



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2012 – 2013: "Peace Through Service"

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Welcome!

Today's greeter is Larry Jordan. Today we have the Students of the Month and AG Sheila Rollins from Bridgton-Lake Region.

Calendar: The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is Greeter. Please let President Bob or Program Chair Dave Preble 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.

12/3 – Board Meeting at NPC-TV, Marston St., at 6:00PM

12/5 – Students of the Month and Larry Jordan

12/12 – Beth Abbott and Glenn Huntley

*Don Mayberry will be speaking about
the church's 200th Anniversary.*

12/19 – Christmas Choir/Assembly and John Griffith

12/26 – Dan Allen and Susan Graves

Announcements:

Bob – reminded us about the Board Meeting on Monday and read a thank you note from the West Paris food pantry. Bob also thanked Paul Thornfeldt for using his truck to pull the Interact float in the Christmas parade. 10 students worked on the float the week of the parade and another 9 students walked with the float in the parade.

Ron – he and Paul went to Vermont to get the cheese last week. Please see Ron after the meeting to get your cheese if you did not last week.

Chris Twitchell – is working with Jean Delameter on Christmas for Teens. She has the names of 15 local teens and their wish lists to distribute this week. They are asking that we spend \$55 on each teen; Chris suggested that we pair up with a Rotarian partner to split the cost.

Larry – reminded us about how much our \$2.00 per week per Rotarian does for the world.

Irina – invited us all to the Arts Center Holiday Party at their new location, 424 Main St., Norway, next to Books n' Things, on Sunday, December 2nd from 5-7PM.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: No visiting Rotarians. Jack Sours came for another visit.

Last week: **President Bob** rang the bell and asked **Jack Sours** to lead us in the Pledge. Since neither of our song leaders were present, Bob asked our guest speaker, Cynthia Wescott, to lead us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag". **Glenn** gave the invocation. After breakfast, **Val Weston** introduced Cynthia who spoke to us about Responsible Pet Care. RPC is now covering 12 area towns. In addition to care and adoption services, one of their goals is to provide education on proper pet care. Each cat and dog brought to RPC receives up to \$225 worth of services. Through October of this year, they have taken in 361 cats and adopted out 312. They are providing foster care for 85-100 cats at any one time. As a result of the Allen Hill Shelter closing, RPC is now taking in dogs, 102 so far, and they have adopted out 22. They run a program called "United for Dogs" which includes dog walkers, fund raisers and volunteers to help with the dog care. Their gift shop, "Pawsabilities" also has many Christmas gifts for your dog. RPC desperately needs a new facility as the current one is too small and needs too many repairs. They are pursuing the purchase of a building on High Street in South Paris and if they are successful in getting the money they need, it will have the first public dog park in the community. This building is across the street from Paris Elementary and so far they have raised \$103,000 towards the \$350,000 purchase price which includes renovations they must make. The building is under contract for them but they will need to ask for an extension to give them more time to raise the funds needed.

Happy and Sad Dollars: **Lynn** was happy that so many teenagers helped with the Christmas parade float and that they had a good time. **President Bob** was happy that December is family month for Rotary and we can bring a family member to one of our meetings or events. **Dave C.** was sad that there was no snow yet, but happy for Glenn and Sharon Huntley's 24th anniversary. **Dave P.** was happy that Ron and Paul went to Vermont to pick up the cheese wheels. **Steve** was happy that the parade was photographed and will be on the local cable TV channel very soon. He was also happy that he got to see "Derby Baby", a movie about roller derbies in Portland. **Patty** was happy that RPC could come to our meeting to talk about the shelter and that rifle hunting season was over. **Larry** was happy that while the Progress Center had switched to electronic entry for paperwork and payroll, the regular staff was struggling with the new system.

50/50 – There was \$164 in the pot; Ron Morse drew Beth's ticket but she drew the 10 of Spades, not the King of Clubs.

I would like to thank **Rebecca** for taking the notes for the second half of the meeting as I had to leave early to attend a meeting. I would also like to thank **Norway Savings Bank** for allowing me to use their paper and copy machine when I am acting Editor of the Reader!

~ John