

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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 friendship and promoting world understanding, peace and good will."

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Welcome! Today is the 279th day of 2016. There are 87 days remaining in the year. Pat Cook is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Finn Melanson from the League of Women Voters who will be talking about Ranked Choice voting. Our greeter is Susan Graves.

Calendar: The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter. Please let Reader editor John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach John at 207-743-6129 or at griffs2@roadrunner.com. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

10/12 – Susan Graves and Beth Garza

10/19 – Beth Garza and Tally Decato

10/20 – Progress Center Community Dinner from 4:30 to 6:00. Two volunteers needed.

10/22 – Bridge Walk – Kittery-Portsmouth, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

10/23 – Road Toll in South Paris, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please speak to Bob if you can help out.

10/24 – World Polio Day

10/26 – Tally Decato and Pat Cook

10/31 – Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30 PM to whenever.

11/2 – John Griffith and Curtis Cole

11/9 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

11/10 – Centennial Celebration 100 for 100 – Marriott Sable Oaks, South Portland, 6:00PM – 10:00PM

11/16 – Dan Hart and Dan Allen

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment – John did not have a "Rotary" moment last week, but used the time to ask the club about the Reader, if people were reading it, is there enough information, are there any suggestions to improve it, anything that should be added or deleted? Comments were positive so we'll keep on truckin'.

Announcements:

President Joel – The evening meeting two weeks ago went well. There were several guests including DG Marge Barker from South Portland-Cape Elizabeth (don't know where I got the idea that she was

from the Fryeburg club) and past AG Cathy Sullivan and her husband, Skip, from Bridgton-Lake Region. We will be making a \$100 donation to a local literacy project in the name of the District Governor.

In an effort to get the word out, DG Marge Barker is encouraging all clubs to do a presentation at a local school for National Polio Day on Monday, October 23rd. Exactly what and where we will do this has not been determined as yet, but Lynne Schott volunteered to take on the project.

Reminder that there will be a board meeting at Joel's office on Monday, October 3 at 5:30 PM.

Paul Thornfeldt – Paul is working with Ron on the cheese sale again this year. After last year's fiasco going to Vermont, we have made arrangements with Cabot to pick up the cheese at their store in Portland. Because of comments received last year, we are dividing the cheese delivery into two parts, taking orders for delivery for Thanksgiving and orders for delivery for Christmas. We have received comments from folks that they would like the cheese for Thanksgiving; others like to have it for Christmas presents. Paul will be handing out order forms this week.

Bob and Lynne Schott – The weekend of September 23-25, Bob and Lynne entertained the Interact Club, starting with the Common Ground Fair in Friday and then moving to camp in Moxie Gore for Saturday and Sunday. Unfortunately, it rained all day at the Fair but Bob said the kids were incredibly cooperative. The new Chinese teacher at OHCHS also went. While he was interested in being in the woods, he was also very concerned about running in to native wildlife. No one pointed out the moose and bear tracks so as not to freak him out. Lynne reported that he had a great time and wants to go again.

Dave Preble – reported that he participated in the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Group Addiction Recovery Rally on Saturday, September 24. The group walked from Advertiser Square in Norway to Moore Park in South Paris. Dave said he felt like he was in a protest group as they all carried signs and traffic was blocked so they could walk in the street. Dave reported that their name has changed from the Western Maine Addiction Task Force to the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Group.

Last Week: We missed our song leader but with the lead of PP Chris Summers, we sang "Happy Birthday" to our September birthday members.

Pat Carson from OHCHS was not able to make it, so Mary Lou introduced Joe Cummings who agreed to come in for Pat. Joe is well known to most of us as he has always lived in Oxford Hills and worked for Frank Shorey at Western Auto for 17 years before becoming a teacher. Joe has been a social studies teacher at Oxford Hills Middle School for 6 years now. He talked about Experiential Learning. Teachers were tasked with telling the District what they wanted to teach and to design a program for the kids that helps to meet Common Core standards. The result was Quest Day, a year-long program during which regular classes are suspended on Fridays and students work on different Quests that they sign up for electively. Topics include humanities, civics and government and humans and conflict. For example, students can work at the Roberts Farm preserve where they actually run the farm, greenhouse and work in the gardens. There is a Robot Quest where 58 students are learning robotics; there is a Lego Robotics Quest where students are experimenting with building robots to assist people with service dogs; there is a News Quest with students learning camera and lighting techniques running a student channel and school newspaper. Other quests are in Theater, Conservation, Civil Rights and Career Opportunities. It was interesting to hear about this program as we rarely hear good news about our schools.

 Happy Dollars  – Susan had a Happy Dollar for the Business Showcase coming up on October 22nd. She is looking for judges for the chili contest which will be from 11:00AM until approximately 1:00PM. If you are interested in being a judge, please speak to Susan. Mary Lou had a thank you dollar for Joe coming to speak. Lynne had a \$5 happy dollars for the Interact kids. Dave had a happy dollar for Sam Sessions who is now home

after his fall off a roof. He is in a back and neck brace but is able to get around. He was also happy for the Western Maine Addiction Recovery group rally. **Paul** was happy that Dawne was home from her visit to Vancouver, BC, because he now had clean underwear. **John** was happy for his and Shelley's trip to Deerfield, MA, last week and that next week would be his first day on the show field for the car meet in Hershey, PA.

October Birthdays: Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Trish Logan – 10/20; Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26

October Anniversaries: Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Beth & Mike Abbott – 10/11; Beth & Corey Garza – 10/22;

October Membership Anniversaries: Glenn Huntley – 32 years – 10/3; Chris Weston – 3 years – 10/9; Chris Summers – 4 years – 10/10; Tally Decato – 23 years – 10/20; Chris Twitchell – 5 years – 10/26

Thought for the week:

"Life is pretty simple. You do some stuff. Most fails. Some works. You do more of what works. If it works big, others quickly copy it. Then you do something else. The trick is the doing of something else."

~ Tom Peters ~

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 GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Make-ups:

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

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton.

www.lakeregionrotary.org

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

www.fryeburgrotary.org

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School