

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-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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 191st day of 2020. There are 175 days remaining in the year. John Griffith is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Andrea Patstone, President of Stephens Memorial Hospital. 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.

July

- 15 – Tina Fox and John Griffith
- 22 – Dan Hart and Tina Fox
- 29 – Glenn Huntley and Abbie Earle

August

- 5 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato
- 12 – Becky Kaurup and Pat Cook
- 19 – Peter Kaurup and Curtis Cole
- 26 – Liz Knox and Dan Allen

Last Week:

We had our twelfth Zoom meeting on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. Members participating were: John, Tina, Curtis, Stan, Tally, Val, Lynne, Liz, Chris S., Frank, Dave, Dan H., Becky, Peter and Dan A. Our guest was Lois Strauss. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM. Lois led us in a prayer for George Rice as he undergoes his heart surgery. Tina led us in the Pledge and Lynne led us in the 4-Way Test. Our guest speaker was Linda Smith from 1st Congregational Church who explained the rules for our meeting in person next (now this) week.

Announcements:

Our announcements were centered on the board meeting on June 30. The board met at the South Paris Town office for the first time since March 2nd.

Lynne – we donated \$500 to the West Paris and Otisfield food banks to finish up our pantry donations for the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

Lynne attended the District Zoom meeting on June 30th and took her oath of office along with the other new presidents in the district so she is now “official.” She said that the meeting was “different” and that Peggy Belanger will be an enthusiastic District Governor.

The board voted to donate \$500 to Gardner’s Growing Communities. This is the organization that Mary Ann Todd was involved with and our donation of \$335 last year was matched to \$1000. There were no matching grants this year, so the board voted to increase our donation to \$500.

Since we advertised that the proceeds of the Cornhole Tournament were to benefit senior citizens and we were unable to do something due to the virus, the board voted to set aside our remaining funds of \$762 for a future senior citizen project.

We have decided to do a curbside drive-up Lobster Fest on August 15 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM or until the meals are all picked up. We will be selling 100 tickets at \$20 each. There will be no sales at the event. The menu will be a lobster, clams, ear of corn, and chips. We will not be doing fries, drinks or watermelon.

Guest speaker – Linda Smith

Linda joined our meeting to explain how our in person meetings will work at the church. Linda said she has to follow the CDC guidelines for group meetings.

1. Rotarians must use the front door. Kitchen staff will use the back door.
2. No Rotarians will be allowed in the kitchen.
3. Please do not enter the building before 7:00 AM to allow for the kitchen staff to sanitize tables, etc.
4. We will line up by table at the window between the vestry and the kitchen where the coffee used to be. We must maintain a 6’ social distance when in line and when leaving with our food. There will be markings on the floor telling us which direction to go.

5. All food must come through the window. There will be a menu posted for us to tell the staff what we want, ie: omelet, cereal, yogurt, fruit, oatmeal, etc. The menu will be similar to what we have had in the past.
6. Milk, cream, coffee, salt, pepper and other condiments will be served to us. They cannot be left out in the open.
7. Seating will be social distanced. Only 4 people at one table; some tables will be for only 1 person. There will be enough seating for 28 people.
8. When finished, we will put our trays and dishes in plastic bins on the table by the door to the dishwashing room – and trash in the trash barrel.
9. Masks are optional but encouraged. The kitchen folks will be masked.

Curtis thanked Linda for her work in getting us back to the church and meeting in person.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Lynne had a happy \$10 for her year as president.

Frank and Connie were happy for their good trip coming north and are happy to be back in Maine. They had no issues at all while traveling and traffic was relatively light. Frank was sad that the Murdock Club he attended in Florida has disbanded and turned in their charter. He is not sure where he will attend when he returns to Florida.

Dan H. had happy dollars for all the July birthdays in his family.

Dan A. was happy for his wonderful visit from his son who lives in Memphis.

Tina had a happy \$5 for the bird's nest under the eaves and that the babies have flown away.

In the same vein, **Curtis** said that some bluebirds have moved in near his house and that the chicks are very noisy when being fed.

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

Although Connie decided to become a whiskey maker, Frank loved her still.

What do you mean by that?

Blue Bloods - In the Middle Ages, the veins of the fair complexioned people of Spain appeared blue. To distinguish them as untainted by the Moors, they referred to themselves as blue blooded.

White Elephant – Once upon a time in Siam, rare albino elephants were to receive nothing but the best from their owners. Therefore, no one wanted to own one.

Touch and Go – English ships in the 18th century would often hit bottom in shallow water, only to be released with the next wave. The phrase indicated that they had narrowly averted danger.

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