



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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Rotary Theme for 2013-2014: "Engage Rotary – Change Lives"

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Good Morning and Welcome! Steve Galvin is today's program chair and Abbie Graiver is our greeter. PP Bob Schott is leading the meeting this morning in President Dave's absence.

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.

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

3/30 – **Board Meeting** at NPC-TV office on Marston St. in Norway at 6:00PM

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.

4/16 – **Glenn Huntley** and **Pat Cook**

4/23 – **Larry Jordan** and **Curtis Cole**

4/30 – **Irina Kahn** and **Susan Cairns**

Visiting Rotarians and guests last week: There were no visiting Rotarians last week but we did have several guests. Lexie Bouchard was the guest of her grandmother, Beth Abbott and Deb Harris was the guest of Chris Summers. We were also joined by OHCHS Interact Students, Seniors: Jamie Thomas, Abby Dalzell and Diamond Wesley from Norway and Jonathan Brown of West Paris. Sophomores: Summer Pitts and Tyler Bumpus, both from South Paris.

Rotary Minute: Susan Graves gave a brief outline of the Rotary Foundation, stating that over 95% is directed to Rotary Foundation initiatives.

Last Week:

Last week we had our special Friday morning meeting with the Rotary exchange students before they spent the weekend skiing. PP Bob Schott introduced the three students who could come and asked them to tell us something about themselves.

Yuho Monzai from Japan is attending Portsmouth High School. Yuho wants to learn English and more about America. She says Japan offers good food and unique people. (The other students all offered that their countries had good food as well).

Axelle Hubin from Belgium is attending Yarmouth High School. Axelle has an older sister who was an exchange student here. She wants to meet different people and experience another country's lifestyle. She said that Belgium has good beer (and by implication, a lower drinking age).

Tiago Barreto is from Brazil and is attending Freeport High School. Tiago's older brother was previously an exchange student in Florida. Tiago chose Maine to experience different weather as well as an alternative culture.

Bob said they all met at Ari's Pizza last night. Val and Chris Weston hosted the students. After the morning's meeting, the students, including some of the Interactors, headed for Carter's Cross Country Ski Area in Bethel. After lunch, they were heading to Shawnee Peak to ski for the afternoon and all day Saturday. They will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at the Downeast Ski Club Lodge at the mountain in Bridgton.

Announcements:

President Dave: Dave sought and received unanimous club approval to fund 50% of Dave Carter's memorial service on Sunday, the 16th, along with the Bethel Rotary Club funding the other half of the total \$600 cost. The board also decided to donate \$200 to Androscoggin Home Hospice in Dave's memory.

Anne Carter will be coming to one of our meetings in April at which time she will be given honorary Rotarian status. A plaque honoring Dave will be given to her at that time.

The 90th anniversary of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Club will be on April 5th. However, it does conflict with the Special Olympics dance that night.

Dave said that he received a piece of junk mail last week with a Tampa Bay Ray's sticker inside. It was curious that the return address was "Western Auto, Norway....."

May Day Play Day will be on Saturday, May 10th at OHCH. Please sign up to help if you are available.

The club has donated \$300.00 to the OHCHS Music Boosters in appreciation for and support of the show, Seussical which will be on March 28, 29 and 30. Please contact the music department at the high school for more info.

Ron Morse – We will be putting food baskets together and distributing them after this week's meeting. We have 20 names and 8 Rotarians to work on them.

Chris Summers - tickets for **The Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance** are now available at \$15.00 per person. Let's try to outsell Kiwanis this year and regain the "trophy." Remember, the dance will be at Tuscany Hall in South Paris on Saturday, April 5th from 8:00PM-11:00PM.

Phil Libby - the Annual Career Fair at the Middle School will be on Friday, April 11th. If you are interested in participating, please speak to Phil.

Lynne Schott – the Interact Club will be sponsoring a Dining for Donations fund raiser at Applebee's on April 16th with 15% of the food tab going to Relay for Life.

Curtis Smith is heading up our team for the **BBBS Bowl-for-Kid's Sake** bowl-a-thon which will be on Saturday, April 12th. He has two members signed up to participate and is looking for two more. If you are interested, please

speak to Curtis. Thanks Curtis for stepping up to help with this! The Bowl-a-thon is very important to the BBBS program, providing the majority of its budget for the year.

[Mary Lou](#) - thank you to everyone who helped out with the Read Across America program.

😊 [Happy Dollars: Ron](#) was sad that he was late this morning due to the bad roads in his neck of the woods. He would also be happy if Bob Schott would stop praying for snow. Of course, [Bob](#) doesn't care about the snow anymore as he was happy to be leaving in about a week for his 21 day rafting trip on the Colorado River. [Glenn](#) was sad it was so difficult clean all the snow off the cars at the dealership but he was very happy that the beautiful and warm sun was shining this morning. [Mary Lou](#) was happy to be leaving shortly for Florida but sad to be missing two Rotary meetings as a result. [Lynne](#) was sad she forgot her badge this morning but happy that the ski weekend came together. [President Dave](#) was happy that the club had a good turnout for the Bethel Club's Beer and Wine Tasting Festival last weekend. [John](#) will put in an IOU sad dollar that he hasn't found anyone in Florida yet who has heard of Frank Shorey, an IOU happy dollar for the absolutely beautiful weather in Florida the last few days. (Sorry, I couldn't resist), and final IOU sad dollar that he won't be there to hear the club sing "Happy Birthday" to him. 😊

[50/50](#) – Guest Jonathan Brown drew Val's ticket (again Val?) but Val didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

[Birthdays in March:](#) Chris Weston – 3/11; Bob Kahn – 3/18; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; Jack Sours – 3/23; Chris Weston – 3/25; Herb (Lois) Strauss – 3/27

[Anniversaries in March:](#) None listed this month.

[Membership Anniversaries in March:](#) Dan Allen – 30 years – 3/7; Curtis Smith – 1 year – 3/20; Bob Schott – 18 years – 3/27.

[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 E220

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