



# 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

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!** Irina Kahn is program chair this morning and Chris Summers is substituting as greeter for Susan Cairns. PE Chris Twitchell is filling in for President Dave who is elsewhere this morning.

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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.

**5/5 – Board Meeting at 6:00PM at the NPC-TV office on Marston St.**

**5/6 – Ropes refresher course at 6:00PM in the gym at OHCHS**

**5/7 – May Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns**

**5/10 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS**

**5/14 – Bob Kahn and Dan Allen**

**5/16-5/18 – District Conference in Portland**

**5/21 – Phil Libby and Beth Abbott**

**5/28 – Ron Morse and Val Weston**

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**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Barbara Provencher was the guest of Lynne Schott.

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**New Member Proposal:** Glenn Huntley has proposed Jon Roberts for membership. Jon is the owner of Robert's Overhead Door. The second proposal in last week's Reader was not ready to be posted. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns about this nomination, please speak to a board member.

## Announcements:

**President Dave** - Relay for Life is scheduled for June 13 & 14. In addition to setting tents for the event, the club was asked to help serve breakfast from 5:00AM to 7:00AM on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Dave put the request to a show of hands and as a result, it was determined that we would have enough people interested in getting up early enough to support this work event. Organization and cost of food would be the responsibility of other volunteers and not the Rotary Club.

The Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club has invited us to join them for breakfast at their Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. This means that we will not have our regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Kiwanians have also proposed that the two clubs join in a fellowship night on July 24<sup>th</sup> on the Songo River Queen in Naples. There will be more on this later.

The next board meeting will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome and attending is considered a make-up.

**Beth** – room prices at the Westin Hotel for the District Conference remain at \$159 per night which is discounted 50%. Some of the speaker topics include the need for continued help in Lac Megantic, Quebec as a result of the train disaster and the Guatemala Literacy Project.

**Tally** – work is progressing on various improvements and plans for May Day Play Day. Flyers have been created and members are asked to post them in their places of business and other locations.

**Ron** – we have received 29 applications for the Rotary scholarships and the committee will be convening soon to review them.

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## Last week:

Our guest speaker was Jennifer Putnam, the new Executive Director of the Progress Center. Jennifer gave us a brief history and overview of the Progress Center's programs and services for developmentally disabled children and adults. Some of the programs include: day services at the Progress Center campus on Cottage Street for about 35 adults; three residential homes located in Norway and Paris; support for disabled consumers living at home; various types of support for about 80 other people over a four county region; a community kitchen serving Thursday evening meals for 160-170 people each week and the wood shop which creates consumer assisted wood products.

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😊 **Happy Dollars:** **Lynn** was happy that Bob was off the river and that he had called from Mt. Whitney in California where he and some others were climbing the 14000' mountain. She was also happy that it was school vacation week and the she and her sister, Barbara, would be travelling to Plymouth, Massachusetts to see, learn and experience Plymouth colonial history. (I wish I'd known, Lynne, as I have been to Plymouth several times and could have given you some tips – *ed.*) **Larry** was happy Jennifer was today's speaker as well as that the Progress Center services so many genuinely happy people when considering the scope and seriousness of their disabilities. **Glenn** had a concerned dollar that for two weeks now his guests haven't shown up as promised. However, he was made aware of last week's guest's reason for missing the meeting and anticipates another valid excuse for this week. We hope Glenn isn't discouraged and continues to invite guests to Rotary. **Dave** was happy his step-mother, Betty, was recovering from a severe bout of influenza. He was also happy to have been to an Easter egg hunt at his

grandchildren's home over the weekend where they searched for 160 eggs in their front yard. Last but not least, Dave was happy to be the new owner of a used Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Happy riding, Dave. 😊

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**50/50** – Glenn drew the right ticket but the wrong card, missing a chance for \$389. One of these days, someone is going to win this thing!

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**Birthdays in May:** Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Chris Westion – 5/25

**Anniversaries in May:** Susan and Gregg Graves – 5/4; Chris and David Twitchell – 5/13; Dan and Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank and Connie Shorey – 50 Years! – 5/23

**Membership Anniversaries in May:** Lynne Schott – 10 yrs – 5/5; Joel Speakman – 3 yrs – 5/17

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“Life is one long process of getting tired.” ~ Samuel Butler, British Author, 1835-1902

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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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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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