



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 Lois Strauss. Her guest speaker is Steve Holbrook from the Oxford Hills Christian Academy. Our greeter is Mary Lou Burns.

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.

10/9 – Visioning Committee meeting at 4:30 hosted by Ron Morse, Goat Island Way, Norway
10/12 – work day at the Alan Day Community Garden
10/16 – Chris Summers and Dan Allen
10/19 – RLI, Lewiston
10/20 – Road Toll for local food pantries, 10:00-2:00 on Fair St. by the high school.
10/23 – Paul Thornfeldt and Beth Abbott
10/23 – Visioning Committee meeting at 4:30 hosted by John Griffith, 134 Pleasant St., Norway
10/30 – Chris Twitchell and Val Weston
11/6 – Students of the Month and Chris Twitchell
11/13 – Val Weston and Paul Thornfeldt

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had lots of guests last week. Our visiting Rotarian was **District Governor Elect, Lawrence Furbush** from the Sanford-Springvale Club. **Abby Gravier** was the guest of Pat Cook, **Chris Weston** was the guest of Val Weston, **Nancy Cushman** was the guest of Joel Speakman and **Bruce Downing** was the guest of Tally Decato. They all had the pleasure of our singing our welcome song!

Announcements:

President Dave - the board would like to have representation at the Non-profit Fair to be held at OHCHS on October 23rd from 8:30 -11:00. Phil Libby volunteered to be there. If anyone else can attend to help Phil and represent Rotary, please let Dave know.

At the board meeting on September 30th, the board voted to donate \$1000 to the Rowe School 5th grades so 56 students could attend the 4H Learning Center program this fall. A picture of the check presentation is on our Face Book page.

The board is discussing doing something for local Veterans for Veteran's Day on November 11th.

There is a sign-up sheet going around for the Road Toll on October 20th. Although we can do it with less than 6 people, 6 would be ideal. Even if you can only sign up for ½ hour, it would be a help.

RLI is coming up on October 19th in Lewiston. If you would like to go, you can sign up at www.RLINEA.org. The club will pay for you to go and it's a great way to learn more about Rotary.

November 11, 1983 will be our club's 30th Anniversary! The board would like to do something special and is planning an evening meeting in January or February.

Susan C. – the Visioning Committee is making progress as the members work on the structure of our club and committees. The next meeting will be hosted by Ron Morse on Wednesday, October 9th. Ron's address is Goat Island Way, Norway.

Larry – the Alan Day Community Garden project is coming together. Larry said the estimate for supplies came to \$840 which is considerably less than originally anticipated.

DGE Lawrence Furbush talked about the International Convention which will be from June 1-June 4, 2014 in Sydney, Australia. While it is a long way to go, he said that if you have ever wanted to visit Australia and New Zealand, this would be a fantastic opportunity to attend an International convention and see those countries.

Foundation Minute – in lieu of a Membership Minute, Larry told us that we have sent \$691 to the Foundation for the first quarter of the year which is about \$90 ahead of last year. These are the donations we put in the cups every week.

Last Week's Program:

Joel Speakman introduced Adam Geyer, the general manager of the new Applebee's Restaurant in Oxford. Adam told us that he graduated from St. Joseph's College in Standish and not knowing what he wanted to do, took a part time job with Applebee's. He has now been with the company for 12 years, managing restaurants in Portland, Auburn and North Conway. Applebee's is very community oriented and likes to cultivate relationships with its customers. Part of Adam's job involves walking around the restaurant, talking with customers, getting their opinions on food and service and making sure they leave happy and satisfied. Applebee's has a varied menu, offering Weight Watcher's meals as well as allergy and gluten free items. If you need something specially prepared, they are willing to do that. Applebee's encourages their employees to participate in their communities. They are huge supporters of Special Olympics and local sports teams. They also offer free entree's to Veterans on Veterans Day, something they have been doing for 6 years. The Oxford restaurant will be the largest Applebee's in New England with 244 seats. It will be opening on October 21st.

Happy & Sad Dollars: **Val** was happy to be back from a wonderful trip to New Mexico and Yellowstone. **Ron** was happy to have spent some time with Jim Lilley last week. Jim left him a supply of New Jersey tomatoes. **Dan** was happy to report that we are at 10% of our membership challenge goal. **Lois** was happy to have attended the Visioning training seminar in Portland with Bob. She was also happy to have gone to Fryeburg Fair and both happy and sad to be leaving for Florida shortly. **DGE Lawrence** has been keeping bees for the last several years and is happy that he is finally getting some honey from them. **Patty** was happy to get some tomatoes from Jim Lilley as well as Ron but sad that she and George did not connect with him. She was also happy that she and George attended Fryeburg Fair and took a helicopter ride. **John** was happy that he and Shelley would be attending their

grandson Zachary's 5th birthday party on Saturday, the 5th. He was also happy that when you see this Reader in print at our next meeting, he will be setting foot on the fields at the antique car meet in Hershey, PA. Phil was happy that Dan Alan has agreed to be the community representative on the Middle School Civil Rights team. Steve was happy that with the new Applebee's, he will be able to get a restaurant meal in town after 9:00PM. He had a reminder dollar for the Destiny Africa program at OHCHS on Friday night and he had another dollar because he will be doing his first shooting for broadcast at the Roller Derby this weekend in Portland. Glenn was happy to give away his apples. Joel was happy that Adam and Nancy could join us. Larry was happy for apple season as well.

50/50: DGE Lawrence Furbush drew Val's ticket but she did not draw the King of Clubs.

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

Anniversaries in September: 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

And lastly, we cannot forget **Frank Shorey**, who is enjoying the warmth of the Florida sunshine. While we were concerned that we had not heard from him in some time, both Patty Rice and John Griffith exchanged e-mail messages with him this past week. His e-mail address is fshorey@yahoo.com. I'm sure he'd love to hear from everyone so, let's ALL send him an e-mail or two or three.....