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Bring your drink of choice and your bathing suit if you wish.

23 – Bob Schott and Tina Fox

30 – Changeover meeting and Abbie Earle

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests. We also said good morning to our Zoomers, Frank, Mike and Tally.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Glenn Huntley read an article from the Rotary magazine about how Rotary became involved with the United Nations.

Announcements:

John - I mentioned the safety vests in last week's Reader and said we only had large sizes left. However, at our meeting, Becky told me there are a few smaller sized vests as well. See Peter or Becky if you wish to purchase one. \$12.

George announced that we have sold all 150 Lobsters for Scholars tickets. We will be drawing the winners this week. George is contemplating adding a third drawing next year.

Paul talked about the auction. He has been selling things on-line as they come in so we don't have the typical things we normally do at this time. However, we do have a lot of small things that would be appropriate for a flea market. He suggested that we set a tent at the high school and have a sale on July 10 – which would be our normal auction day. He estimates that there are about 10 truck loads of stuff that could be moved from the storage trailer that morning. The “yard sale” would be from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We can also take additional donations and perhaps let it be known that other sellers could set up tables as well – which might bring in more people. So far this fiscal year, we have made \$6100 from auction items. We are also going to talk with Ripley & Fletcher Ford and Bessey Motors to see if they have a car we could auction off.

Peter talked about the work day at Pioneer Cemetery on Paris Hill. To follow up, it was a hot day but a successful one. Peter, Becky, John, Glenn, Dan H. and Curtis worked cutting trees, pruning, raking and cutting back overgrowth all morning. We left several piles of brush and debris which will be picked up and mulched. There is still more to be done and I believe Peter and Glenn are planning to do some more cutting after our morning meeting if anyone else would like to join them.

Peter and Becky will be hosting our annual Rotarian of the Year get-together at their house in Norway on Saturday, June 19, from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. It will be pot luck and bring your beverage of choice. Becky has a sign-up sheet which I am sure will be circulated again this week. In case of rain, we will reschedule.

We are still looking at what work needs to be done to the gazebo at Moore Park in South Paris so stay tuned for more info on that project.

From the board meeting:

Tina told us that the board has agreed to donate the money set aside for May Day Play Day to the elementary schools in the district for their end of the year expenses and to Interact to use at the beginning of the school year in September when Tina is planning on an extraordinary display to attract new members.

Dan announced that the board voted to approve the Membership committee's proposal to increase our annual dues from \$160 to \$175 beginning July 1. We apologize for the short notice but feel it is necessary

as we have not increased our dues for a number of years. In that time, District and RI dues have increased some every year so that we have less and less going to our internal budget. The board also approved offering a two tiered corporate membership - \$300 annually for one member of a company to attend with one voting member or \$500 annually for three members of a company to attend with one voting member.

Beth announced that we will be donating \$3000 of our food pantry budget of \$3500 to the local food pantries.

Last Week:

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

After our Club Assembly and discussion, we only had time for one of our scheduled classification talks, Abbie Earle. Abbie said she was born in Vermont and moved to Maine at the beginning of 4th grade. She graduated from Oxford Hills in 2017 and from St. Joseph's College in Standish just a few days ago. During her school days, she has worked at Pizza Hut, the Progress Center and has been an intern at the South Paris Town Office where she has done a bit of everything – from filing to mowing cemeteries. She forgot to mention that she has also served as head of the Parks & Recreation Dept. She did her student teaching in alternative education in Windham and is currently looking for a full time teaching position. She is engaged to Vincent Ortiz and that they have been together since the 7th grade. I know I speak for the entire club when I say that we hope Abbie finds a position in Oxford Hills so that she can remain a member of our Rotary club.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Lois – was happy to sell 4 lobster tickets but sad she forgot to get a ticket for herself.

Dan was happy to present Dave with a Sea Dogs baseball cap.

Curtis had happy dollars for his new grandson, who was born last Sunday, May 30th.

Lynne was happy to have a full 7 hours with her new grandson, Leon, last weekend. She said that Ben and Maude were given some very expensive diapers made from corn which are totally bio-degradable and very interesting.

Paul told us about his uncle who was killed during WWII and how his uncle's picture was chosen for a You Tube video.

Bob thanked Paul for his work on the auction and had happy dollars for his and Lynne's 50th anniversary.

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 – 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 – Abbie drew Glenn’s number but Glenn drew the 9 of Clubs, not the King. There ws \$173 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

RIP, boiling water. You’ll be mist.

On this month’s theme of Rotary Fellowships, here are a few:

Antique Automobiles – Beard and Mustache – Cruising – Doll Lovers – Educators – Fishing – Genealogy – Hiking – Internet – Jazz – Lawyers – Motorcyclists – Old and Rare Books – Photography – Quilters – Rowers – Skiing – Tennis – Wellness – Yoga.

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