



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

**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."

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### 2020-2021 Officers:

Rotary International President: Holger Knaack, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln - 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 198th day of 2020. There are 168 days remaining in the year. Our program chair is Tina Fox and our greeter is John Griffith.

**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](mailto: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.

### July

22 – Dan Hart and Tina Fox  
29 – Glenn Huntley and Abbie Earle

### August

5 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato  
12 – Liz Knox and Pat Cook  
19 – Ron Morse and Curtis Cole  
26 – Heidi Ortiz and Dan Allen

Please note that there have been some changes to the August program chair and greeter schedule from what was listed last week.

### **Last Week:**

We met in person for the first time since March 11 and it was great to see everyone in person. I think we all enjoyed our meeting even with the changes due to Covid-19. Three members joined us on Zoom as we are keeping that option available for those who are not able to attend in person.

President Lynne Schott led us in the Pledge, the 4 Way test and the Rotary prayer. Linda Smith came out of hiding in the kitchen to give us instructions on food service and re-iterated how important it is for all of us to follow the guidelines. If we do not, then the church will be closed to us again.

### **Announcements:**

There were no announcements. However, **Tina Fox** handed out lobster tickets for us to sell for our Curbside Lobster Fest on August 15. At the moment, we are pre-selling 100 tickets only but if there is a demand for more, we can easily increase the amount. The deadline for turning tickets in is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

As I was writing the Reader, I texted **Patty Rice** to see how George was doing. She replied that he was doing much better and that she was on her way to the hospital in Portland to bring him home which is great news. We have all been thinking about you, George, this last week, and are glad to hear that you are doing well.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Our guest speaker was Andrea Patstone, President of Stephens Memorial Hospital. Andrea spoke to us at our meeting on February 26 just a couple of weeks before the pandemic hit. Because of all that has happened since then, I invited Andrea to come back and give us an update on what the hospital and the employees have been dealing with during these last few months. Andrea said that last February, she was working on a 90 day plan of what she wanted to accomplish right off the bat, not thinking about a global pandemic.

Andrea talked about the steps the hospital took and the things they accomplished with three days' notice that under normal circumstances might take three weeks or three months. The hospital separated well care from those who needed hospitalization. She was very impressed with the hospital staff during this time. Everyone pitched in and did more than their share. After getting ready and waiting for an influx of Covid patients, nothing happened. She said that Stephens was the only hospital in Maine that did not have one patient; there were some people that tested positive but did not need hospitalization. With questions and answers at the end of her talk, she spoke for almost 35 minutes. I think we all found her talk interesting and informative.

### **😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊**

**Frank** had a happy \$20 for hiring Dave Preble to be a fan host for the Tampa Bay Rays.

**Dave** had \$61 happy dollars for his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday (still a baby), he was happy that George's surgery went well and lastly, did not want us mislead by Frank. He is still a Red Sox fan.

**Paul** was happy for his and Dawne's 14<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. He said auction items are going well on line and that he had sold the bedroom set that was recently donated. Pickings are getting a bit slim so we need more stuff to sell.

**Bob** heard from Maryanne Todd that she has not found a Rotary Club in Florida that she likes so is continuing her membership in Oxford Hills until she does. Bob is also selling "Mask" buttons, encouraging people to wear masks if anyone would like to purchase one.

**President Lynne** was happy to see her granddaughter over the weekend and was happy to see us this morning.

**50/50 – There was \$278.00 in the pot. On the third try, Frank drew Dave's number but Dave did not draw the King of Clubs.**

**July Birthdays** – Frank Shorey – 7/2; Dan Hart – 7/8; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9; Becky Kaurup – 7/15; Connie (Frank) Shorey – 7/17

**July Wedding Anniversaries** – Paul & Dawne Thornfeldt – 14 yrs. – 7/1; Dave & Becky Preble – 7/26.

**July Membership Anniversaries** – Frank Shorey – 36 yrs. – 7/1; Val Weston – 33yrs. – 7/22

### **Pun of the Week**

Did you hear about the guy who got hit on the head with a can of soda? Luckily for him, it was a soft drink.

### **The Weekly Extra**

Did you know that July is National Ice Cream month in the United States? In 1984, President Ronald Reagan declared July National Ice Cream month and the third Sunday in July as National Ice Cream Day.

**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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School