



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 morning our program chair is Phil Libby and our greeter is Beth Abbott.

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.

5/22 – Grant Seminar in Portland

5/28 – Ron Morse and Val Weston. Ron's guest speaker will be Emma Bodwell from Bridgton-Lakes Region Rotary who will be talking about her club's international project.

5/28 – Scholarship Committee meeting at Joel Speakman's office, 11:30 AM.

6/1 – Really Big Tent Party at Stan Brett's, Gore Rd., Otisfield

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. George will be talking about the International Convention in Sydney, Australia that he and Patty attended.

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: There were no visiting Rotarians. Jon Roberts was the guest of Glenn Huntley.

Announcements:

Tally – May Day Play was very successful this year with over 300 people attending. The tote bags were a big hit and the kids all left with their bags, balloons and painted faces. There were steady lines at all of

the events all morning. We had many positive comments, especially about the increased signage which directed people to the gym.

Stan - Really Big Tent Party has been moved to Sunday, June 1, at 3:00 PM due to the rain forecast for May 18th. We will practice putting the really big tent up and taking it down Stan's on Gore Rd. in Otisfield. Bring something to drink and something to share – casserole, salad, dessert, etc. Spouses and significant others welcome!

Larry – brought in pictures of the shed and roof that we did for the Alan Day Community Garden. Both projects are complete and the Garden placed a very nice plaque on the front of the garden shed thanking Oxford Hills Rotary.

President Dave – there was an auction meeting at Tim Horton's the morning of May 9th attended by 5 club members. When Dave checked with the school after the meeting to make sure it was available on July 19th, he found that it was not – as far as using the bus loop. However, the area where we had the tent for May Day Play Day was available and Dave wanted the club's opinion about moving to that location. An alternative was to move the auction to the following weekend, July 26th. After some discussion, the club voted for the former. We felt that with increased signage and promotion, moving to the end of the parking lot by the gym would work well. Parking would also be closer, making it easier for people to load their goodies. The reason for moving the auction from the second Saturday of July to the third Saturday was the conflict with the Art Festival as several of our members are involved with that. There were other members with personal conflicts that weekend as well.

Last week:

After welcoming everyone, President Dave led us in the Pledge, Dan led us in singing our national anthem and Glenn gave the blessing.

President Dave presented a Paul Harris +3 Fellowship to Paul Thornfeldt and 7 year perfect attendance award to John Griffith.

After those awards, Dave asked Glenn Huntley and Jon Roberts to come forward as he inducted Jon into the Club. Glenn sponsored Jon for membership and was very happy for him to become a member so he doesn't have to introduce him as a guest any more. Jon has already joined in by helping set tents and working at May Day Play Day. Congratulations Jon! We are very pleased that you have chosen to join the King of Clubs!

Guest Speaker - Dr. Bob Kahn introduced our guest speaker, Barry Patrie, Business Counselor for SCORE. Barry said he had been trying to get before us for several months and was glad to be here this morning. He lives in North Waterford where he retired after 30 years of consulting engineering in Portland. Not happy with retirement, he and his wife purchased the Wicked Good Store in Waterford and ran it for 7 years before retiring a second time. Again finding retirement not for him, he taught high school math for 5 years before retiring a 3rd time. Two years ago, he joined SCORE as a consultant/mentor. The National SCORE was started in 1964 with our local chapter forming in the early 1980's. There are currently 33 mentors who volunteer in South Paris while there are 13,000 mentors nationwide who help 400,000 people annually. SCORE is financed through and works with the SBA in addition to working with local agencies such as Community Concepts. They provide new and existing businesses with direct advice and

counseling in banking, sales, accounting, real estate, insurance, business plans and marketing among others. They also have round table discussions at the Norway Town office, conduct workshops with speakers talking about business and social media, constant contact and Quick books. They assist start-ups with business plans, cash flow projections and other services. The South Paris office is open 5 days per week from 9AM – 12PM.

😊 **Happy Dollars:** *Dave* had an apology dollar for forgetting to notify our guest speaker that we wanted him to speak at today's meeting until the night before. He had a happy dollar for the 6 members of our club going to the District Conference and a reminder dollar for those members to check their hotel reservations because his were wrong – which he fortunately was able to correct with the hotel. *Rebecca* was happy for the “peepers” and wood thrushes talking to her. *Glenn* was happy to be heading to Florida for 2 weeks to visit his mother. He was also happy for the 2 weeks his son was able to come for a visit and he had a dollar for the Norway Fish & Game Club's gun show this weekend. *Ron* had a thank you dollar for everyone who helped with May Day Play Day. He was sorry he could not be there but he was in Connecticut for his son's 50th birthday and his grand-daughter's graduation from the University of Connecticut. Also, it being Mother's Day weekend, he was happy that all of his family could be together. *Patty* was sorry she and George missed MDPD, but they were attending their grand-daughter's graduation from UMO. 😊

50/50 – New member Jon Roberts drew Stan's number. Ron held the cards for Stan but Stan didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

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

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