



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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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 – Vice-pres.: to be determined – 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! Today is the 205th day of 2019. There are 160 days remaining in the year. John Griffith is program chair. His guest speaker is Roberta Hill, Leader of the Western Maine Chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Tina Fox is 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.

July:

31 – As it is the 5th Wednesday of the month, we will be having an evening cook out meeting at Ron and Laura Morse's home on Norway Lake starting at 5:30 PM. There will be no morning meeting!

August:

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

7 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato

14 – Lobster & Steak Fest meeting and Curtis Cole

15 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

17 – Lobster & Steak Fest at OHCHS

21 – Glenn Huntley and Dan Allen. Our guest speaker will be Steve Heinz from the Maine Council of Trout who will be talking about the Welchville Dam replacement and its effects on fishing.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Although she doesn't like to be recognized as such, Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our only visiting Rotarian. Connie Shorey was the guest of Frank Shorey.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter John Griffith gave us some statistics as we begin a new year. Our overall attendance for 2018-2019, including make-ups, was 81%. We had a total of 221 make-ups. 33% of our membership is over 70 years old; 30% is between 60-69; 20% is between 50-59; 17% is under 50. 47% of us have 20 or more years as Rotarians; 23% have between 1-5 years; 13% have 10-20 years; 10% have 5-10 years and 7% have 1 year or less.

Announcements:

Paul Thornfeldt – Preliminary figures for the auction indicate that we made \$13,870.00 which is about \$2,000.00 less than last year but still in line with what we have made the last several years of doing the auction on our own. We received \$2,000.00 and \$2,300.00 for the Saturn and Explorer respectively. We had \$4,900.00 in debit/credit card sales. A big thank you to Dave Preble and the runners who did an excellent job. Paul also thanked his wife, Dawne, for helping him and always being there for support.

The Boy Scouts were vigilant on Friday night and helped keep our stuff from getting too wet during the rain. We will be awarding them a campership as we have done in past years.

The hamburgers and hotdogs were donated by the Oxford Casino and the thank you advertisement to all of our supporters will be in next week's Advertiser.

President Pat – A big thank you to everyone for another successful auction.

Don't forget to fill in your hours in the binder. We still need to keep track.

George Rice – handed out lobster feed tickets. Pre-selling is very important so please do your best. Last year we sold 234 lobster tickets of which 214 were redeemed and we sold 39 steak tickets of which 30 were redeemed. We had 20 walk-in lobster sales and 5 walk-in steak sales.

Last Week:

President Pat led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. We didn't have a song leader, but someone started us off singing "Happy Birthday" to Becky Kaurup. Pat then asked for a moment of silence.

Pat started off the meeting by addressing comments she has received from members concerning having a moment of silence instead of a prayer. Pat said she feels a moment of silence is more appropriate than a prayer as we try to gain new members who may not worship the same way we do.

Tally and Dan then led another Membership meeting based on the Alternative Meeting Survey we recently did. Dan handed out index cards for us to: (1) name our table, (2) to write down two positive things that might come about with an alternative meeting and (3) to write down any questions we have concerning the alternative meeting. We then had a discussion about our answers.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊:

Stan – had thank you dollars for all who helped with the Auction tents.

Dave – had thank you dollars for his 60th birthday and for his grandson who competed in a bicycle race at Sugarloaf and won the whole thing. He also said his nephew, who is terminally ill, recently had a surgery that was successful and will give him a few more months with his family.

Ron – was happy for his daughter, Natalie, who won the 50/50 at the auction but was late in getting to the microphone to claim it. So late, in fact, that another winner was drawn, who happened to be Dave Preble. However, Dave graciously conceded to Natalie when she got to the front of the tent.

Glenn – had a thank you dollar to the spouses who worked at the auction.

Frank – had a happy to be here dollar and a happy birthday dollar for Connie – to whom we sang Happy Birthday. Frank said he was also happy to win his bet with Dave, which explained Dave’s attire at the meeting.

Bob – still has the last weekend of the month available if anyone would like to go rafting. He also reminded us that this week is the 50th Anniversary of the moon landing.

50/50: Becky drew Liz’s number but Liz did not find the gold (not yellow) ball. There was \$253 in the pot.

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 – 7/1; Dave & Becky Preble – 7/26; Pat & Bruce Cook – 7/27.

July Membership Anniversaries – Frank Shorey – 35 years – 7/1; Val Weston – 32 years – 7/22

Quotes from Grampa:

1. “Sure, have all the candy you want.”
2. “No matter where you go, there you are.”
3. “Your mom and dad won’t mind.”
4. “I walked 10 miles in the snow to school every day, up hill, both ways.”
5. “Here’s a quarter. Don’t spend it all in one place.”

Remember The Four Way Test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better 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