



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”

2013-2014 Officers

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Oxford Hills Rotary Club Pres.: Dave Preble ~ Pres. Elect: Christina Twitchell ~ Vice Pres.: Chris Summers ~
Treas.: Pat Cook ~ Sec.: Jack Richardson ~ Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett ~ Past Pres.: Bob Schott ~ Foundation Chair:
Larry Jordan ~ Membership Chair: Dan Allen ~ Publicity Chair: Steve Galvin ~ Community and Club Service Chair:
Ron Morse

Good Morning and Welcome! Our greeter this morning is Curtis Smith. Our program chair is Mary Lou Burns whose guest speaker is Brendan Schaffler from Healthy Oxford Hills.

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.

12/18 – OHCHS Chorale and Jack Sours

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. We will be meeting here at the church.**

1/8 – Students of the Month and Jack Richardson

1/15 – Visioning Committee meeting at Susan Cairns' house, Elm Hill Rd., South Paris at 4:30 PM.

1/15 – Dave Carter and Patty Rice

1/22 – 30th Anniversary Dinner and George Rice

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Announcements:

Dave P. – we have confirmed that the OHCHS Chorale will be with us on the 18th. This is a great meeting to invite family, friends and guests so if you would like to bring someone, please do.

Don't forget the **Board's Membership Challenge!** Remember, all you have to do is propose someone for membership. Dave's goal for his year was to increase our membership by 6. We are halfway through the year and have 3 new members so let's keep going.

Dave circulated a thank you note from Oxford Helping Hands food pantry and more thank you notes from some 3rd graders for their dictionaries. We also received a thank-you letter to the Club and Larry Jordan from the Alan Day Community Garden stating that they were going to put a plaque on the barn to recognize OH Rotary.

Nomination forms for Rotarian of the Year are out. Nominations really need to be in by this week, 12/11.

The nominations for Officers & Directors for 2014-2015 are:

President – Christina Twitchell
President-elect – Chris Summers
Vice President – Open
Secretary – Jack Richardson
Treasurer – Pat Cook
Past President – Dave Preble

Club Service – Ron Morse
Community Service - Open
Vocational Service – Chris Weston
International Service – Larry Jordan
Youth Service – Curtis Smith
Sgt. At Arms – Stan Brett

We are in need of a Vice-president (to be President in 2016-2017) and a Community Service director. If you are interested in serving, please speak to Christina Twitchell. If you have any comments about the nominations, please speak to President Dave Preble.

There will be a “Breakfast with Santa” fund raising event for Maine Heart Gallery at Pizza Hut in Oxford on December 7th and 14th starting at 9:00AM.

We will be having our 30th Anniversary dinner at Tuscany Hall in South Paris the evening of January 22nd. There will be no breakfast meeting that day.

Dave presented Ron Morse with his 3 year perfect attendance award. Congratulations Ron!

Chris T. – Christmas for Teens is moving ahead. Please leave your gifts at the church or drop them off at TD Bank. Gifts really need to be handed no later than today, 12/11. The Interact Club went shopping for teens last Thursday.

Ron – there are still a few cheese wheels available. If you have sold more and have not turned in the money, please make sure it gets to Ron as he would like to close out the event.

Visioning Committee – the Visioning Committee met at Tally Decato’s house on December 4th. We discussed our future agenda. The board has requested that we review and update the club by-laws, so that is what we are going to start doing at our next meeting on January 15th. We also discussed the coming up with our club’s mission statement, something we will tackle in the future.

Alan Day Community Garden – Larry Jordan, Curtis Cole, John Griffith and Rick and Alex from the garden worked on the storage shed all day Saturday, the 7th. We made excellent progress but still need to finish the back part of the roof, install the roofing, install the solar panels and build and install the doors.

Rotary Minute: Bob Schott had three questions about Rotary:

- 1) What is Rotary’s motto? (Service above self)
- 2) When was it adopted? (1923)
- 3) What was Rotary’s original motto? (He who profits most serves best)

Last Week’s Program: Maureen Howard introduced our December Students of the Month:

9th grade - Payson Priola was nominated by her Art and English teachers. “Payson is a member of my Art I class. There are MANY freshman students in her section. She is an outstanding freshman who always

does what is asked of her and at the same time is very helpful to the other students in the class. She is a responsible, respectful student and is an outstanding candidate for Student of the Month.”

10th grade – Shawna Pray was nominated by her Science and English teachers. “Shawna selflessly helps others and keeps kids focused. She takes notes for others who cannot. She consistently groups with others that would otherwise be left out. Shawna exemplifies respect, honesty, generosity, compassion and integrity.”

11th grade – Hailey Crocker was nominated by her Social Studies teacher. “Hailey has stepped up to the challenge of taking level one classes at OHCHS even while holding down two jobs. She is positive and has tremendous potential. She is mature, determined, communicates effectively and continues to overcome obstacles with grace and a smile. She is an inspiring young lady worthy of recognition.”

12th grade – Alexandra James was nominated by her Art teacher. “Alex is a huge help in my essentials of photography class. She joined the class to take Advanced Photography and stepped in to help the students in the class without being asked. She then became my TA and is helping with the beginning photo students. She is a HUGE help to me and to the students in the class. I appreciate her sense of responsibility and generosity.”

After Maureen’s introduction of the students, President Dave spoke briefly on Rotary and what Rotary does. Lynne Schott talked about Interact and invited the students to come to a meeting and Bob Schott talked about RYLA.

Happy & Sad Dollars: **Susan C.** was happy that she has booked a trip to Disney in March for herself and a young family friend who has no idea where he is going. **Larry** told the story of his wife’s uncle who is not what he appears to be. **John** had a sad dollar that Dave wasn’t at Hannaford on Tuesday to give him his flu shot. **Beth** had a thank you dollar for Maureen and her heading up the Student of the Month program. **Maureen**, in turn, had a happy dollar for her relationship with Rotary (even though she is a Kiwanian). **Bob** was happy that he and Lynne will have a big announcement the last meeting of the year. **Dave** was happy for the Interact float in this year’s Christmas parade and he thanked the Schott’s and Paul Thornfeldt for helping out.

50/50: Once again, Stan asked Abbie Graiver to draw the winning ticket and she drew Ron’s number. Ron was close with the Queen of Clubs (what, no consolation prize?) so the pot of \$151.00 rolls over.

Birthdays in December: Jane (Larry) Jordan – 12/5; Curtis Cole – 12/6; Susan Cairns – 12/28.

Anniversaries in December: Ron and Laura Morse – 12/20; Curtis and Christie Smith – 12/27

Membership Anniversaries in November: Jack Sours - 1 yr. on 12/19

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 E22

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