



# 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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## 2013-2014 Officers

Rotary International President: Ron Burton ~ Governor, District 7780: Carolyn Johnson  
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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** This morning we welcome the OHCHS Chorale who will be singing to us upstairs in the Sanctuary. Our greeter this morning is Jack Sours.

**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.

**12/25 – 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 – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and George Rice**

**1/29 – Curtis Cole and Ron Morse**

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

## **Announcements:**

**Dave P.** greeted Frank Shorey who is home from Florida for a couple of weeks. Dave had a few gifts for Frank including a Santa hat, an official Red Sox golf ball and an official Red Sox Nation citizenship card. Frank gave Dave a Tampa Bay Rays Christmas ornament and he gave the club a new Tampa Bay Rays sticker which he proudly placed on our banner.

Dave also presented Frank with his certificate for 29 years of perfect attendance. Congratulations, Frank! (and it really was nice to see you again)

Dave reminded us that today's program will be the OHCHS Chorale and that there would be no meeting Christmas week. He also reminded us that we will be voting on our slate of officers for 2014-2015 at our meeting on December 31<sup>st</sup>. See below for a list of the nominations.

Also please remember that there will be a board meeting on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at the NPC-TV office on Marston St. All are welcome to attend and it is a make-up.

Dave read a thank you letter from the grandmother of one of last week's Students of the Month, junior Hailey Crocker.

Dave also thanked John for the excellent job he is doing with the Reader.

**Nomination forms for Rotarian of the Year are out.** Nominations really need to be in ASAP.

**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.**

**Christmas for Teens -** Chris Twitchell said she spoke with Jean Delamater (who spoke to us about Christmas for Teens a couple of weeks ago) and who told her that they received an additional 70 requests for gifts last Monday. It will be difficult, but they are going to try and fulfill those requests. There still is a special need for pillows and blankets. Gift items can still be left at TD Bank in Oxford.

**Alan Day Community Garden –** Larry was not at the meeting to update us but in riding by the Garden earlier this week, it looks as though he and Steve Galvin worked on Sunday and finished the roof. I could see that the solar panel was in place and assume the back portion of the roof was completed as well. All that remains is to put on the roofing material and construct the doors.

**Dave Carter** thanked the club once again for helping get his wood in last month. It was a huge help to him and Ann and he was very appreciative to all. It has dried surprisingly well in his basement. He said it has always been his goal to “force” us all to be in X-country skis together but that maybe he didn't give us enough “love” for it only happened once as our first fund raiser for Polio Plus and it was incredible to see.

**Rotary Minute:** Curtis did some research to see what other Rotary Clubs do for Christmas for Kids and Christmas for teens. He found a club in North Carolina that raises money by having a Christmas Pudding competition. Through Rotary International, clubs in Eastern Europe prepare and distribute shoeboxes full of gifts. And there is a club in England that wrote and produced a Christmas song to raise money. The song is “Christmas Time” and it is currently #18 on Amazon's list of individual songs to purchase.

**Last Week's Program:** Unfortunately, Mary Lou's guest speaker did not appear.

**Happy & Sad Dollars:** Frank was happy to be back for 10 days. Chris S. went skiing last week for the first time in 12 years and was glad he didn't make a fool of himself. Glenn recollected our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser for Polio Plus was cross country skiing at Carter's and what a good time everyone had. Curtis S. was happy that he decided to go back to school so he enrolled at USM and is taking a course in leadership and corporations.

**50/50:** Stan asked Curtis S. to draw the winning ticket and Curtis drew his own number. He did not pick the King of Clubs from the deck so the pot 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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interact Meeting – Thursday, 2:30 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Room E22

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