



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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Welcome! Our program chair today is Chris Twitchell. Our greeter is Val Weston. Our guest speaker is Andrew Robinson who will talk about fraud and embezzlement.

Calendar: The first name listed is the 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.

11/4 – Board Meeting at 6:00PM at NPC-TV office, Marston St., Norway

11/6 – Students of the Month and Chris Twitchell

11/13 – Beth Abbott and Paul Thornfeldt. Our guest speaker will be PDG Peter Johnson who will be talking about the Rotary Foundation.

11/20 – Val Weston and Chris Summers. Our guest speaker will be Jean Delamater who will be talking about Christmas for Kids.

11/27 – Dan Allen and Joel Speakman

12/2 – Board Meeting at 6:00PM at NPC-TV office, Marston St., Norway

12/4 – Students of the Month and Jack Sours.

12/11 – Mary Lou Burns and Curtis Smith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Warren Spencer visited from the South-Berwick-Eliot Club. There were no other guests.

Proposed member: Abigail Graiver has been proposed by Pat Cook. Her classification is public relations. Please speak to a board member if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Announcements:

Dave P. – we have donated \$500 of the \$2,500 given to the Club by the Oxford Casino for Lobster dinners. The Veteran's Home decided not accept lobster dinners this year but since the Casino donated the funds prior to this decision, we and the Casino agreed to donate what would have been spent on dinners back to the Veteran's Home.

Dave also thanked everyone who participated in the Alan Day project on Saturday and the road toll on Sunday. The roof at the garden is finished and construction on the shed has started and will be finished

soon. We raised \$1,541.90 at the road toll for the food pantries on Sunday. We now need to go shopping and co-ordinate delivery with the pantries.

Thursday, October 24th, is World Polio Day. All donations made to Polio Plus that day will be matched 2x by the Gates Foundation. Dave also said that there have been no new cases of polio in India for the last 31 months. If India goes another 5 months, with no new cases, it will be declared polio free.

Dave presented Beth Abbott with her 11 year perfect attendance award. Congratulations Beth!

Susan C. – the Visioning Committee met last Wednesday evening and is continuing its work on our committee structure. Although the committee hoped to have a working meeting concerning committees and chairs with the club by the end of the year, given the speakers we have lined up and a short month in December with Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Wednesday, the committee decided to postpone the working meeting until after the first of the year. However, the nominating committee for the next Rotary year will be looking for Directors for the new avenues of service – Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service and Youth Service.

Mary Lou – the dictionaries were shipped on Monday, October 21st. Mary Lou will be in touch if you have signed up to help.

Foundation Minute – Beth had two quiz questions for us. The first was about celebrities who are polio survivors – she read the question to fast for me to get the names – and the second was “What year was the last case of polio reported in the US?” The answer was 1979.

Last Week:

Prior to our guest speaker, President Dave told us about a district project for Lac Megantic, Quebec that DG Carolyn Johnson has asked District 7780 clubs to participate in. Beth Abbott handed out copies of the article written for the project, but in essence, each club has been asked for three things. #1 is to donate \$50.00 to the food pantry in Lac Megantic. #2 is to adopt 2 children for Christmas at \$100 per child and #3 is to donate \$50 towards the district goal of \$2,400 to purchase Teddy bears for every elementary school child in Lac Megantic. On a motion made by Steve Galvin, the club voted to approve a \$100 donation to the food pantry. Also on a motion by Steve, the club voted to approve \$200 for Christmas gifts for 2 children and on a motion by Chris Summers, the club voted to donate \$50 towards the Teddy bears for a total of \$350.

Chris Summers introduced our guest speaker, Allyson Hill from the Oxford County Emergency Management Agency. The main function of the EMA is to co-ordinate all of the activities of the local agencies with each other and the State. In addition, the Agency provides training for first responders, local EMS personnel and town representatives and officials. They also do planning and conduct training exercises with shelters, hospitals and schools, among others. There are volunteer teams in each town who work on communication and other issues. The total budget for EMA in 2013 is \$212,000 of which only \$48,000 comes from Oxford County. The rest of their budget is offset with grants and State reimbursement.

Happy & Sad Dollars: **Dave P.** had some thank you dollars for the club for all that we have done in the last couple of weeks. **Chris S.** had a sad dollar for the deer that decided to cross the road in front of him this morning. **Glenn** was happy that hunting season is upon us and reminded us to wear appropriate clothing when we are out and about in our yards and the woods. **Tally** was happy for a successful Chamber business to business event she attended. **Larry** was happy that the roof is on at the Alan Day Garden and that everything went smoothly. **Bob** was

happy for the Road Toll results, thanked those who helped and was happy that in all the road tolls we have done, there has never been an accident. No one mentioned [Frank Shorey](#) or the [Red Sox](#) the whole meeting.

50/50: Val drew Steve's ticket but Steve didn't pick the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over.

Birthdays in October: Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26; Steve Galvin – 10/31.

Anniversaries in October: Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Beth & Mike Abbott – 10/11; Tally and Lloyd Decato – 10/19.

Membership Anniversaries in October: Chris Summers – 1 year on 10/10; Tally Decato – 20 years on 10/20; Chris Twitchell – 2 years on 10/26.

Make-ups:

Bethel – Tuesdays, 7:30 AM at The Bethel Inn, Bethel
www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursdays, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton
www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesdays, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Route 5, Fryeburg
www.fryeburgarearotary.org

River Valley – Tuesdays, 7:30 AM, Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford
www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!