



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

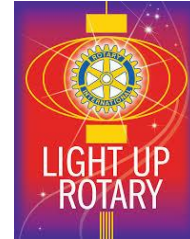
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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light up Rotary"

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**Welcome! It's October, can you believe it?** Today is the 274th day of 2014. There are 91 days remaining in the year. Paul Thornfeldt is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Dr. Paul Taylor, President & CEO of Champions with Destiny. Bob Kahn is greeter.

**Calendar: The first name listed is Program Chair, the second is Greeter.** Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or [speakmanbiz@gmail.com](mailto:speakmanbiz@gmail.com). Also please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia.

**10/8 – Visioning Committee and Irina Kahn**

**10/15 – Membership and Larry Jordan**

**10/18 – RLI, Lewiston**

**10/19 – Road Toll for Food Pantries, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fair St.**

**10/22 – Youth Services and Glenn Huntley**

**10/22 – Membership Seminar at 3:00 PM, Fireside Inn, Portland**

**10/23 – District Visioning Workshop, 4:45 PM – 8:00 PM, location TBD**

**10/25 – Bridge Walk for Polio Plus, Portsmouth**

**10/29 – Community and Vocational Service and John Griffith**

**11/1 – Students of the Month and Susan Graves**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Joe Balchunas was the guest of George Rice. Joe will soon become our newest member. Congratulations Joe! We are very happy that you have chosen to join Rotary.

**Fireside Chat –** Led by Dan Allen, we had a Fireside Chat with Joe Balchunas at Tim Horton's last Thursday at 5:30 PM. These chats are a great opportunity to sit and talk with prospective members about all things Rotary. If you have not attended one before, think about coming the next time.

**Interact News –** Interact is heading up Project Fire to collect money and goods for fire victims in the Oxford Hills. They are looking for school supplies, toiletries, warm clothes, household supplies and money donations for gift cards to local stores and restaurants. They will have a box in the main office and will be collecting donations during lunch. They will also be selling snacks and desserts after school on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**Club Social** – A small group of us had a very nice social and cookout at Chris and Dave’s farm Sunday afternoon. It was, of course, a beautiful, warm, sunny day. Good friends, good food and fantastic views. In attendance were our hosts, Dave and Chris, George and Patty, Ron and Laura, Curtis and Terry, Tally, Beth and John.

### **Announcements:**

**President Christina** – there were no new announcements, just reminders of upcoming events, some of which occurred last weekend so no point in mentioning them again!

For those of you who see the Reader via e-mail, a reminder that there will be a **board meeting** on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at TD Bank in Oxford.

There will be a **District Membership Seminar** at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 22 at Fireside Inn, Portland. President Chris is planning to attend and would like some company if anyone is able to go with her.

There will be a **walk across the Kittery-Portsmouth Bridge for Polio Plus** on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This is modeled after the Sidney Harbor Bridge walk held at the International Conference in Sydney, Australia last June. See the district website for more information.

**Visioning Committee** - under the leadership of Committee Chair Patty Rice, the Visioning Committee met at Chris Summers’ house last Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, to work on our mission statement. The committee had several suggestions and with minor modifications, voted to approve one of them. It will be presented to the club during the Visioning Assembly meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the meeting centered on that presentation, what the Visioning committee has accomplished in the last year and goals for next year.

### **Last Week’s Program:**

Our guest speaker was Tara Davis from Big Brothers-Big Sisters. She is the chair of the BBBS Advisory Council and has been a Big Sister for 7 years. BBBS was administered by the Child Health Center for many years but when the Center closed at the end of 2010, Community Concepts took over the program and has expanded it into Franklin County as well as Oxford and Androscoggin counties. There are essentially two programs - the Community based program and the School based program. The Community program pairs a Big with a Little and requires a minimum 6 hour per month commitment. Bigs are matched with Littles with similar interests. There is no cost to becoming a Big but if one wanted to take the Little bowling, for example, the Big would have to pay for that. Bigs, however, are discouraged from spending large amounts on their Little for obvious reasons. The School based program matches a high school or college student with their Little and all of their interaction occurs in school during school hours. The commitment for this program is 1 hour per week. Contrary to general opinion, Littles do not necessarily come from broken homes or lower income families. The program is open to any student between the ages of 8 and 14. Last year, there were 210 matches; this year the goal is 300. Unlike other programs, BBBS is totally community funded which means the program receives no outside funding. Bowl-for-Kids-Sake is their largest fund raiser.

Also last week, Paul mentioned something about **Lobster Shorey**. Does that mean Frank got too much sun after returning to Florida or is it a new way to cook lobster? Or am I missing something?

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Ron** was happy to have a visit from Jim Lilley this week. Jim had hoped to be here to come to our meeting but had to return to New Jersey. He brought lots of New Jersey tomatoes with him. Ron was also happy for the food drive in September and would have the results for us next week. **Beth** was happy that all of her club visits for the DG are done. **Susan** was happy to be back after a 5 week absence. **Tally** was happy for the photography exhibit at the Arts Center in Norway. Everything went well and there is still time to see it if you haven’t. **Lynne** had a happy \$10 to make up for missing meetings since school started. She reported that the

Interact Club is working on donations for the recent fire victims and they will be selling poppies for Polio Plus. **Bob** was happy for the great weekend with the exchange students and Interactors at Common Ground Fair, rafting on Saturday and hiking on Sunday. **Lois** was happy that she and Herb recently celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and they were happy to host the “other” club at Papoose Pond. **Patty** was sad that she and George did not get the chance to visit with Jim Lilley while he was here but she was happy for the tomatoes he brought.

**50/50** – Mary Lou drew John’s number but John drew the 5 of Spades, so no win for him. There was \$192 in the pot which rolls over once again.

**Birthdays in October:** Bruce Cook – 10/13; Terry Cole – 10/26; and the one, the only, Steve Galvin on 10/31. That’s just Spooky!

**Anniversaries in October:** Bob and Irina Kahn, 33 years – 10/5; Curtis and Terry Cole, 29 years – 10/6; Beth and Mike Abbott, 34 years – 10/11; Tally and Lloyd Decato, 57 years – 10/19.

**Membership Anniversaries in October:** Chris Weston – 1 year – 10/9; Chris Summers – 2 years – 10/10; Tally Decato – 21 years – 10/20; Christina Twitchell – 3 years – 10/26.

### **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 – Tuesday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room B238

### **Remember the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

### **Thought for the week:**

**“I’m too busy working on my own grass to notice if yours is greener.”**

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