



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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*Rotary Theme for 2013 – 2014: “Engage Rotary – Change Lives”*

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## 2013-2014 Officers

Rotary International President: Ron Burton ~ Governor, District 7780: Carolyn Johnson  
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**Welcome! Frank Shorey is our program chair although we don't think he has a clue. Our greeter is Rebecca Dowse.**

**Calendar:** *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is Greeter.* Please let President Dave, Program Chair Christina Twitchell or Reader Editor John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. Please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia

9/4 – Frank Shorey and Rebecca Dowse

9/7 – Rafting Trip for past exchange student, Thomas Kurchov. It will also be Dave Preble's Presidential trip down the river.

9/11 – Curtis Smith and Pat Cook

9/14 – Rotary Family Service Day, Camp Sunshine in Casco

9/18 – Jack Sours and Curtis Cole

9/19-22 – Rafting trip and Common Ground Fair for exchange students

9/21 – Meet at storage trailer on Cottage St. at 8:00AM to repair roof. Rain date is 9/28.

9/25 – District Governor and Dave Carter

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Phyllis Summers was the guest of Chris Summers.

We are beginning to wonder about Frank Shorey. Rumor has it that he is coming in early, having his own meeting without us and then is leaving before the rest of us get there. Frank, don't you like us anymore??

♪ Led by the most musical Dan Allen and Jack Richardson, we sang **Happy Birthday** to Irina Kahn ♪

## **Announcements:**

**President Dave** – asked George Rice to come forward to accept his 20 year perfect attendance award. Not only does George have perfect attendance, just think of the hundreds, perhaps thousands of hours he has devoted to our club and Rotary in those years.

We don't have final figures on the Lobster & Steak Fest as there are still a couple of bills that Pat just received but it looks like we made around \$4,000 which would be our most successful Fest yet.

There was a sign-up sheet going around for the Kiwanis Hollywood Homicide Murder Mystery dinner theater on September 7. The Kiwanians would love to have us fill a table. If you would like to go and did not sign up today, you will have to contact a Kiwanis member to get your reservation in.

**Susan Cairns** – there was a Visioning Committee meeting at Susan's house last Wednesday evening. Susan, John, Lynne, Chris S., Lois, Patty, Ron and Larry attended. After reviewing our Visioning results and having a good discussion, we decided the best way to start the process was to get a handle on our committees (or lack there-of). Once we have those in place and members on them, we can move on to the other goals and objectives. We agreed to meet again in 2 weeks at Chris Summers' house on Paris Hill Rd.

**Bob** – remember there are two rafting trips coming up! On September 7<sup>th</sup>, former exchange student Thomas Kurchov from Germany will be visiting and rafting, and President Dave will definitely be making his run on the Presidential barge. The exchange student rafting weekend will be September 19-22. Bob has made arrangements for them to help out at the Common Ground Fair on Thursday evening, the 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday morning, the 20<sup>th</sup>, prior to rafting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun!

**Membership Minute** – Greeter Tally gave us more information on Women in Rotary. Rotary's first woman president was in 1987 from the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, after the club's 11 year battle with Rotary International to admit women. A Representative from RI visited the Duarte Club and reported the female members to RI. The club was then asked to terminate the female members or lose its charter. They wouldn't comply so their charter was revoked. The Club then added a big black X to its Rotary sign and named itself the X-Rotary Club of Duarte. They also took their complaint to court and in 1987, the courts ruled in favor of Duarte. Today, there are 188,000 women members of Rotary.

### **Last Week's Program:**

Our guest speaker was PP Bob Schott. Bob gave us a brief history of the Moxie Gore Paddling Club which was founded in 1992. It became incorporated in 1994 and Bob is currently working on it becoming a 501C3. Bob built a club house in 1997 with the goal of eventually moving it to a permanent site on a slab. As of now, the site has been leveled, stumped and ditched. Through the years, Bob and Lynne have hosted many Rotarians and other groups – GSE teams, Friendship Exchange, Rotary exchange students, Interactors, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and organizations such as the Wells Rec Dept. With our club's blessing, Bob is applying for some remaining district grant funds to put in a cement pad for the club house so it can be moved to its permanent site. Current DG Carolyn Johnson also wants to make the spring and fall rafting trips as well as the spring ski trip a requirement for the exchange students. It is currently voluntary.

**Happy & Sad Dollars:** **Lois** – was happy not to be selling tickets for anything anymore and was happy that Bob is applying for a grant. **Chris S** – was sad to say that his mother, Phyllis, who has been coming to our meetings while visiting Chris and his family, is leaving this week for home in Johnson City, Tennessee. We will miss seeing you Phyllis and look forward to 🎵 singing 🎵 our welcome song to you next year. **Susan C.** - was happy to be selling her house and we are happy she is not moving far away.

**50/50:** Pat Cook drew Susan Cairns' ticket and SUE DREW THE KING OF CLUBS winning the pot of \$232! Congratulations, Sue!

**Birthdays in September:** Dawne Wilton (Paul Thornfeldt) – 9/6; Chris Twitchell – 9/24; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26.

**Anniversaries in September:** Susan & Nelson Cairns – 9/12; Stan & Ann Brett – 9/20; Lois & Herb Strauss – 9/20; Larry & Jane Jordan – 9/21; Val & Chris Weston – 9/23.

**Membership Anniversaries in September:** Beth Abbott – 11 years on 9/2; Mary Lou Burns – 22 years on 9/4; Patty Rice – 21 years on 9/23.