



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 Bob Schott, substituting for Jack Sours. This morning, we are joined by the Students of the Month and their guests.

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.

12/4 – Visioning Committee meeting at Tally Decato's house, 1 Chipman St., South Paris.

12/11 – Mary Lou Burns and Curtis Smith. Mary Lou's guest speaker is Brendan Schaffler from Healthy Oxford Hills.

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 – Dave Carter and Patty Rice

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

Announcements:

Dave P. – Dave thanked everyone who participated in shopping for and delivering to the food pantries on the 23rd. He also thanked Beth for organizing everything for us and for making sure we stuck to “no name brands”.

Dave reminded us that we will have the OHCHS Chorale as our program on the 18th and that there would be no meeting on the 25th. We will be having a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 31st at the church.

Dave announced that he had received an awesome letter from Frank Shorey, letting us know that he would be honoring us with his presence on December 11th and 18th and that he wished us all a Happy

Thanksgiving. Dave said he enclosed some Ray's stickers, the purposes of which he announced to the club. However, Jack R. was the only person who received his own sticker.

Chris T. – We have agreed to support Christmas for Teens again this year. There are gift tags on one of the tables at the back of the room – green for girls, red for boys and white for additional items. This year CFT is looking for useful items – personal care products, hats, gloves, pillows, sweat shirts and so on. Because Thanksgiving is so close to Christmas this year, the items need to be back within the next two weeks. You may drop off your items at our meetings or at TD Bank in Oxford. Remember, the spending limit per person is \$60.

Pat – just a reminder that we don't have a lot of money in the cash drawer on Wednesday, so please avoid using any bill larger than a \$20. If you don't have smaller bills, a check is perfectly acceptable.

Paul – there are approximately 15 cheese wheels left so if you have someone that wants one, please see Paul or Ron.

Rotary Minute: Joel talked about things we might consider mentioning when asking someone to come to Rotary:

- 1) Talk about the way you feel about Rotary – what you get from being a member.
- 2) Mention that the community respects what we do
- 3) Free breakfast

Last Week: Program Chair Dan Allen introduced Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Lange of the Paris Police Department. Jeff, as he preferred to be addressed, started with PPD on October 14th. Jeff said he was born in New Jersey but also lived in New Hampshire and Massachusetts growing up. When he graduated from college and got in to law enforcement, he joined a small town department back in New Jersey. He later joined the Columbus, Ohio PD and became a detective in the special victims unit. His wife's job transfer brought him and his family back to Massachusetts where he was a private investigator for the Dept. of Defense. He spent 2 tours in Iraq and Afghanistan as a civilian contractor where he led a prosecution task force. After these adventures, he took some time off and started looking for a more relaxed pace of life when he saw the advertisement for Paris. He is looking forward to working with the new chief on rebuilding the Paris department from the ground up and changing the public's view of the department.

Happy & Sad Dollars: I found my notes from last week so will combine Happy Dollars from the last two weeks, so from November 20th: **Phil** had 5 happy dollars for his friend teaching in Kabul, Afghanistan. **Dan** announced that he found a t-shirt celebrating 40 years of the Bean-Hole-Bean Festival that had never been worn, although he found that it had shrunk. **Bob** was happy that Sugarloaf was looking white. **Beth** was happy for the Lac Megantic project. From November 27th: **Lynne** had a fine dollar for forgetting to wear her Rotary earrings. She also had a happy dollar for the kids and their float in the Christmas parade and was happy that her schedule of late allowed her to come to our meetings. **Beth** had a correction and apology dollar for Abbie Graiver for our spelling her name wrong on everything but her badge and cup. At least we got those right. **Dave P.** was happy that he went skiing last Thursday and that it was excellent. **Dan** was happy to have Abbie as our newest member and he thanked Jeff for coming to talk to us. **Steve** was happy to have Jeff as well. **Paul** said that he stopped at a "road toll" for the homeless in New Britain, Connecticut and there was a man in a Santa suit collecting tolls who looked exactly like Bob Schott. He thought for a moment that Bob had branched out. **Glenn** was happy that he and Sharon celebrated their 25th anniversary on November 26th.

50/50: Abbie Graiver drew Dan's ticket. Dan asked Jeff Lange to draw a card for him but Jeff didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot of \$136 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 E220

“Happiness is your dentist telling you it won't hurt then having him catch his hand in the drill.”

~Johnny Carson~

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