

# THE OXFORD HILLS ROTARY READER

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## Welcome and Hello

Today you will be greeted by **Lynne Schott**. **Tally DeCato** will introduce our speaker, Brian Hamlin.

## Future Program Chairs &-Greeters

The first name listed is Program Chair; the second is Greeter. Please let President Elect **Dave Preble** and Reader editor **Paul Thornfeldt** or **John Griffith** know whom you have for a speaker, so it can be published in upcoming Rotary Readers. Please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

10/10 **George Rice** and **Jack Richardson**

10/17 **Patty Rice** and **Patty Rice**

10/24 **Jack Richardson** and **George Rice**

10/31 **Lynne** and **Dave Preble**

## Anniversaries

10/5 **Irina** and **Bob Kahn**

## New Member Proposal

**Dan Allen** is proposing Chris Summers as a new club member with the classification of (additional) electrician. Speak to a Board member to comment on this proposal.

## Upcoming Events

10/19 AARP Food Drive, Norway Savings Bank

10/27 Rotary Foundation Seminar, Bridgton

## Visitors and Guests

**Phil Libby** brought the following Interact students from the Middle School: Bailey Wood, Anna and Emily Huff, and Sophia Hanscom. Chris Summers was a guest of **Dan Allen**.

## Last Week's Program

Our speaker today was Jack Sours who is the General Manager of the Oxford Casino. Jack reminded us that legal gambling in Maine goes back to 1980 when the first lottery was started. In 1983 off track betting was added and the Hollywood slots in Bangor opened in 2003.

One of the benefits of casinos in Maine is that 43 percent of the gross revenue from slots goes directly to the Maine state treasury. Sixteen percent of the table games' revenue goes to the state. That state share goes to fund K - 12 education, University of Maine and Maine Community College, and several other categories.

The casino is adding 10,000 square feet of space which will add several hundred slot machines and ten new table games. They'll be expanding the Grill and adding 40 seats to the bar. In the future they hope to build a hotel and spa and add entertainment and more restaurants. The casino

plans to expand slowly in order to remain profitable.

Other casinos coming into Massachusetts and New Hampshire are likely to have a negative effect on profits. Additional casinos in Maine will have an even greater negative effect. Casinos are not new to the USA. In the continental United States the entire population lives no more than a 3 hour drive from a casino.

The most likely next expansion to Oxford Casino will be a hotel. An interesting fact is that although one has to be at least 21 to gamble, 18 year olds can be licensed to work in the casino.

## Happy/Sad Dollars

**Susan Cairns** was sad that she had missed **Frank's** last meeting. She was happy that she just celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and happy that **Patty** was providing her transportation.

**Dan** wanted us to think about who we could invite to a meeting.

**Lois** was happy that Paul was celebrating a birthday.

**Paul** was happy and sad that he and Dawne had their Medicare cards. After having driven 12,000 miles this summer, he discovered it is cheaper to live on the road than in a house.

## 50/50

**Mary Lou Burns** drew the six of spades and so the pot continues to grow.

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## The Four Way Test

As Rotarians we have pledged to follow the four-way test in everything we do. Do you know the four-way test? Are you practicing it?

## The Four Way Test

Of the things we think say and do,

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?