

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, September 4, 2019

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 247th day of 2019. There are 118 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly and Val Weston 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.

September:

4 – Fireside Chat at 5:00 PM for Jen Sherbinski at Tally Decato's home, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris.

11 – Liz Knox and Chris Weston

18 – Ron Morse and Miranda Ward

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

25 – Becky Kaurup and Marianne Todd

October:

2 – Club Assembly and Paul Thornfeldt

5 – Rotary Rocks, University of Southern Maine, Portland, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

9 – Peter Kaurup and Tonya Swart

16 – Heidi Ortiz and AG Chris Summers

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey were our visiting Rotarians. Phyllis Summers was the guest of AG Chris Summers.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Beth Abbott told us that we should consider holding a District position. For example, Tina Fox is Interact Co-chair, Chris Summers is AG, Beth was AG and Patty served as District Treasurer. Every position is rewarding and increases our knowledge of Rotary. Also, check out Rotary Global Rewards. There are lots of discounts for Rotarians, so check it out. Just Google it.

Fireside Chat:

To the best of my knowledge as I write this, there will be a Fireside Chat at 5:00 PM at Tally's house, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris, for Jen Sherbinsky. Please come and share your Rotary story.

Announcements:

Liz Knox – the Riverside Cemetery project is set to go for Saturday, September 21. There will be plenty of work to do. Please speak to Liz for more info.

Bob Schott – We have a Road Toll for the food pantries coming up next month, Sunday, October 20. Please keep the date in mind.

John Griffith – Had a brief note from Frank that he and Connie made it safely to Florida. While the exact track of hurricane Dorian is uncertain at this point, it appears that their area of Florida will escape any serious weather.

Last Week:

President Pat led us in the Pledge, the 4-Way Test and the Rotary prayer. Dan Allen led us in singing "God Bless Our Rotary."

Our guest speaker was Charlie Paul, accompanied by his wife, Alice, from Honor Flight Maine. As a veteran himself, Charlie said he is passionate about anything to do with veterans. Honor Flight started in Ohio just four years ago with a doctor who is also a pilot. He and a friend started with 6 planes, taking 12 veterans to Washington, DC. Now there are 145 hubs in 35 states participating. The trip is free for veterans; their guardians pay \$500 and each veteran is assigned a guardian to assist them. So far, 222,000 veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam have made the trip. The goal is to get as many WWII veterans to go as possible as their numbers are dwindling. WCSH has been very supportive, holding a telethon every year and thanks to that support, the Maine chapter will be able to do 4 flights this year, including upcoming ones in September and October. It's a wonderful program and very moving for those who are able to go.

 **Happy Dollars** 

Stan – happy to sell two of our gold and blue tents to Buckfield recreation. Only issue is that he has to teach them how to set them up.

Dan A. – if any of us uses Amazon, we should sign up for Amazon Smile as Amazon will donate to our designated charity every time we make a purchase. Good way to donate to the Foundation.
www.Smile.Amazon.com.

Dennis King – hello and happy to be back for a couple of weeks.

Dan H. – seemed nice but strange to not be in school this year. The board will be taking up the alternative meeting idea at the board meeting on September 3rd and there will be a Fireside Chat for Jen Sherbinsky on Wednesday, September 4th.

Tina – did not catch all she said (sorry) but I did get the part that she was glad to have Charlie and Alice as our guest speakers.

George – the gross for the Lobster & Steak Fest was about what we budgeted. We would not do as well as we do without the help of the Casino. While they no longer buy tickets for veterans, they donated the steaks, fries, oil and all of the paper goods, saving us a considerable amount. We owe them a huge thank-you.

Ron said that there will be another Veteran’s boat tour around Norway Lake coming up.

50/50: Marianne drew Patty’s number but Patty didn’t win the \$307 in the pot.

September Birthdays – Dawne (Paul Thornfeldt) Wilton – 9/6; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26

September Wedding Anniversaries – Stan & Anne Marie Brett – 9/20; Chris & Val Weston – 9/23

September Membership Anniversaries – Becky Kaurup – 2 yrs. – 9/6; Beth Abbott – 17 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 27 yrs. – 9/23

By the Numbers:

900 trillion: The number of footballs it would take to fill the Grand Canyon.

Brain Teaser:

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Cross out all the unnecessary letters in the above string of letters and a logical sentence will remain.

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



The answer to the Brain Teaser: A logical sentence.

