



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! Today we have the May Students of the Months and their guests with us. Mary Lou Burns 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.

5/7 – Visioning Committee meeting at 4:30

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

5/22 – 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

6/11 – George Rice and Chris Twitchell

Visiting Rotarians and guests: DG Carolyn Johnson visited from the Yarmouth Club. Jon Roberts was the guest of Glenn Huntley. OH Rotary Honorary Member, Anne Carter, also joined us.

New Member Proposal: Glenn Huntley has proposed Jon Roberts for membership. Jon is the owner of Robert's Overhead Door. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns about this nomination, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

PE Christina – led the meeting for President Dave although Dave left her a list of items to bring to us.

[May Day Play Day – Tally](#) showed us the backpack that will go to the first 150 kids. PE Chris will complete filling the bags and will bring them on the 7th. Thanks to Oxford Federal Credit Union and TD Bank for helping us with goodies. Everything else appears to be ready. We will need to set one tent which Stan would like to do Friday evening, the 6th.

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.

Don't forget the [Board Meeting](#) on Monday night, May 5 at 6:00. Among the items for discussion are the Lottery Raffle, the Auction and the Lobster and Steak Fest.

We have definitely committed to serve breakfast at [Relay for Life](#) on Saturday morning, June 14th, from 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM.

As dates to keep in mind, I am leaving these two items in the Reader from last week. The Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club has invited us to join them for breakfast at their Thursday, July 3rd meeting. This means that we will not have our regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2nd.

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

[Larry](#) gave us an update on the Alan Day Community Garden project. He has been in touch with Rocky and Alex who work at the garden. They have gone ahead and put on the metal roofing. Larry will check with them to see if they need us to do any more but he thought they were set.

[DG Carolyn Johnson](#) talked to the club about the District Conference in Portland on May 16-18. She had a small hand out and talked about some of the guest speakers and programs. Among the speakers are D.F. Pace, Rotary Peace Scholar, Joe Pratt, who will talk about climbing Mt. Everest for Polio, Bob Crowley, Maine's own "Survivor" and some of the First Responders to the Lac Megantic tragedy.

[Last week:](#)

PE Chris led us in the Pledge, Jack R. led us in song and Glenn gave the blessing. Dan Allen led us in singing Happy Birthday to Jack R. as it was his day.

Irina introduced her guest speaker, Rick Bader. Rick is a local artist and physical therapist. However, his presentation was not about physical therapy but something else close to his heart, the S.O.U.L. Foundation which was started by the daughter of a very good friend of his, Brook Stern. S.O.U.L. stands for Supporting Opportunities for Ugandans to Learn. It was started 5 years ago by Brook and her father, Rick. After graduating from college, Brook was looking for an opportunity to make a difference in people's lives and she happened on a school for the deaf and blind in Bujagili Falls, Uganda. By bringing education and free enterprise to the area, the Foundation now provides daily hot lunches for 500 school children, training for women in tailoring, raising chickens and creating fish farms among other things. The idea is that people don't want handouts, they want help to get started and by working together, the Foundation and the village have met with great success. So much so, their programs keep expanding in their village and outlying areas. For more info, the website is www.souluganda.org.

☺ **Happy Dollars:** John had a happy \$20 to make up for the IOU Happy Dollars he put in the Reader while he was in Florida but hadn't contributed yet. He was happy to be home, but also sad to be home because the weather in Florida was just getting where he liked it. He also had a thank you to Curtis and Chris for taking such good notes so he could do the Reader from Florida. Susan G. was happy that the club agreed to do the breakfast for Relay for Life and she was happy to be leaving Friday for North Carolina to visit her daughter and family. Beth had a thank you dollar for Jack S. and the Casino for donating our silent auction item at the District Conference – dinner for 4 at the Casino restaurant. Jack R. was happy to see Anne Carter. Paul had a happy \$20 so as not to be embarrassed by John. He was happy to be back from his winter away and said it is good to visit other clubs because it is nice to see how good our club is at what we do. It's interesting to see the differences in clubs. He had a sad but thankful dollar because Punky lost an eye but is doing well. DG Carolyn was happy for all the great clubs in Maine. Larry was happy that Rocky and Alex stepped up and finished the roof on the shed we built at the Garden. Irina was happy that Rick Bader was our speaker. ☺

50/50 – Mary Lou drew Dan's ticket but Dan didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$403 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?
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