



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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Rotary Theme for 2012 – 2013: "Peace Through Service"

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Welcome!

Tonight's greeter is Tally Decato and we will be announcing our Rotarian of the Year.

Calendar: The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is Greeter. Please let President Bob or Program Chair Dave Preble 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

1/23/13 – Susan Cairns and Pat Cook.

Our speaker will be Joel Speakman who will give us an overview and report on the club's investment account.

1/30/13 – Dave Carter and Curtis Cole

2/6/12 – Students of the Month and Dave Carter

2/13/12 – Curtis Cole and Susan Cairns

2/20/12 – Pat Cook and Mary Lou Burns

Announcements:

If you see this newsletter in your e-mail before next week's meeting, don't forget that we are meeting at 5:00PM on the 16th. No extra credit if you show up at our usual time! We will have a social hour at 5:00PM with dinner at 6:00PM followed by a regular meeting and Rotarian of the Year program. If you would like to bring some snacks for the social hour, please do so.

- **We will be doing winter food baskets in February.** We have set aside \$750 for up to 20 baskets. Ron will be getting us names. We decided to do winter baskets because people get so many baskets at Christmas and Easter and in February, they will be making choices between fuel, medicine or food.
- **May Day Play Day** – final date to be determined but we will work it around the District Conference dates.

- **Exchange Student Ski Weekend** – will start at Carter’s in Oxford on March 7th with a pizza party. All are welcome.
- **Bowl for Kid’s Sake** – bowling will be on Saturday, April 13. Jack will head up. More later.
- **World Peace and Understanding Dinner** – will be on February 23rd. The club will pay for the first 10 to sign up.
- **George Rice** announced that the Newburyport Club has decided to leave our district and join District 7930 in the Boston area. Newburyport has 73 members so their departure will affect our district’s budget for next year.
- **Patty Rice** is now our District Treasurer. Congratulations Patty!
- **Curtis Cole** has qualified as a PSI Ski instructor. Congratulations Curtis!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no guests or visiting Rotarians last week.

Last week: Our guest speaker was Ashley Rand from Electricity Maine. Electricity Maine was established in July of 2011. It was the first company to offer power to Maine consumers since the Maine market was deregulated in 1999. Electricity Maine now has almost 200,000 customers and 18 employees. They purchase their power through the New England power pool of which 35% has to come from renewable energy sources. As of March 1, 2013, their power supply rate will be .0623 cents per kwh compared to the standard offer of .0707 cents. Now that Electricity Maine has opened the market, other companies such as Dead River and CN Brown are selling power so there will be more competition. Having switched to Electricity Maine myself, I can say it is very easy to sign up through their website and is a seamless transaction.

Happy and Sad Dollars: **Dave C.** was happy for snow! **Curtis** told us of a woman he knew that referred to snow as something else. If you weren’t here and didn’t hear what it was, you’ll have to ask him. **Mary Lou** was happy that our speaker was able to join us. **Patty** was happy for her dad’s 77th birthday and that he was happy that he and her mom were the same age for a few weeks before she turns 78. **Paul** was happy to be back and thankful for Dawn for all she did for him while he was out of commission. **Glenn** was happy that Ripley & Fletcher Ford was in the top 10 in sales in Maine during its first month under new ownership. **Joel** was happy that his daughter has the opportunity to go on a number of field trips this year. **Pat** explained how our breakfast cost is broken down. **Bob** was happy to be doing Uncle Bob’s Ski Day at Shawnee Peak with his nieces and nephews on Saturday. **John** was happy that both of his sons and their girlfriends have announced their engagements. He was also happy that Paul is back and will be able to take over as editor or the Reader while John is in Florida.

50/50– Our guest speaker, Ashley Rand, drew Steve Galvin’s ticket but Steve did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$242 in the pot.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January and February:

Dan Allen – 1/22; Anne (Dave) Carter – 2/1; Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/13;
Ron Morse – 2/24

And last but not least – Jack received a note and picture from Frank Shorey. Frank wanted us to know that he will provide autographed pictures for \$10 of which \$5 will go to the Rotary Foundation and \$5 will go to the Frank Shorey Foundation. Steve said he would sign them for \$5 and we all agreed that was better deal.