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

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Good Morning and Welcome! This morning our greeter is Val Weston. Our program chair is Ron Morse. His guest speaker is Emma Bodwell from the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary who will be talking about their international project.

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.

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

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

6/4 – Top 5% Students and Chris Weston

6/7 – Project Graduation from 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM in the gym 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 – TBD and Chris Summers

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

6/28 – Changeover Dinner

Visiting Rotarians and guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Katie Letourneau was the guest of John Griffith.

Rotary Moment:

Beth told us that there was lot of discussion about polio at the District Conference and that Ann Lee Hussey would be coming to talk to us about keeping the Polio Plus effort moving forward. Polio has now spread to 10 countries and there is a lot of concern about it spreading into the US and Canada because our immunization policies have changed so much through the years.

Also, Beth brought one of the Conference's silent auction items, two bottles of Maine wine in a nice wooden box to auction as the person who won the wine at the Conference did not want it after all. Paul auctioned it off and Jon Roberts won with a \$100 bid. However, he donated it back to re-auction it and Stan won it in the second round with a bid of \$36. Thank you Jon and Stan!

Last Week:

After welcoming everyone, President Dave led us in the Pledge, Dan led us in singing "Waltzing Patricia" in honor of George and Patty's trip to the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. George and Patty are leaving this morning, the 28th. Dan also offered the blessing in Glenn's absence.

George said he had a phone call early last Wednesday morning from a friend of his, Bill Castle from the Zephyr Hills, Florida, Rotary that Glenn Huntley was at his club making out as he is in Florida on vacation for a couple of weeks.

We did not have a guest speaker so we went right to announcements.

Stan Brett – the Really Big Tent Party has been put on hold due to a number of members unable to attend June 1. Stan will reschedule for a later date.

John Griffith had an e-mail from Burt Dibble, president of the Exeter Rotary that Fred White had become an honorary member of the club. Burt suggested that if we wanted to go to one of their meetings to see Fred that the 2nd or 3rd Monday of the month would be best. Once we set a date, Burt will contact Fred and make sure that he is there that week. After some discussion, we decided that July would be a better month than June. John will set a date with Burt and get back to us.

Chris Summers talked about a potential international project for us in Guatemala involving incoming DG Lawrence Furbish. A club in Guatemala is working with an inland village, trying to get them a well and set them up with a sustainable crop that they can sell to give them some income and improve their living conditions. Chris said they are looking at a grant for this fall and that if successful, he and two others are looking to make the trip to Guatemala.

Mary Lou Burns was pleased that the Dictionary Project made it into the school district's budget newspaper that was mailed this week. There was a picture featuring her and Larry Jordan handing out dictionaries at Paris Elementary. Well, Mary Lou was handing out dictionaries, Larry was looking at the wall. Guess he was trying to avoid having his picture taken?

President Dave – thanks to Dave's negotiating skills, we will be able to have the bus loop for the auction in July after all. We plan to start at 10:00 AM and should be done by 2:00 PM. We talked about having a flea market open to the general public to bring their items to sell. We would provide tables and the tent. We are in need of someone to chair the event.

We will definitely have the top 5% of OHCHS students with us on June 4th.

We had 10 people signed up for Rotary night at the Sea Dogs on June 5th and we needed 20 to make it happen. As there were no new sign-ups this week, the trip is cancelled. Of course, you can still go individually.

Dave announced that he had received an e-mail from [Frank Shorey](#). Frank had tickets to the Red Sox / Tampa Bay Rays game Memorial Day weekend if anyone wanted to come down to Florida to attend. Frank also said he would be back with us in a couple of weeks. The Red Sox lost, sorry Dave.

Dave also received a note and newspaper article from [Lois Strauss](#) about a project her Rotary club in Florida is doing called "Roto-kids". Dave passed the note and article around.

We will be having a changeover dinner on Saturday, June 28th at [Chris Twitchell's](#) home. It will be an informal get together with a cook out.

The arrangements are all made for the [Relay for Life](#) breakfast on June 14th. We can use the Kiwanis equipment. Propane for the grills will be delivered on Friday so we need the tents set up and the grills in place to be hooked up. We will be setting three tents.

😊 **Happy Dollars:** [Mary Lou](#) was happy that the Dictionary Project was recognized by the school district. [Patty](#) was happy that the District Conference was over and happy to be heading "down under". [Irina](#) had a happy dollare for her son's wedding a week from this coming Saturday. [Bob](#) was happy to do a presentation on Rotary at the park ranger's house at Capitol Reef National Park in Utah. 😊

50/50 – Chris Weston drew Dan Allen's ticket of which Jack R. was caretaker. Unfortunately for Dan, Jack did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$445 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

"Be Yourself. Everyone else is already taken." ~ Oscar Wilde ~ 1854-1900

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