



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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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!** Our program chair is Tally Decato. Her guest speaker is Lovelle Beaulieu, Editor of the Advertiser-Democrat. Substituting for Irina Kahn, our greeter is Bob Schott.

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**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 – **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.

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**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the Students of the Month, their parents and other guests.

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### **Announcements:**

Because we had both the Students of the Month and a guest speaker, **President Dave** only had a couple of announcements.

There is a sign-up sheet going around for the World Peace and Understanding Dinner in Portland on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Because of a prior commitment, Dave and Becky will not be able to attend but if anyone else is interested, be sure and sign up.

Dave thanked John and Shelley Griffith for pinning all the small banners on our new large banners. We need suggestions on how to display all that we have.

Jack led us in singing Happy Birthday to Pat Cook whose big day was the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chris S. talked about the Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance which will be at Tuscany Hall in South Paris in March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00PM-11:00PM. Chris has been working with Mary Ann Brown, co-chair from Kiwanis. They are looking for people to help with the set-up and clean-up as well as other duties. There is a sign-up sheet available today.

Read Across America is coming up in March. Mary Lou is not sure of the exact date as the actual anniversary is on a Saturday this year. She should have more information this week.

Larry told us that he has the Foundation figures available for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters available. Our donations are up over last year and everyone in the club has made contributions.

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

The BBBS Bowl-for-Kid's Sake bowl-a-thon which will be on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in putting a team together, please speak to Dave.

Left in from last week, the Exchange Student Ski Weekend will be March 13-16, starting with a pizza party at 6:00PM on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The students will join us for breakfast on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Wednesday morning meeting that week. More to come later.

And a correction – in the last Reader, I incorrectly said that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. It is on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Susan Graves and The Oxford Federal Credit Union will be honored as Business of the Year. Congratulations Susan!

We need someone to take over as editor of the Reader as John and Shelley Griffith are leaving for Florida the week of February 24<sup>th</sup> 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. **Update:** John offered to do the Reader from Florida if someone will take notes and e-mail them to him. That person or someone else will also have to pick up the print version from Grass Roots Graphics to bring to the meeting.

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Happy and Sad Dollars: Patty had a sad dollar for the loss of Shirley Temple, who passed away last week. She was one of Patty's childhood idols. Patty also had a happy dollar for Dave Carter as she told him she would get out on her X-country skis this year so she and George did last weekend. Larry had a sad dollar for the loss of one of the residents at Progress Center, a fellow named Jerry Wilmot who Larry said taught him a lot about people with disabilities when he first went to work there. Glenn thanked everyone for purchasing raffle tickets and supporting the Norway-Paris Fish and Game Club. John was happy to get together recently with some of his cousins who he had not seen in many years. Also he reminded everyone that this week is his last week before leaving for Florida and no one has stepped up yet to take over the Reader. Bob was happy to talk to our freshman about RYLA which she will be eligible for next week. Also

he said that he had seen Dave Carter recently. Dave finds talking very difficult but is fighting every minute. [Dave P.](#) had a happy dollar but I didn't catch what he said and I forgot to ask him after the meeting. Sorry Dave.

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50/50 – Rebecca drew Chris Weston's number but Chris didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

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**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

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### [Make-ups:](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **February Students of the Month**

Maureen Howard introduced our Students of the Month who were rescheduled from the prior week due to the snow storm and no school.

**9<sup>th</sup> grade – Tia Cote.** Tia was nominated by her English teacher. “Tia is always on task, respectful to both me and other students, always listening when others are speaking and she never puts other students down. In group work, Tia easily leads her group, yet she does not dominate. She allows others in the group to have a voice and equal ownership in the task. I like the way she stands up for what is right and I admire that she is an inspiration to others.”

**10<sup>th</sup> grade – Angela Sanders.** Angela was nominated by her English teacher. “Angela is always positive and is not concerned about how she appears to others. In a classroom setting, she says what she feels, asks questions and makes observations regardless of her peers' judgment. In this way, she serves as a role model for her peers – she enjoys learning and works hard and isn't afraid of who knows it. She also listens

to and genuinely responds to her peers. She cares about others and often says compassionate and thoughtful things to them in our discussions.”

**11<sup>th</sup> grade – Nick Buffington.** Nick was also nominated by his English teacher. “I had Nick as a freshman in my English class and this year, he asked to be my student aide. I have asked Nick to share his experience as a junior with my freshmen. He has talked to them about the PSAT experience and has shared other information about what they can expect as upper classmen in the areas of reading, writing and vocabulary in their future classes at OHCHS. He is a great role model and I’m pleased he chose to return to my class to help as an upperclassman at OHCHS.”

**12<sup>th</sup> grade – Jared Jacobs.** Jared was nominated by our Respect Team Advisor. “Jared takes on huge technology responsibilities for public performances here at OHCHS. Event planners who wish to present any performance at OHCHS work closely with Jared to implement their programs. He has outstanding capabilities regarding sound systems and acoustics and is considered a pro at it. Multiple events have been successful because of Jared’s accomplished abilities.”

Jared told us that he will be attending the University of Maine in Orono, majoring in electrical engineering

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#### **Last week’s guest speaker**

Our guest speaker was Scott Cole, Oxford County Administrator. Scott lives in Bethel and prior to taking the position as County Administrator, served as Town Manager in Bethel, Belgrade and Standish. His wife is a member of the Bethel Rotary Club.

Scott began by showing us a flow chart of responsibilities among the various departments of the county – commissioners, treasurer, deeds, sheriff, which includes jail, patrol and civil services, probate and district attorney. Virtually everything concerning these offices flows to the Commissioners through Scott’s office. The county is governed by statute and essentially does what the state and towns don’t do for the communities in the county. Even though some things are now state operations, such as the court system, the county provides the real estate. There are 70 full time employees, 9 elected officials, 1 district attorney and 3 commissioners. Scott told us that the commissioners, which includes our former member Steve Merrill, are very able and astute and he enjoys working with them. There are essentially three budgets – one for the county itself which totals around \$6M, the jail which is around \$1.5M and the unorganized territories which is also around \$1.5M. There are 36 towns in Oxford county and I believe he said 37 unorganized townships. The county encompasses 2100 sq. miles and occupies 1/16 of the land mass of Maine. The administrative function also encompasses the 911 system which serves 50 public service agencies. Oxford County is also one of three counties in Maine that has an airport, the other two being Hancock and Knox counties. There are many challenges in running the county, but the two major ones are to put written policies in place to better define the duties and positions of the departments and the maintenance of the buildings, figuring out what’s best while maintaining the historical features.

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