



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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Good Morning and Welcome! Our greeter this morning is Paul Thornfeldt and our program chair is Beth Abbott whose guest speaker is PDG Peter Johnson who will be talking about the Rotary Foundation.

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.

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

11/23 – Tentative shopping date and distribution of food to the food pantries.

11/27 – Dan Allen and Joel Speakman

11/28 – Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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

12/4 – Visioning Committee meeting at Tally Decato's house, 1 Chipman St., South Paris.

12/11 – Rebecca Dowse and Curtis Smith. Our guest speaker will be Connie Jones, Director of Community Services at Seniors Plus in Lewiston who will be talking about Meals on Wheels and needs for Oxford County.

12/18 – OHCHS Chorale ? and Bob Schott

12/25 – Christmas Day, no meeting

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Abby Gravier was the guest of Pat Cook.

Announcements:

Dave P. – Dave received a note from DG Carolyn Johnson that the Lac Megantic project has run into an unforeseen problem and may have to be significantly reduced in scope. Therefore Carolyn has asked the clubs not to raise any additional money at this time.

From our Visioning session, one of the suggestions that we made was to do something for Veterans on Veteran's Day. After some discussion and realizing that time was short this year, the board decided to

ask each of us to sign one of the blank Rotary note cards on our tables, writing a brief note thanking a Veteran for his/her service and Applebee's will hand them out to every Veteran who comes into the restaurant on November 11th.

We received a really nice "Thank-you" book from the 5th grades at Rowe School for sponsoring their trip to the 4H Camp.

The board voted to increase our donation to the local food pantries to \$2,000. We raised \$1,541 from the road toll, so will be kicking in another \$459 from club funds. This will give each pantry \$500. We have set aside Saturday, November 23rd to shop for the food and deliver it to each of the pantries.

We will be supporting the Interact Club float in this year's Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. The float will be based on the cartoon characters from the movie "Madagascar" so if anyone has any animal costumes – giraffe, lion, penguin, etc., please let Lynne Schott know.

Dave also reminded us that we need to be ever more vigilant in our support of Polio Plus as there have been 10 new cases reported in Syria recently.

Mary Lou – The dictionaries arrived on Friday, November 1 and will all have been delivered by Friday, November 8th.

Ron – Remember to keep the cheese sales going. The deadline is November 13th for delivery November 20th. Last year, we sold 234 cheeses. This year, we have ordered 300, not 250 as I mentioned in last week's Reader.

Rotary Minute – Chris Twitchell talked about the Youth Services' Avenue of Service and the role it plays in our Rotary lives.

Last Week:

Our guests this morning were the first Students of the Month for this year and their parents/guests.

Susan Annance – 9th grade – nominated by her English teacher. "Since day one – the day when only freshmen are in the building – Sarah has stood out as someone who is embracing the idea of being a high school student wholeheartedly. She is always smiling and is enthusiastic about her learning and interactions with her teachers and peers. I was particularly pleased to witness her active involvement in the school and with her entire class of 2017 during the Homecoming Pep Rally. Sarah is a cheerleader and she was not afraid to let her school spirit shine and her excitement was contagious. It is great to see a freshman like Sarah transition so successfully into academic and social life at OHCHS."

Colin Farrar – 10th grade – nominated by his Science teacher. "Colin came in to school each day during summer school to help tutor students in science and help me organize packets for students to work on. He did this for no money and got his own ride here each day from West Paris. He stayed for the entire 4 hours each day. Students appreciated his help and generosity."

Kelsey Hutchins – 11th grade – nominated by her Art teacher. "Kelsey gave up her study hall to come and help in my beginning photo class. She is also a very responsible member of the yearbook staff and is a great help to me in my new role as Yearbook Advisor. Kelsey has gone above and beyond in helping to sell business ads and raise money for this year's publication. I am very happy that she is a member of our yearbook staff."

Zachary Hebert – 12th grade – nominated by one of our Social Studies teachers. “Zach is an unsung hero at OHCHS. He has been very helpful to the guest teacher from China. At the beginning of the school year, he volunteered his time by helping her set up her classroom and brought in props for her to use. He has taken the initiative to organize an after school club for students interested in Chinese Culture. He recruited students to join, created a list of activities and is currently planning a Chinese cooking demonstration with the help of the Chinese teacher. This all happened without any suggestions or prompting from me.”

After the students and their guests were introduced, Larry spoke briefly (30 seconds was his allotment) about the Foundation cups, Dave spoke briefly about Rotary and the role of Rotary in the world, nationally and locally. In conclusion, he handed the students one of the Commemorative Coins with the 4-Way Test on it.

Happy & Sad Dollars: **Larry** was happy to see so many parents of the students. **Tally** was happy to share that SAD 17 has more scholarship money available to students than any other school district in the state. **Lynne** put in a happy \$20 to make up for all the meetings she has missed due to her school schedule. She was also happy to see the students. **Curtis** was happy to tell the students about Youth Exchange with other countries. **Glenn** thanked Maureen for her 14 years of participation in the Student of the Month program. **John** had a happy dollar for his son’s wedding over the weekend and a sad dollar for the loss of his uncle who passed away on November 4th.

50/50: Rebecca drew Irina’s ticket but Irina did not draw the King of Clubs. The \$98 in the pot rolls over.

Birthdays in November: Bob Schott – 11/1; Curtis Smith – 11/3; Shawn (Phil) Libby – 11/4; Lloyed (Tally) Decato – 11/26.

Anniversaries in November: Glenn & Sharon Huntley – 11/26.

Membership Anniversaries in November: George Rice – 30 years on 11/11.

Make-ups: Bethel – Tuesdays, 7:30AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

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

www.lakeregionrotary.org

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

www.fryeburgrotary.org

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

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact Meeting – Thursdays, 2:30 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Room E220