



# 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 – Oxford Hills Rotary Club Pres.: Dave Preble – Pres. Elect: Christina Twitchell – Vice Pres.: Chris Summers – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: Jack Richardson – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past Pres.: Bob Schott – Foundation Chair: Larry Jordan – Membership Chair: Dan Allen – Publicity Chair: Steve Galvin – Community and Club Service Chair: Ron Morse

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Our program chair this morning is Pat Cook and our greeter is Ron Morse.

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**Calendar: The first name listed is 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.

2/3 – **Board of Directors meeting**, 6:00PM at NPC-TV on Marston St.

2/5 – **Students of the Month** and **Phil Libby**

2/12 – **Curtis Cole** and **Robert Kahn**. Curtis's guest speaker is Oxford Country Administrator, Scott Cole.

2/19 – **Tally Decato** and **Irina Kahn**

2/26 – **Rebecca Dowse** and **Larry Jordan**. Rebecca's guest speaker is Connie Jones, Director of Community Services for Seniors Plus who will be talking about Meals on Wheels in Oxford County.

3/3 – **Board of Directors meeting**, 6:00PM at NPC-TV on Marston St.

3/5 – **Students of the Month** and **David Infinger**

3/12 – **Steve Galvin** and **Glenn Huntley**

**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** We had many visiting Rotarians and guests with us to help celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary – PDG Marty Helman from Boothbay Harbor, DGE Lawrence Furbish and his wife, Barbara Sutcliffe, from Sanford-Springvale, DGND Sheila Rollins and her husband, Merrill, from Bridgton-Lake Region, David Chafee, President of Fryeburg, and Holly Dvorak, President of Bridgton-Lake Region and her partner, Lee Eastman, and from Bethel, President Rene McGrew, Bruce Powell, Scott Hynek, Ellie Andrews, Pat Roma, Steve Wight, Kathy Thrall and her husband, Al Thrall, and Robin Zinchuck. In addition, there were many spouses and partners of Oxford Hills' members in attendance.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner and meeting:**

President Dave led off with the Pledge of Allegiance then Dan and Jack led us in singing two songs which by the look on some of our guests faces, seems to catch them off guard. Jack then led us in singing happy birthday to Dan who was celebrating the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday. After a blessing from Glenn Huntley and a few words of welcome from President Dave, including congratulations received from **Dave Whittier** and absent members **Paul Thornfeldt** and **Frank Shorey**, dinner was served.

After dinner, PDG George Rice introduced our guests and gave a brief history of the club, from its first days, meeting at Bean's Restaurant (now Market Square Restaurant), moving to Positively Main Street, which became Gold Street and then in 1995 moving to Second Congregational Church – which was only supposed to be a temporary move – where we have met since. Little did the church ladies know..... George also talked about some of the clubs early fund raisers and activities – the years doing the Bean-hole-Bean festival and how that came about and how the auction and Lobster dinner started and evolved through the years, among many other activities.

PDG Marty Helman presented the club with a banner for our members achieving 100% participation in contributing \$100 per Rotarian per year in donations to the Rotary Foundation. Marty congratulated us for being the first club in the district to do so.

After a few words from DGE Lawrence Furbish and DGND Sheila Rollins, Fryeburg President, David Chaffee, gave us their club banner with a congratulations wish on it. Then Bridgton-Lake Region President Holly Dvorak presented us with a gift and Bruce Powell gave President Dave his badge and a gift of 31 new \$1 bills representing the well wishes of the 31 members of the Bethel club. The Bethel Club also made a donation to the Foundation in our name.

Jack Richardson then led us in singing our welcome song which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Dave and Jack then presented 1<sup>st</sup> time Paul Harris Fellows to Rebecca Dowse, Ann Marie Brett and Becky Preble; 2<sup>nd</sup> time PHF to Tally Decato, Steve Galvin and Larry Jordan and 4<sup>th</sup> time PHF to President Dave Preble.

And then, of course, it was time to announce the **Rotarian of the Year!**

Last year's ROY Ron Morse only had to say a few words before we knew who he was talking about – a 30 year member, ski instructor, coach and someone who operates under the radar but whose help and participation through the years has been invaluable to the club. **Congratulations Curtis Cole!**

**Happy and Sad Dollars:** Getting the biggest laugh of the evening, **Lynne Schott** said she was happy to be carded when she bought some liquor to bring to the dinner. **Bridgton-Lake Region President Holly Dvorak** was happy to be with us. **Bob Schott** was happy that his mother was out of surgery after breaking her leg and he left for the hospital to go see her. **Robin Zinchuck** from Bethel was happy for all the women in Rotary. **PDG Marty Helman** was happy to offer us congratulations. **Stan Brett** was happy for Ann Marie getting a PHF. **Bruce Powell** was happy to be with us and was thinking (as were we all) of one missing member, Dave Carter. **Dan Allen** thanked us for his birthday party tonight. **DGN Sheila Rollins** congratulated us on our anniversary. **Glenn Huntley** was happy for the contributions women have made to Rotary. **DGE Lawrence Furbish** congratulated us and said this was one of the best anniversaries he has attended.

**50/50** - Curtis Cole drew Bethel Rotarian Steve Wight's number but Steve did not draw the King of Clubs. The \$242 pot rolls over once again.

**Birthdays in February:** Anne Carter – 2/1; Rebecca Dowse – 2/4; Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/13; Ron Morse – 2/24

**Anniversaries in February:** Jack and Barbara Ann Sours – 2/26

**Membership Anniversaries in February:** Susan Cairns – 2 years – 2/8

**Make-ups:**

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

Interact meeting – Thursday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room E22

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