



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 program chair is Curtis Cole. His guest speaker is Scott Cole, Oxford County Administrator. Our greeter is Robert Kahn.

Calendar: The first name listed is 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.

2/19 – **Tally Decato** and **Irina Kahn**. Tally's guest speaker is Lovelle Beaulieu, Editor of the Advertiser-Democrat.

2/19 – **Visioning Committee** meeting at Tally Decato's house, 1 Chapman Ave., South Paris.

2/22 – **World Peace and Understanding Frugal Feast** dinner at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St., in Portland, starting at 5:30.

2/26 – **Rebecca Dowse** and **Larry Jordan**. Rebecca's guest speakers are Dave Moyer, Meals on Wheels Nutrition Manager and Valerie Cole from Oxford Hills Outreach.

3/3 – **Board of Directors meeting**, 6:00PM at NPC-TV on Marston St.

3/5 – **Students of the Month** and **Glenn Huntley**

3/13 – **Pizza Party for the Exchange Students.**

3/14 – **Exchange Students** and **Susan Graves**. This is a Friday meeting at our usual time. No Wednesday meeting this week.

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

Announcements:

President Dave - since the students of the month did not come because of the snow storm and no school, Dave devoted the meeting to announcements and upcoming events.

Dave began by reading from the Book of Inspirations we received at our 30th Anniversary Dinner. For February 5th:

“Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction.”
By Antoine de Saint-Eng

The World Peace and Understanding Dinner / Frugal Feast will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords St., in Portland starting at 5:30PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person and a sign-up sheet is available.

The Bethel Rotary is holding their 7th Annual Beer and Wine Tasting Festival on March 8th at White Cap Lodge, Sunday River.

While the date has passed, the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was Friday, February 7th. The Oxford Federal Credit Union led by our own Susan Graves was honored as Business of the Year. Congratulations Susan!

Dave also mentioned the [BBBS Bowl-for-Kid's Sake](#) bowl-a-thon which will be on Saturday, April 12th. If anyone is interested in putting a team together, please speak to Dave.

Our new, larger (30' x 60") white tent has arrived. There was some discussion about why we do not currently advertise that we have tents for rent. The feeling of the board is that we are a non-profit organization and we don't wish to be perceived as competition for other businesses that rent tents and depend on the income from said rentals.

[The Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance](#) will be held on April 5th. Due to a conflict with Silver Spur, it will be held at Tuscany Hall in South Paris. Chris Summers has agreed to be co-chair along with Mary Ann Brown, co-chair for Kiwanis.

[Bob Schott](#) announced that the Exchange Student Ski Weekend will be March 13-16, starting with a pizza party at 6:00PM on the 13th. The students will join us for breakfast on Friday, March 14th. There will be no Wednesday morning meeting that week. More to come later.

[Patty Rice](#) told us that she and George have reservations to attend the International Convention in Sydney, Australia from June 1-4 and they will be celebrating their anniversary while there. They will arrive in Sydney on Friday, May 30th and will return home on Monday, June 9th. They have reservations for several different Rotary events and also plan to climb the Sydney Harbor Bridge.

We need someone to take over as editor of the Reader as John and Shelley Griffith are leaving for Florida the week of February 24th for two months. Our other editor, Paul Thornfeldt and his wife, Dawne, are also away until the end of April so if anyone would like to take over the Reader for a couple of months, please see John.

On a question from Glenn Huntley, [Joel Speakman](#) talked about our investment account. While he did not have updated figures, Joel said that our balance has remained relatively stable. We are invested in Maine Health and Education bonds and while the stock market has gone up substantially, bonds have not. The upside is that our investments are protected from going down but they also do not increase in value in the same manner as the stock market.

Happy and Sad Dollars: Dan had a sad dollar for not being here next week – or this week as you read this - but he had a happy dollar because he will be making up a meeting somewhere in London, England. Susan Graves was happy to be a grandmother again as her son and daughter-in-law are adopting a two young children, a brother and sister. She had a sad dollar, though, for her daughter-in-law who is recovering at home from injuries sustained in a major car accident. Bob S. was happy that his mother is recovering from her broken leg and is now able to get around with a walker. Pat put a dollar in for forgetting her badge. Dave was happy to be off tomorrow and is looking forward to some great skiing. He and Becky had a Super Bowl party that was very successful.

50/50 – John drew Curtis Coles’ number but Curtis drew the Queen of Spades. There was \$266.00 in the pot which rolls over to next week.

Birthdays in February: Anne Carter – 2/1; Rebecca Dowse – 2/4; Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/13; Ron Morse – 2/24

Anniversaries in February: Jack and Barbara Ann Sours – 2/26

Membership Anniversaries in February: Susan Cairns – 2 years – 2/8

From a posting on Facebook:

“Be thankful for the bad things in life. For they opened your eyes to the good things you weren’t paying attention to before.”

Make-ups:

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

www.bethelrotary.org

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

www.lakeregionrotary.org

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

www.fryeburgrotary.org

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

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact meeting – Thursday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room E22

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