



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

www.oxfordhillsrotary.org www.rotary7780.org



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

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Bob Kahn is our program chair and Dan Allen is our greeter.

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.

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

5/18 – Really Big Tent Party at 3:00 PM Stan and Ann Brett's home, Gore Rd., Otisfield

5/21 – Phil Libby and Beth Abbott

5/22 – Grant Seminar in Portland

5/28 – Ron Morse and Val Weston

6/2 – Board Meeting at 6:00PM at the NPC-TV office, Marston St., Norway

6/4 – Top Students and Chris Weston

6/7 – Project Graduation from 10:00 PM until ? at OHCHS

6/11 – George Rice and Chris Twitchell

6/14 – Relay for Life breakfast 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM at Gouin Field

6/18 – Patty Rice and Paul Thornfeldt

6/25 – Changeover and Chris Summers

6/25 – Visioning Committee meeting at 4:30 at Ron Morse's

Visiting Rotarians and guests: It was nice to see Warren Spencer from the South Berwick club again. Terri Cole was the guest of Curtis Cole and Jon Roberts was the guest of Glenn Huntley. And, of course, we had all of the Students of the Month and their guests.

Announcements:

May Day Play Day – May Day Play Day on Saturday morning the 10th was a huge success. Kids started coming in right at 9:00 and there was a steady stream all morning long. Fortunately, the early morning rain gave way to clouds and some sun by the end of the event which made Paul's and Chris's job of cooking hot dogs easier (since they were the only ones outside). We went through 16 dozen hotdogs and gave

away all 150 May Day Play Day tote bags which were stuffed with a container of soap bubbles, a Frisbee, crayons, sidewalk chalk and some other goodies. Thanks to PE Chris Twitchell, her crew and TD Bank for providing the contents and stuffing the bags for us. There were long lines all morning at the face painting table, the balloon lady table, the moon bounce and the ropes. It was amazing to see all the youngsters climb the ropes and walk the high beam. I don't have a complete list of everyone who was there to help out, but thank you one and all!

Visioning Committee – the Visioning Committee met at Rice's last Wednesday, the 7th. Due to the resignation of Susan Cairns, Patty offered to become chair and the committee quickly agreed. We discussed the revisions made to the proposed club by-laws at the last Visioning meeting and John is going to update them with those changes. John and Ron will attend the next board meeting to present the new by-laws to the board and subject to any board revisions, they will be brought to the club sometime after that. I hope Frank Shorey is happy that we are finally getting the by-laws updated.

Really Big Tent – last year, we purchased a 30' x 60' tent to rent. We have yet to put it up or take it down. While we have not had any requests to rent it, in preparation for that happening, Stan has invited everyone to a Really Big Tent Party. We will practice putting the tent up and taking it down on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 PM at Stan's and Ann's on Gore Rd. in Otisfield. Bring something to drink and something to share – casserole, salad, dessert, etc.

Board Meeting – There were some good discussions at the Board Meeting on May 5th concerning the Lottery Raffle, the Auction and the Lobster and Steak Fest. The Raffle will start in June and run through to the Lobster and Steak Fest. The Auction will be one week later than in the past, on Saturday, July 19th. The Lobster and Steak Fest will be on Saturday, August 16th. There was an auction planning meeting at Tim Horton's on Friday, May 9th. Unfortunately, I didn't look at my notes and forgot to attend so cannot update everyone on what transpired.

Program Suggestions – if you are in need of a program when your time comes, SCORE wants to speak to us and Emma Bodwell from the Bridgton Club would like to come and talk to us about their international project.

Road Toll – at the Visioning Committee meeting on May 5th, as we were discussing upcoming events, Bob mentioned that he had reserved Sunday, May 18th with the Town of Norway to do a road toll. Unfortunately, this is the same day that we planned the Really Big Tent Party and it is also the last day of the District Conference. Also, last year Responsible Pet Care had a road toll the day before and while not our fault, we came in for some criticism for having another the next day. Bob said he would check with the town to see if we still have the date and if RPC is also doing one the same weekend.

There is a **District Grant Seminar** in Portland on Thursday, May 22nd. It is a requirement that we send two people. PE Chris is going, is willing to pay for dinner and will drive if anyone would like to be her date for the evening.

Last week:

After welcoming the students and their guests, President Dave led us in the Pledge, Dan led us in singing "My Country 'tis of Thee" and Glenn gave the blessing.

President Dave presented Dan and Val with special pins for bringing in new members this year.

Maureen Howard of the Education Exchange introduced our Students of the Month. (See the last page of the Reader for their write-ups). After introducing the students, Maureen announced to us that she is retiring this year and this would be the last time she would present the students. In the 14 years of the program, all with Maureen as its guiding light, we have honored 392 students. Maureen said there is no other program like ours that she knows of and that it has been a pleasure working with the club, school and students. She said she will miss us all but is looking forward to getting a lot of projects done in the coming months. We thank you Maureen for your time, energy and devotion to our Student of the Month program and we will miss seeing you! The program will continue next year with a new director.

😊 **Happy Dollars:** **Chris S.** was sorry to hear that Maureen was retiring but he was happy that the last of the snow in his yard is finally gone. **Glenn** was happy that his son was visiting from South Carolina for a couple of weeks. He was also happy that Jon Roberts is becoming a member. **Dan** was happy for the students and their parents. **Tally** had a happy dollar for the students and their parents as well but a sad dollar that she totaled her car yesterday with another happy dollar that everyone was okay. **Curtis** was happy that Terri was able to join us but sad to lose Maureen. **Beth** had happy dollars for Maureen and the friendship between Kiwanis and Rotary. **Val** had a thank you dollar for Maureen, a congratulations dollar for the students and a happy dollar to see friends who bought a house in Norway through her. **Dave** was happy that his step-mom is going home from rehab and is going to try and make it on her own. He also thanked Chris and the club for running things in his absence last week. Referring to our senior student, he said that Becky wants to learn to weld. 😊

50/50 – Abbie drew Phil's ticket but Phil didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$418.00 in the pot.

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

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

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?
-

May Students of the Month

9th grade – Cora Hooker – nominated by her Math, English, Art and Science teachers – “Cora is always willing to help other students and works well with others. She is conscientious, diligent and clearly driven to do well and handles that inner drive in a calm and collected manner. She is a great kid and a wonderful student that deserves to be recognized.”

10th grade – Richard Strother – nominated by our two CAPS teachers – “Richie is a hard working student in the CAPS program and his turnaround since late fall has been extraordinary. He went from being a disengaged kid to a motivated student connected to school. This spring he took a risk in trying out for the OHCHS baseball team and he succeeded! He is a great role model for not only our CAPS students but for all students.”

11th grade – Harrison Linfield – nominated by his Computer Electronics teacher and our Respect Team Advisor – “Harry is an active member of the Respect Team and has a deep commitment to improving the culture of OHCHS. He demonstrates compassion, respect and integrity on a daily basis through his interaction with peers and teachers. During recruitment for Tech programs this year, Harry was able to communicate with each age group in a manner that was both engaging and informative. Although he finds this class challenging, he is willing to put in the extra time needed to ensure he understands the concepts presented.

12th grade – Tamara Williams – nominated by her Math, French and Auto Collision Repair teachers – “Tamara is a great student and person. She offers and asks for help openly with her classmates and has become a leader of the class because of this. Tamara was one of two females in my after school welding class. If I were to give an award for the most improved, she would get it hands down. She struggled a lot at first and contemplated dropping out. However, she stuck with it and has learned to be a pretty good welder.”

Thanks to Grass Roots Graphics for printing this week’s Reader for us.