



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! This week we are joined by the February Students of the Month and their parents. Our greeter is Phil Libby.

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.

2/12 – **Curtis Cole** and **Robert Kahn**. Curtis's guest speaker is Oxford Country Administrator, Scott Cole.

2/19 – **Tally Decato** and **Irina Kahn**

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

2/26 – **Rebecca Dowse** and **Larry Jordan**. Rebecca's guest speaker is Connie Jones, Director of Community Services for Seniors Plus who will be talking about Meals on Wheels in Oxford County.

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

3/5 – **Students of the Month** and **David Infinger**

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

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

Visiting Rotarians and guests: No one had any guests last week but Pat Roma and Scott Hynek visited from the Bethel club. They came to return our gavel and Dave's badge which somehow ended up in Bethel after our 30th Anniversary dinner.

Rotary Minute:

Ron Morse told us of a very interesting article in this month's Rotarian magazine about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and encouraged each of us to read it. There was another informative article on the Foundation with a pie chart showing where our money goes.

Announcements:

President Dave talked about our 30th Anniversary dinner and thanked everyone for their participation, particularly those who helped him put it together. He also offered congratulations to all of our new and used Paul Harris Fellows, to Curtis Cole for receiving the Rotarian of the Year award and to the Bethel Club for their donation to the Foundation in our name.

Dave also opened the gift from the Bridgton-Lake Region club, a book entitled “365 Days of Inspiration” which had a nice dedication in the front.

Dave passed around a picture of the banner we purchased for the Healthy Oxford Hills alcohol prevention program.

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. Because Bob Schott will be “rapidly” (get it?) going down the Colorado River at that time, Chris Summers has agreed to be co-chair along with Mary Ann Brown, co-chair for Kiwanis.

Dave also said that he received the information on this years’ Big Brothers-Big Sisters Bowl-for-Kid’s Sake bowl-a-thon which will be held on April 12th. If anyone is interested in putting a team together, please speak to Dave.

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. They will join us for breakfast on FRIDAY, March 14th. There will be no Wednesday morning meeting that week. More to come later.

Chris Summers and Christina Twitchell attended the Mid-Year Leadership Dinner on January 27th. Chris said it was a very interesting and fun evening, getting to meet all of the vice-presidents that will be presidents of their clubs when he is president of ours. He said that the major emphasis in coming years will be to get the word out about Rotary. According to a recent poll, 60% of Americans are unaware of Rotary and what it does. There will be a major campaign to help spread the word.

Ron Morse told us that **Curtis Cole** and **Dave Carter** went skiing last week (now two weeks ago) and in talking with Dave’s daughter, she said that Dave went skiing again on Monday (the 27th) which was wonderful to hear. We’re thinking of you, Dave!

Last Week:

Program Chair Pat Cook introduced Brendan Schaffler, Action Community Environments co-ordinator for Healthy Oxford Hills. Healthy Oxford Hills started out 12 years ago with the tobacco settlement money that Maine received. Unlike other states that used the money for other things, Maine dedicated its money, first to smoking programs and then to other programs promoting health education, awareness and prevention. Healthy Oxford Hills currently manages 5 different grants. Brendan is working with a “community transforming grant” which promotes walking and biking and how to make it easier for people to do both. As everyone who does walk or bike in the Norway-Paris areas knows, it is sometimes not easy to do as our streets and roadways were not designed with either in mind. Brendan presented an interesting program showing what can be done to make both easier, safer and more pleasant.

Happy and Sad Dollars: **Tally** was thankful for receiving her PHF award at our 30th Anniversary dinner. **Rebecca** was happy to celebrate her 5th year in Rotary, for her PHF award and all the snow that has kept the skiers happy. **Larry** was happy for his daughter, Laurie, who is going for her 3rd interview for a Case Management position. **Bob** was happy that his mother is doing well in rehab after breaking her leg. He was also happy that the OHCHS Chinese exchange teacher has learned to ski. **Glenn** was happy for his new X-Country skis and thinks Bob should do more X-Country. **Dave** was happy that he and Becky were headed out to ski after the meeting and after listening to Brandon's program, was going to tell Becky that they will be walking up the mountain. Let us know how that works, Dave.

50/50 – Rebecca drew Jack Richardson's ticket, but Jack did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$256 in the pot.

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

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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