



# 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Our program chair is Rebecca Dowse. Her guest speakers are Dave Moyer, Meals on Wheels Nutrition Manager and Valerie Cole from Oxford Hills Outreach. Our greeter is Larry Jordan. **In case you haven't thought about it, this is the last meeting in February! Only 23 days until spring!**

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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.

3/1 – **RLI** in York. See Dave if you are interested in attending.

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.

3/19 – **Steve Galvin** and **Abbie Graiver**

3/26 – **Abbie Graiver** and **Steve Galvin**

4/2 – **April Students of the Month** and **Rebecca Dowse**

4/5 – **Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance**, Tuscan Hall, South Paris from 8:00-11:00.

4/9 – **Susan Graves** and **Tally Decato**. Susan's guest speaker is Lisa Dunham from the American Cancer Society. She will be talking about Relay for Life.

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**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Karen Downing was the guest of Mary Lou Burns.

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**Rotary Moment:** Bob had a question for the club. The first foreign language club was established 100 years ago today in what country? (Answer on the last page). Bob also told us that he was called to the office after his last skiing class. Wondering what he had done wrong now, he was greeted by his boss who gave him a card with a \$20 bonus in it and told him what a great class he had. Bob attributed his success to teaching with humor and that is something we should keep in mind.

## **Last Week:**

President Dave lost his voice this week so he greeted us with hand held notes – kind of like what you might see people do on You Tube. With various gestures, he asked Bob to lead us in the Pledge, Dan to lead us in song and Glenn to offer the blessing. At Bob's request, Dan led us in ♪ "The weather outside is frightful....." ♪ except that Bob had us change that line to "delightful". I guess it depends on your point of view but I will say it was very pretty this morning after yesterday's snow.

**Our guest speaker was Lovelle Beaulieu, Editor of the Advertiser-Democrat.** Lovelle said that Tally has been after him for some time to come and speak to us but Wednesday is difficult because it is the day the paper is "put to bed" for printing and distribution on Thursday. However, this week he was able to come because it is his last week with the paper. He has accepted another opportunity and will be going back to his home state of Louisiana to be second in command of the Hammond, Louisiana newspaper. He said he came to Maine 8 months ago to take over as editor and has really enjoyed being here. He felt Maine had a lot to offer because it is still rooted in family and home which is why a local paper is so important to everyone. He talked about the future of newspapers and said they need to be relevant for people to read it. Lovelle said that he was leaving the paper stronger and that we should keep up the fight for it.

## **Announcements:**

**Dave** passed around a card from **PDG Marty Helman**, thanking us for inviting her to our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and telling us what a great time she had.

**Dave** told us that he and Becky stopped to see **Anne and Dave Carter** on Valentine's Day. Dave was resting in his chair. He finds it difficult to speak but was able to join Dave, Becky and Anne later on.

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.

**The Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance** will be at Tuscany Hall in South Paris on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00PM-11:00PM.. Chris is 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.

**Read Across America** is Saturday, March 1. Because it is a Saturday, Mary Lou expects that we will be reading to the kids on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. She passed a sign-up sheet around for that date and if she finds out it is incorrect, she will call everyone who signed up and let them know.

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.

**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.

**Curtis Cole** volunteered to take notes of the club meetings and e-mail them to John in Florida so he can continue to do the Reader from there. President Dave – if he remembers – will pick up the print version from Grass Roots Graphics to bring to the meeting.

And lastly, for those who don't do e-mail, Beth Abbott sent an e-mail out on Club Runner last week concerning [Steve Galvin](#). Apparently, Steve is out of commission with both knees not working (no known injury) and has been pretty much house bound for the last week and a half. He can't drive and has been in bed with his legs elevated and iced. He is rather discouraged. Friends have been getting him food and stuff but he is worried about his driveway as he can't snow blow it. If any of us can call, offer help or visit, it would be appreciated.

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😊 **Happy Dollars:** [Jack](#) was happy to acknowledge his daughter's birthday. [Dan](#) was happy to be back from London. He had a wonderful time and was able to attend a Rotary club there which was at a restaurant on a very narrow street. Lunch was 30 Pounds which is about \$50. [Glenn](#) thanked everyone for supporting the Norway-Paris Fish and Game by purchasing raffle tickets for their Ice Fishing Derby. All donations help send kids to camp. [Lynn](#) was happy to be off for the week and is looking forward to spending the summer with her new grandchild – as is Bob, too, I'm sure. [Bob](#) was happy that his mother is making good progress recovering from her broken leg and that she can now get out of bed and into her wheel chair alone. 😊

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**50/50** – Susan Cairns drew her own number. She drew a Wild card which she immediately declared was the King of Clubs but alas, it was disallowed. Sorry Susan! 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

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