



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

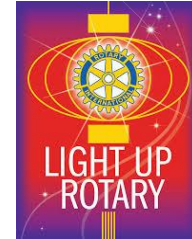
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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light up Rotary"

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## 2014-2015 Officers

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**Welcome!** Today is the 309th day of 2014. There are 56 days remaining in the year. This morning is our first Students of the Month program of the year. Our greeter is Susan Graves and assistant greeter is Joe Balchunas.

**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 fellowship and promoting world understanding, peace and goodwill."

**Calendar: The first name listed is Program Chair, the second is Greeter.** Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or [speakmanbiz@gmail.com](mailto:speakmanbiz@gmail.com). Also please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia.

**11/6 – Rescheduled from last week, meeting on our projects and activities, TD Bank, 4:45 PM.**

**11/12 – Chris Weston and Tally Decato – our meeting will be at the Oxford Casino**

**11/19 – Visioning Committee meeting at Tally's, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris**

**11/19 – Val Weston and Pat Cook**

**11/26 – Beth Abbott and Curtis Cole**

**12/3 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns**

**12/10 – Dan Allen and Dan Allen**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** PDGs Peter and Carolyn Johnson visited from the Yarmouth Club. Deb Harris was the guest of Chris Summers.

**Interact News:** Lynne reports that the club raised \$100 for Christmas for Teens from their two day bake sale. The students are with us this morning and Curtis S. said they will have goodies for sale. On the agenda for their next meeting is to plan for the Christmas parade float. They need ideas and materials.

## **Announcements:**

**President Chris:** Due to wreath making at the church, next week's meeting, November 12<sup>th</sup> will be at the Oxford Casino. The cost will be the same as our regular meeting. Please make sure you sign the sheet going around so Jack Sours has an accurate count for meals.

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Chris received an e-mail from Kiwanis asking if we would agree to move May Day Play Day and the Kiwanis Bike Rodeo one week later next year from May 9 to May 16. A discussion followed and we were in general agreement to move it to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to conflicts with the District Conference in past years, we had moved the date ahead. As the District Conference is in April next year, there would be no conflict to move it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May, the more traditional date. It was suggested that the new committee looking at our project and activities discuss this at their next meeting.

**Beth, Chris T., George and Patty** participated in the Bridge Walk for Polio Plus on Saturday, the 25th. Patty reported that approximately 160 Rotarians walked across the new Memorial Bridge between Portsmouth and Kittery. Everyone was waving a flag and they had a great time.

**Mary Lou** – the Dictionary Project will be complete on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> as Glenn will be handing out the last dictionaries at the Christian Academy. Mary Lou thanked everyone who helped her and relayed one of the best stories from the presentations. We were dismayed to find that the longest word in the English language was no longer on the inside of the back cover and were telling students that it was no longer in the dictionary. After one of her presentations, Mary Lou was in the hallway of the school talking with one of the teachers when two young ladies from one of the classes came running down the hall to her to tell her they found the longest word on page 279. So, it was there and these two were proud to tell Mary Lou that they had found it.

**Ron** – Cheese Wheel sales will start this week with the handouts and sign-up sheets. The Cheese Wheels will be distributed at our meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ron and Paul will pick up the cheese in Vermont on December 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, depending on the weather.

I received the following e-mail from **Frank Shorey** in response to my sad dollar of a couple of weeks ago. I thought everyone would like to know what's doing with him:

**“I certainly do read the ultimate perfect great stupendous Rotary weekly reader....had my first of many more to come meetings with my boss Debbie, the merchandise manager for the Ray's....I will probably be called to replace Joe Maddon....as manager of the Ray's....although I am so valuable at the team store, it may not happen....Involved and busy with the upcoming Oktoberfest sponsored by the Rotary club I am involved with while here in Florida....”**

### **Last Week:**

PDG Carolyn Johnson presented a banner to PP Dave Preble for the club in recognition of our contributions to the Foundation and for exceeding the donation goal of \$100 per year per Rotarian. Ours was one of the best clubs in the District with our donations and this was not the first time that we have achieved that level of giving. Carolyn illustrated our consistency of giving by telling us that Nigeria has now been declared Ebola free and the reason for that is because Rotary was there for Polio Plus – we had the means and personnel already there for polio and it was easy for us to mobilize for Ebola treatment and prevention. Our Foundation dollars through a \$100K grant are also helping to build a new 38 bed cancer treatment center.

After the presentation, Pres. Chris brought up the Students of the Month program and a good discussion followed. Val said that it was one of the reasons she joined Rotary back in 1987, so the program has been going on for at least that long. Chris felt that we need to improve the connections between the club and the students and their parents. It was decided that we would have 4 club members take “charge” of each of the 4 students and their guests by assigning them a table and sitting with them.

**😊 Happy Dollars! 😊 Dan** was happy that Nancy is home from her surgery. He said she is very uncomfortable but making progress every day. He said her surgeon told him he was really “psyched” at the results. **Patty** was happy that Rotary never sleeps in the Rice household what with the Visioning workshop and bridge walk on

Saturday. Glenn was happy that hunting season is soon to be upon us. He also told us that past member Don Winckler had minor heart surgery (if any heart surgery can be considered minor) and that he is doing well. Larry was happy to attend the Membership seminar and give his presentation on the Alan Day Community Garden project. He said that the club's support meant a lot to him. John was happy that his new grandson, William Thoma Griffith, arrived at 1:26 AM on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 ounces. and was 21 ½ inches long.

**50/50** – Stan had PDG Peter Johnson draw the winning ticket which turned out to belong to his wife and PDG Carolyn Johnson. However, Carolyn did not draw the King of Clubs.

**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 and Sharon Huntley – 11/26

**Membership Anniversaries in November:** Ron Morse – 4 years – 11/10; George Rice – 31 years – 11/11.

### **Make-ups:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interact Meeting – Tuesday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room B238

### **Thought for the Week:**

**“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”**

**~Abraham Lincoln~**

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