



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! Pat Cook is greeter this morning and Glenn Huntley is program chair.

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.

4/23 – **Larry Jordan** and **Curtis Cole**
4/30 – **Irina Kahn** and **Susan Cairns**
5/6 – **Ropes refresher course at OHCHS**
5/7 – **May Students of the Month** and **Mary Lou Burns**
5/7 – **Visioning Committee meeting at 6:00PM.**
5/10 – **May Day Play Day at OHCHS**
5/14 – **Bob Kahn** and **Dan Allen**
5/16-5/17 – **District Conference, Portland.**
5/21 – **Phil Libby** and **Beth Abbott**

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

Rotary Moment: Chris Summers substituted for Tally who was having some dental work done. For a Rotary Moment, Chris had some questions for the club.

- 1) Why was Rotary founded? Networking was remembered by a few.
- 2) What was the first service project? Dan Allen said it was to provide a horse and buggy, (for a doctor, as I recall, *ed.*) However, Chris said he remembered Peter Johnson saying it was for a public bathroom in downtown Chicago which helped businesses so people could stay and shop longer.

Announcements:

President Dave – brought Midge to everyone’s attention as she wanted to point out that if the spoons and forks were reversed on the tables to please forgive. The Boy Scouts set the tables for which she was very appreciative.

Dave reminded everyone of the District Assembly on the 12th. Although he is unable to attend, he did note that 8 members had signed up to go. I understand George had quite a chorus sing Happy Birthday to him.

We have been approached to put on the pancake breakfast for Relay for Life on June 14th. Kiwanis has done it in the past but they have no interest in doing it this year. They will let us use their equipment. The time is 5:00AM to 7:00AM. Dave will bring this up to the board at the next meeting. Relay is also asking for 3 tents this year.

There is a sign-up sheet going around for a Rotary Day at Hadlock Field to see the Sea Dogs.

Dave gave perfect attendance awards to Chris Summers for 1 year and May Lou Burns for 16 years. Congratulations Chris and Mary Lou!

Phil - reminded everyone about the Career Fair at the Middle School on April 11th. While it has passed before you read this, Phil will probably say a few words this morning on how it went.

Larry - was happy to announce that donations to the Rotary Foundation have set a new record. He was very proud of the club for this accomplishment.

Curtis S. - we are still \$50 short of the donations required for an entry fee into the BBBS Bowl-a-thon on April 12th so the donation sheet was passed around again.

Chris S. – reminded everyone to get their ticket money in from the dance if there is any outstanding. To date, \$931.10 was raised for Special Olympics. Beth Abbott asked if this was before or after expenses and it is before. However, this is just Rotary’s portion.

After the announcements, **Jack R.** led us in singing “Happy Birthday” to Joel Speakman.

Last week:

Susan Graves introduced our guest speaker, Lisa Dunham from the American Cancer Society. Lisa began by asking if anyone had participated in a Relay for Life and a few had. Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Clapp raised \$27,000.00 by jogging for 24 straight hours. This year’s Relay will begin the evening of Friday, June 13 and runs for 12 hours through the night, ending Saturday morning, June 14th. There is a survivor’s dinner the night before at Hebron Academy. Any cancer survivor is welcome to attend. The American Cancer Society funds cancer research, advocacy groups that help victims, survivors and the families. They also provide many services from providing wigs to Hope Lodge, which provides free housing to patients and their families while undergoing treatment, to Care Fare, which provides train rides to Boston for patients and a care giver for \$20, avoiding the hassle of driving, tolls and parking, to Ride Service which puts patients and volunteers together to provide rides to and from treatment. Relay for Life is designed and co-ordinated around the concepts of remembering those who lost the battle, supporting those struggling with the disease and attending to their needs and endeavoring to end cancer and its effects on all those touched by it. The challenge is to get as many teams together as possible. In 2013, they raised \$1,000,000.00. Luminaries can be obtained for \$10 through various sources including our own Lynn Schott.

On April 16th, Applebee’s Restaurant will donate 15% of your check to the OHCHS Interact Club towards their Relay for Life fundraiser between 4:00PM and 9:00PM. You must have a flyer with you in order for your check to be counted.

😊 **Happy Dollars:** **Ron** was happy that the UCONN Huskies won not only the men's, but the women's basketball championships. **Lynn** was happy that Bob was doing well on his river rafting trip and was about half way but had a sad dollar for her brother-in-law who was losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. **Beth** had a happy dollar for Dan Hart, a member of the Bethel Rotary who has just been appointed as principal of Rowe School. Dan was previously principal at Telstar. **Patty** was happy to be coming up to her 5th year anniversary since her bout with cancer. She strongly endorsed the Hope Lodge program and was glad Lisa brought this to our attention. 😊

50-50 – Curtis Cole drew number 611. Poetically, it was Joel's ticket but he did not draw the King of Clubs and thus will have to search elsewhere for a birthday present.

Birthdays in April: Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Kathy (Jack) Richardson – 4/18; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike Abbott – 4/26; Jack Richardson – 4/30.

Anniversaries in April: None listed this month.

Membership Anniversaries in April: None listed this month.

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

Remember the 4 Way Test:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
 - 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 - 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 - 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
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