



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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*Rotary Theme for 2013 – 2014: “Engage Rotary – Change Lives”*

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## 2013-2014 Officers

Rotary International President: Ron Burton ~ Governor, District 7780: Carolyn Johnson  
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***Good Morning and Welcome!*** Our greeter this morning is Chris Summers. Val Weston is program chair. Her guest speaker is Jean Delamater who will be talking about Christmas for Kids.

***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.

**11/23** – Shopping date and distribution of food to the food pantries. Meet at Hannaford in Oxford.

**11/27** – Dan Allen and Joel Speakman. Dan's guest speaker will be the new detective from the South Paris Police Department, Sgt. Jeffrey Lange.

**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** – Mary Lou Burns and Curtis Smith.

**12/18** – OHCHS Chorale ? and Bob Schott

**12/25** – **Christmas Day**, no meeting

**12/30** – Board Meeting at 6:00PM at NPC-TV office, Marston St., Norway

**12/31** – Susan Cairns and Lynne Schott. Meeting on Tuesday as Wednesday is New Year's Day. Location to be announced.

***Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*** We had one visiting Rotarian, PDG Peter Johnson from Yarmouth who was also our guest speaker. There were no other visitors.

## ***Announcements:***

***Dave P.*** – there will be no meeting Christmas week as it falls on Wednesday as does New Year's Day the next week. However, we will be having a meeting on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, location to be determined. One of the items on that agenda will be to vote on a slate of officers and directors for the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

Dave announced that Gloria, Midge's sister is not doing well and is not expected to recover. Midge and Gloria have been the mainstays of the kitchen at the church and have prepared many breakfasts for us through the years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of them and their families.

Dave received another e-mail from DG Carolyn Johnson about the Lac Megantic project. The food pantry donations and Teddy Bear parts of the project are going well but there is an issue with customs in getting gifts for the children across the border. There are issues with that that need to be worked out. The Caravan to Lac Megantic is on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let President Dave know if you would like to go.

**Mary Lou** – told us the Dictionary project was a big success again this year and she thanked all the volunteers who helped deliver dictionaries. She still has to deliver to Boxberry School and the Christian Academy. She also thanked us for meeting at Market Square Restaurant this morning which helped tremendously with the wreath making at the church.

**Ron** – announced that Cheese Wheel sales are coming to a close and will be ready for pick-up on the 20<sup>th</sup>. He and Paul will be going to Vermont on Tuesday, November 19, to pick them up. Ron and Beth went to Bethel Rotary on the 12<sup>th</sup> and sold 13 wheels to them. We also received 2 calls from the newspaper advertisement. It was also suggested that we might want to get a table to sell them at next year's Decca Craft Fair and perhaps to other clubs besides Bethel.

**Dan** – there was a Fireside chat with prospective member Abby Gravier at Tim Horton's on November 12<sup>th</sup>. She has agreed to become a member and will be inducted today.

**Glenn Huntley** organized a wood cutting party for Dave and Anne Carter. On Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Glenn, Stan, Larry, Paul, John, Jack R., Ron, Rebecca & Tally met at Dave's and Anne's home in Welchville. We cut down several trees, cut them to stove length and split and stored the wood in their cellar. Dave thought we cut about 4 cords. Anne served us a delicious lunch of homemade beef stew and fresh baked brownies. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we all had a good time.

**Larry, John and a couple of fellows from Alan Day Community Garden** worked on the storage shed on Sunday, November 17. We have about 2/3<sup>ds</sup> of one wall and the roof to finish. Weather permitting, we will have another workday shortly.

**Rotary Minute** – Paul had a Rotary Quiz for us. (1) Who were the four fathers of Rotary and what were their vocations? (2) After Chicago, what were the next 4 Rotary Clubs chartered? (3) In what province and city was the first Canadian club chartered? (4) Where was the first club outside of North America located? (5) What was the first club to accept women and in what year? (6) What was the first motto of Rotary? (7) Which of these prominent Americans were Rotarians? Sam Walton, Gerald Ford, Adlai Stephenson, Warren Harding, Orville Wright. (Answers on the last page).

**Foundation Minute** – Larry told us that during the last quarter, our donations to the Foundation through the cups was 16% higher than the prior quarter.

**Last Week:** PDG and District Foundation Chair, Peter Johnson, talked about the history of the Foundation. In doing so, he likened the Foundation to a credit union with a Board of Trustees (instead of Directors) with each Rotarian being a member of the Credit Union. The Foundation began in 1917 with small sum of money left over from that year's International Convention. Additional contributions were made over the next 13 years until the first grant was given out in 1930. Growth continued, but not much

was done with the money until Paul Harris passed away in 1947 when there was a groundswell of support with memorial gifts to the Foundation in his name. At that time, grants became more common but it wasn't until the 1960's that matching and district grants started and there was no permanent fund until the 1990's. The Foundation is directed by a volunteer group of Trustees who are elected from each of the 17 Zones of Rotary, which are comprised of the Districts. Expectations and goals are set by the Trustees but the clubs say how they want to spend the money.

**Happy & Sad Dollars:** Larry was happy that the wind stopped blowing. Dan was happy to be back with us after missing several weeks. Mary Lou was happy for the volunteers for the Dictionary Project. George had \$30 happy dollars because it has been 30 years since our club was chartered and he has been a member for all those years. Dave C. had a thank you to the club for their help on Monday getting his winter wood cut, split and put in his cellar. Tally was happy that she was the first Interact advisor for our club. Patty said it has been five years this month since she found out she had breast cancer and she had a thankful dollar for the amazing support she received from the club. She was also happy to get her deer. Lynne is happy that her son Ben and his fiancé have chosen a site and date for their wedding. Susan G. was glad to be back after missing many meetings due to Wednesday meetings at work.

**50/50:** Mary Lou drew Ron's ticket but Ron did not draw the Kind of Clubs.

**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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

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

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

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

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

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

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

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

Answers to the quiz:

- (1) Paul P. Harris (attorney), Hiram E. Shorey (tailor), Gustave E. Loehr (mining engineer), Silvester Schiele (coal merchant)
- (2) San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles & Seattle
- (3) Winnipeg, Manitoba
- (4) Dublin, Ireland
- (5) Duarte, California in 1976
- (6) "One profits most who serves best."
- (7) All were Rotarians