



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 233rd day of 2020. There are 133 days remaining in the year. This morning District Governor Peggy Belanger is our special guest. Our greeter is Curtis Cole.

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.

August

26 – Liz Knox and Dan Allen

31 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office

September

2 – Club Assembly and Beth Abbott

9 – Ron Morse and Val Weston

16 – Evening meeting at Daddy O's in Oxford at 5:30 PM. Heidi Ortiz is our program chair and Paul Thornfeldt is our greeter.

23 – Dave Preble and Chris Summers

30 – George Rice and Joel Speakman

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Announcements:

We are trying to set up a Finance Committee Zoom meeting with Joel Speakman for Tuesday, August 21, likely at 5:00 or 5:30 PM. Committee members will be notified by e-mail.

We had further discussion about renting a tent to SAD #17 to use at the high school for an outdoor gathering space for mask “relief” and use as an outdoor classroom. There were concerns about liability which I believe were answered and potential damage to the tent from vandalism and lengthy exposure to the elements. It was suggested that we take the tent down on Friday and re-set it on Sunday to reduce the possibility of both. However, that would require something of a commitment from club members. The consensus seemed to be that the school department has been supportive of the club for many years and that we ought to do this. Curtis moved that we continue to get more information and proceed with the idea, and the membership agreed.

We will be resuming our evening meetings at Daddy O’s in Oxford on September 16th.

Curbside Lobester Fest

We had a wonderful day on Saturday at our Curbside Lobester Fest. The weather co-operated although it was a bit chilly during the morning. However, the mist cleared and we had a mostly cloudy but warm afternoon. Thankfully it was not a hot muggy day like we had a day or two earlier. The process went very smoothly. We were concerned that a lot of people would show up all at once, creating something of a traffic jam, but I think the most cars we had in line at any one time was no more than 5 or 6. Once all is settled, we netted around \$2,000.00 which is very respectable. We had no leftovers and were picked up and tents taken down by 7:00 PM. The consensus seemed to be that this is the way we ought to do this in the future. We owe a great thanks to Peter Kaurup for heading this up and making it happen – and to Becky, too, for her support.

On a side note, I’m a bit disappointed that no one seems to have noticed that I have been spelling lobster “lobester.”

Last Week:

President Lynne Schott led us in the Pledge, the 4 Way test and the Rotary prayer. We have been asked not to sing as it is not allowed under current CDC guidelines, so our voices are on hold until further notice. Also, in accordance with the guidelines the church must follow, we were reminded that masks are required attire except when we are eating.

Lynne presented two perfect attendance awards – to Liz Knox for 2 years and John Griffith for 13 years. Congratulations to Liz and John. We spent our meeting time discussing the Curbside Lobster Fest and making final preparations.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Peter had a happy dollar for a successful Lobster Fest.

Dave saw Dennis King who said to say hello. He also talked with Ron Morse who is fighting more infection in his leg.

Lynne was happy to tell us that Will has become engaged to his girlfriend in Quebec. All they need to do now is figure out the logistics of an international wedding.

Tina said she and her family had an awesome time camping up near Medway.

AG Chris announced that his mother was arriving tomorrow (last Thursday) but she will have to self-quarantine for 2 weeks so cannot come to the Lobster Fest.

Lois had happy dollars for getting permission to drive again after her illness.

Bob said he would host a Presidential Rafting trip if there was interest. He has also finished building a new woodshed at camp.

50/50 – Curtis drew Dave’s number but Dave didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$333.00 in the pot.

August Birthdays – Chris Summers – 8/17; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27.

August Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

August Membership Anniversaries – None listed

Pun of the Week:

The last time I got caught stealing a calendar, I got twelve months.

Quote of the Week:

“Always forgive your enemies – nothing annoys them so much.”

~ Oscar Wilde ~

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