



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 254th day of 2020. There are 112 days remaining in the year. Ron was scheduled to be program chair but since he can't be here, Bob Schott has a presentation he wants to do. Val Weston 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

16 – Membership Committee meeting at Daddy O's at 4:30 PM.

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

October

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

7 – Club Assembly and Jen Sherbinski

14 – Patty Rice and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Phyllis Summers was the guest of AG Chris Summers. Welcome back to Maine, Phyllis! It's nice to see you again!

Rotary Moment

We did not have a Rotary Moment last week.

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.

Our program was a Club Assembly. Our discussion and announcements centered on the Board meeting on Monday, August 31.

Liz has proposed that we look at doing a Chile / Chowder Fest, possibly next March. Her original idea was to have one this fall, but there is not enough time now to put one together. She said we could do it the same way as the Curbside Lobster Fest, sell tickets in advance and have the food cooked and pre-packed for people to drive in and pick up. We would need to find a different venue as the high school property would not work.

Bob suggested that we could still do a Road Toll in October the weekend after Columbus Day. He has checked with the town and such an event would be acceptable. However, there is still reluctance to commit to doing this due to the virus. While we would wear masks, we would not be able to maintain a 6' distance between us and cars passing by as well as most drivers not wearing masks. The general feeling of the club was that it is too much of a risk for us at this time. In jest, Dave Preble suggested a drive through Covid 19 drive vaccine drive through and he would give the shots.

A question was asked about how much longer we are going to do the Zoom meetings if Tina is not able to set them up due to school starting. It was explained that Tina can set the meeting up on Zoom and send out the invite; Peter knows how to set up the Zoom for our meetings. In fact, last week he used two computers to give Zoom attendees different views of the meeting.

The board has given approval to continue with the Cheese sale fund raiser starting in October. We feel this is something we can do and maintain COVID protocols.

We will be setting the Lars tent at the Middle School on Labor Day. We still need people to sign up to check the tent for the last three weeks of use. Stan suggested that those checking the tent have some zip ties and a knife to replace the existing ties if the ropes need to be tightened.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Paul had happy dollars for the great week he and Dawne had camping in Winter Harbor

Bob was happy that he and Lynne have had 11, 401 carbon free miles in their Hyundai Kona EV. He was also happy to actually finish a project at camp this summer, getting his new wood shed 100% complete. He was sad that Jackson Labs where his son works wasn't allowed to help with COVID tests by the Maine and Federal governments. However, Connecticut took advantage and Jackson has prepared 7,000 testing kits for them.

Not sure that I got this one right but I think **Chris** said he made a set of Corn Hole tournament boards for a raffle and ended up winning them himself.

Phyllis Summers had a glad to be here dollar.

50/50 – For the second week in a row, Curtis’s number was drawn. For the second week in a row, Curtis did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$17.00 in the pot.

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

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:

Did you hear about the guy who was buried alive? It was a grave mistake.

Did you Know?

The ampersand is actually a ligature of the letters “e” and “t” in the Latin word “et,” meaning, predictably, “and.” This is why the phrase “et cetera” was often abbreviated as &tc in various 18th and 19th century writings. The term “ampersand” itself is a convoluted corruption of “and (&tc) per se and” which literally means “(the character) & by itself (is the word) and.”

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