



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 Joel Speakman and our program chair is Dan Allen. Dan’s guest speaker is Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Lange of the Paris Police Department.

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.

11/28 – 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: There were no visiting Rotarians. Abbie Gravier was the guest of Pat Cook.

Announcements:

Dave P. – Dave received an update from DG Carolyn Johnson on the Lac Megantic project. The food pantry donations and Teddy Bear parts of the project were going well but there were issues with customs and taxes getting wrapped gifts across the border. However, on Friday, November 22nd, Carolyn sent out another e-mail to all Rotarians in the district which fully explains the project, how to contribute and how to join the caravan to Lac Megantic on December 13th. I have printed copies of that e-mail and placed them on the tables this morning.

John, Paul and Ringo, (oops, sorry, I mean Ron), drove up to Cabot, Vermont on Tuesday, the 19th, to pick up the cheese wheels. We left a little after 8:00AM and were back in Norway around 3:00PM. We

had snow squalls most of the way and some of the roads had been salted. Paul and John took the factory tour while Ron attended to loading the cheese – which the store personnel did so you didn't think that John and Paul made Ron load the cheese himself. We stopped for lunch at a restaurant in Gorham, NH on the way home. We purchased 354 cheese wheels which gives us a few extra to sell if there are any late orders. We received 6 orders from the newspaper advertisement. After expenses – printing labels, the advertisement in the paper – we should make close to \$1800.

Abbie Gravier – was inducted as our newest member on the 20th. Abbie's classification will be media relations. Congratulations Abbie! We are very happy to have you as a member! We are now up to 37 members.

Val – President Dave presented Val with her PHF+2 pin. I also forgot to put in last week's Reader that when PDG Peter Johnson was here two weeks ago, he presented **Paul Thornfeldt** and **John Griffith** with their PHF+2 pins. Congratulations to all!

Beth - passed around cards for us to sign for two of the kitchen ladies, one for Gloria and another for Carolyn Blaise on the loss of her husband, Guy.

John – represented the club at the Aspire Hire Scholarship award at Oxford Elementary School on Friday, November 22nd.

Food Pantries – Saturday morning, the 23rd, we met at 9:00AM at Hannaford in Oxford to shop for the pantries. Beth co-ordinated our efforts and Hannaford personnel had the majority of our order on pallets when we got there but we did shop for some items off the shelves. We sorted by pantry in the parking lot and then delivered to each one. It was cold and windy but sunny. Thanks to Dave P., Curtis, John, Beth, Pat, Steve, Jack, Christina, Bob & Rebecca.

Last Week: Jean Delamater was Val Weston's guest speaker. Jean talked about Christmas for Teens, how it came about and how she became part of it back in 2001. That first year she was involved, there were 62 teens who received gifts. The number has grown each year and last year there were 228 teens who received gifts. That number included 12 homeless teens among which were 2 mothers and 2 babies. This year, Jean estimated that the number requesting help will be in the 240 range. The biggest need for kids in this age bracket is for personal care items and clothing. The budgeted amount per person is \$60. Instead of distributing anonymous names for people to shop for, this year their board is asking for cash donations and will be purchasing items themselves in an attempt to keep things equal.

Happy & Sad Dollars: If you read the e-mail I sent right after last week's meeting, you know that I left my meeting notes behind. I could only recall one happy dollar when I sat down to write the Reader: **Curtis and Terry Cole** were back from California where they went to visit their son, daughter-in-law and new grandson, Curtis and Terry's second grandchild.

50/50: Patty Rice drew the winning ticket and in homage to Frank Shorey, read the number in reverse order. It was Steve Galvin's number but Steve didn't pull the King of Clubs out of the deck. There was \$126 in the pot.

Birthdays in November: Bob Schott – 11/1; Curtis Smith – 11/3; Shawn (Phil) Libby – 11/4; Lloyd (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 – Tuesday, 7:30AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

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

www.lakeregionrotary.org

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

www.fryeburgrotary.org

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

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

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

Reminder: After Thanksgiving and Christmas, the next really big holiday is Frank Shorey's birthday which is 217 days away, on July 2nd, and co-incidentally is the same day as my late grandfather (except that they are a few years apart). We really need to start planning for this momentous occasion right after the first of the year.

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