



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 247th day of 2020. There are 119 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly. Beth Abbott 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.

September

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. The Membership Committee will be doing a presentation.

23 – Dave Preble and Chris Summers

30 – George Rice and Joel Speakman

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was once again our only visitor.

Rotary Moment

Bob Schott stepped in to substitute for greeter Dan Allen. Bob told us that Rotary International is 100% behind wearing masks to stop the spread of the virus and encouraged us all to wear our masks. As a reminder, we are supposed to keep them on during our meeting except when we are eating.

Announcements:

I need to make a correction to what was announced last week concerning last year's Lobster & Steak Fest. From Patty Rice, gross sales were \$7,903.00 with expenses of \$3,840.00, leaving us a net profit of \$4,063. Of that amount, we put \$1,300.00 in the charitable fund.

We set the wedding tent and another smaller tent last Thursday for Taylor Summers' wedding last Saturday in Sebago and will be taking them down this afternoon (Monday). Stan, Curtis, Chris S., Peter, Becky and I, along with some help from Taylor's husband to be, put both tents up in an hour and a half. Of course, it poured early Saturday which was a concern but at least here in Norway, it stopped raining by the time of the wedding so hope it did in Sebago as well.

We will be setting the Lars tent at the middle school on September 7 or 8. Stan has a sign-up sheet for us to volunteer to check on the tent once each week to make sure it is still standing! (LOL). If you can help, please sign up.

President Lynne shared two thank-you notes, one from the West Paris food pantry for our donation and another from the Friends of Kakamega for our support of Jacob and his family.

Through AG Chris, we received a \$30 donation to the Curbside Lobster Fest from Sue and Hank Emerson.

Last Week:

President Lynne 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.

Liz Knox was our program chair and was her own program, talking about Absentee and Mail-in voting. She said there was a lot of misconception about this, especially on social media, and that this was a good opportunity for her to set the record straight. Voting absentee or by mail are essentially the same thing. Ballots can be requested by calling the town office or by filling out the on-line form on Maine.gov. Requests are checked against the CVR – Central Voter Registration – set up by the state which includes all voters in Maine. Once the request is verified by the town clerk, ballots are sent out in the mail. All ballots sent in must be signed on the envelope flap or they are not counted. Another misconception is that the ballots have the registered voter's party affiliation on them. That is not true. There is nothing on the envelope to indicate how a voter may vote. Ballots may be returned by mail or many towns have lock boxes where a voter can drop off their ballot. All in all, it is a very safe system with very little chance of fraud.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Frank was happy to win the 50/50 pot last week so he paid his fine of \$19.00 for the Tampa Bay Ray's spring training stickers that were put on our breakfast trays. He said he and Connie are heading back to Florida on Saturday and that he would be zooming from Port Charlotte on Wednesday.

Lynne had a great weekend with friends and she and Bob introduced three more kids to rafting.

Lois was happy to see so many of us wearing masks.

Pat said some friends bought tickets for the lobster and that she got a lot of positive comments from them.

50/50 – After Frank's win the previous week, there was only \$8 in the pot. Frank drew Curtis's number but Curtis did not draw the King of Clubs.

September Birthdays – Dawne Wilton (Paul) – 9/6; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/23

September Wedding Anniversaries – Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 9/6; Chris & Val Weston – 9/23

September Membership Anniversaries – Becky Kaurup – 3 yrs. – 9/6; Beth Abbott – 18 yrs. – 9/11; Jen Sherbinski – 1 year – 9/11; Patty Rice – 28 yrs. – 9/23

Pun of the Week:

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Some humor in order - from the Classified Ads:

One man, seven woman hot tub - \$850 or offer

Amana washer \$100. Owned by clean bachelor who seldom washed.

Snow blower for sale. Only used on snowy days.

Free puppies – part German shepherd, part dog.

Two wire mesh butchering gloves, one 5 finger, one 3 finger, pair \$15

Cows, calves never bred. Also 1 gay bull for sale.

Free Yorkshire terrier: 8 years old. Unpleasant little dog.

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