



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

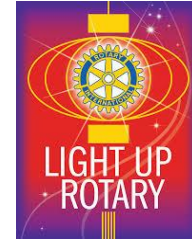
Wednesday, October 29, 2014

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

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Welcome! Happy Halloween! (well almost!) Today is the 302nd day of 2014. There are 63 days remaining in the year. Our program this morning will be presented by the Community and Vocational Services Committee. Our greeter is John Griffith and assistant greeter is Joe Balchunas.

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 fellowship and promoting world understanding, peace and goodwill."

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. 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.

10/30 – Meeting to discuss projects and activities, TD Bank at 4:45 PM.

11/5 – Students of the Month and Susan Graves

11/12 – Chris Weston and Tally Decato

11/19 – Val Weston and Pat Cook

11/26 – Beth Abbott and Curtis Cole

12/3 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

12/10 – Dan Allen and Dan Allen

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Larry Dyer was the guest of Phil Libby.

Interact News – no update this week.

Announcements:

PE Chris Summers substituted for President Chris Twitchell who could not be with us.

Due to wreath making at the church, our November 12th meeting will not be at the church. We are checking with Jack S. to see if we can have it at Oxford Casino.

A big thank you to Beth, Lynne, Bob, Glenn, Chris S. and Deb Harris for working the road toll on the 19th. We raised \$1,437.00 for the food pantries. Patty Rice counted the bills but Beth's husband, Mike, was able to take the coin to Rainbow Credit Union to be counted as they have a counting machine available for members to use

The meeting for members discussing our projects and activities will not be held this week due to other commitments. The next meeting will be on October 30th at 4:45 at TD Bank. The committee decided on dates for the Special Olympics Dance, Auction and Lobster Feed – April 11th, July 11th and August 15th respectively.

Beth, Chris S., George and Patty participated in the Bridge Walk for Polio Plus on Saturday.

There will be a "trailer loading" for Crutches for Africa on November 8th. I did not get the location. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet this morning if you would like to help.

Mary Lou reported that the Dictionary Project will be completed on Thursday, October 23rd with Harrison, Paris Elementary and the Christian Academy the last schools to be done. She thanked everyone who helped this year. We gave out 258 dictionaries to students and teachers in the district.

John, Larry and Beth went to the Membership / Foundation program on Wednesday, the 22nd at Fireside Inn in Westbrook. The speakers were very informative, interesting and entertaining. The dinner was excellent and we all had a great time.

John, Patty, Beth, Chris S. and Deb Harris went to the Visioning seminar in South Portland on Thursday, the 23rd. We met for a social hour at the Snow Squall Restaurant on Ocean St. then moved over to a conference room at the South Portland Housing Authority on Waterman Drive. This, too, was an excellent program and I think helped to give the Visioning committee some direction as to what we need to be doing.

Last Week's Program: We did not have our Community and Vocational Services assembly as originally scheduled, so PE Chris, who was leading the meeting, asked several members to speak to us to tell us their "Ah ha" Rotary moment. **AG Beth** said she did not have an "ah ha" moment, but more of a blossoming awareness of the power of Rotary through her experiences, culminating in the friendship and support her sister, Patty Rice, received during her bout with breast cancer. Rotary is truly a family. **Curtis Cole** told us he has been involved in Rotary over 30 years. He knew what Rotary was about but after 5 years as a member, it dawned on him that there was more to Rotary than coming to weekly meeting and that since then he has made great connections and friendships with people he might not have otherwise met. **Val** told us she joined Rotary in 1987 as one of the first women to join and is now the only one remaining of that original group. She came to Rotary because her son was on the the Students of the Month and was asked if she would like to join. Rotary has meant a great deal to her through the years, especially when her first husband passed away in 1986. **Paul** talked about his experiences with the "other" club when David Dow asked him to join Rotary instead. He found a happier and younger club and got involved immediately, becoming newsletter editor, getting involved with Group Study Exchange and even District Newsletter editor. **Mary Lou** said that Dane Trip talked her into coming to a meeting and is glad he did. She told about how she was given the task of lighting the fire for the Bean Hole Bean with one match. She took over the Dictionary Project from Roy and Linda Earle and appreciates Rotary for the number of people she has met. **Joe Balchunas** thanked us for the opportunity to join Rotary again and was glad that a Kiwanian had asked him to last summer's joint club Songo River Queen social. He was a former member of the Biddeford Rotary Club, helped put on their golf tournament and had a lot of fun doing it. He is looking forward to getting involved in our projects and getting to know people.

😊 Happy Dollars! 😊 Val had a happy dollar for the former Kiwanian sitting next to her. **John** was happy that he, his son, Ian, and daughter-in-law, Aimee had the opportunity to go to Ogunquit Playhouse on the 19th to see the Addams Family Musical. It was an excellent show. He had a sad dollar because **FRANK SHOREY** didn't e-mail or Face Book anything about last week's "Thought for the Week." He's wondering if **FRANK** actually reads the Reader. **Chris S.** said that Deb always surprises him so he has gotten tickets to see the Nutcracker in Portland this season

and has tickets for the viewing of the silent film, Phantom of the Opera. **Ann Carter** was happy for the bounce house on Sunday – the kids always have a good time with it – and was happy for Dave being inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

50/50 – Larry drew Anne Carter’s ticket but Anne did not pick the King of Clubs. There was \$24 in the pot.

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

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

www.lakeregionrotary.org

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

www.fryeburgrotary.org

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

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact Meeting – Tuesday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room B238

Thought for the Week – in honor of Halloween:

“Life is like walking a tightrope with a coffin at the end.”

~ Morticia Addams ~

The next time we meet, the election will be over, thank goodness!

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