



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 is the 162nd day of 2014. There are 203 days remaining in the year. This morning, George and Patty Rice are going to talk about their trip to the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. Our greeter is Chris Twitchell.

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.

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

6/18 – Auction meeting and Paul Thornfeldt

6/23 – Fryeburg Rotary 20th Anniversary dinner

6/25 – TBD and Chris Summers

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

6/28 – Changeover Dinner, location TBD.

7/2 – No Wednesday meeting

7/3 – Joint meeting with Kiwanis and Lois Strauss

7/10 – Bethel Rotary 40th Anniversary dinner

Visiting Rotarians and guests: DG Carolyn Johnson visited from the Yarmouth Club and Honorary OH Rotarian, Ann Carter, also attended.

Rotary Moment:

Chris Weston shared some information about the International Convention in Sydney, Australia, which, of course, George and Patty Rice attended. One of the activities that Rotarians participated in was the Sydney Harbor Bridge climb which takes 4 hours to complete. There were 340 participants waving 278 flags from around the world. It was the largest turnout the bridge has ever seen, surpassing the climb organized by Oprah Winfrey last year. In climbing, Rotarians raised \$110,000 AUD for polio eradication.

Announcements:

President Dave shared information from the Board meeting on Monday night, June 2nd:

The Changeover Dinner is definitely scheduled for Saturday, June 28th with the location yet to be determined.

While we had hoped to do 2 road tolls this year, the date we planned to hold one for Special Olympics is not available so we will not be able to hold one for them in August. However, October 19th is available to hold one for the food pantries.

Even though we won't be having a road toll for Special Olympics this year, we will be donating \$1,500.00 to them at a future meeting. Our share of the Special Olympics dance netted us \$885 and the board voted to make up the remainder from regular club funds.

The board discussed our participating in the South Sudan project with Bridgton-Lake Region. While there was general support for the project, the board decided not to make a final decision until they had more information about the long term commitment.

The Fryeburg Club is having its 20th Anniversary dinner on June 23rd and the Bethel Club is having its 40th anniversary dinner on July 10th. If anyone is interested in attending, please speak to Dave or AG Beth.

Don't forget that we are still participating in the Crutches for Africa project. Dave said that we can store the equipment in his barn until Becky says we can't.

Auction News: Our annual auction is coming up quickly. Paul has developed a handout that we can put in our places of business or give to neighbors, friends and relatives. If you know of someone having a yard sale, we would be glad to take what they don't sell. Paul said he picked up three truck loads of some pretty good stuff this way last week. The solicitation list will be coming out shortly.

DG Carolyn Johnson presented the Club with 3 awards. She presented President Dave with the **Rotary Central Award** which is a new award for getting all of our goals and other information done on-line and in on time. The second award was a **Presidential Citation** for accomplishing all of our objectives for the year. Of the 39 clubs in the district, 14 received the award. The last award was a **Presidential Citation** presented to the **Interact Club** and advisor, **Lynne Schott**, for accomplishing all of their goals. Congratulations to us all!

Correction – In last week's Reader, I incorrectly said that 8 of the tickets that Bob and Dave purchased for Rotary Night at the Sea Dogs were for the Interact students. That was not the case. They were for the guides who help Bob take the students down the river. I hope all is now well in the Schott household!

For our program, we were joined by the Top 5% of the graduating seniors at OHCHS.

Principal Ted Moccia and Tech School Principal Shawn Lambert (maybe it's Sean?) each said a few words, thanking the club for their continued support of the students through the years. They then asked each of the students to stand, tell us their names, their parent's names and their plans for next year. One student said she was planning to take a year off to do some traveling and apply to college the following year. All of the others are planning to attend college in September. The schools they have

chosen and the courses they plan to take are wide and varied – from mechanical engineering to nursing to dentistry to public relations and on, certainly some very bright young men and women who will make the Oxford Hills very proud of their accomplishments.

☺ **Happy Dollars:** Curtis C. had some congratulations dollars for the students and their success. Lois had several happy and sad dollars, one for finally being able to work in her garden last week but a sad one for turning her ankle which put her out of commission for a few days. She also had a sad dollar for Herb who came down with pneumonia at the same time she hurt her ankle but a happy dollar that he was now home from the hospital. Lynne had a happy dollar for the award the Interact Club received and a sad dollar for Bob who removed the outside water spigot so she had to cart water from her kitchen to water her garden. Frank had a few happy to be back dollars and another for the honor of working for the Tampa Bay Rays. Bob was happy for the seniors and told them to look for Rotaract when they get to college. DG Carolyn Johnson had some congratulations dollars – to the seniors, to the club for their awards and support of the Foundation and to Beth Abbott for all of her efforts as AG this year. Ann Carter had a happy dollar for her granddaughter, India, one of the students with us this morning. ☺

50/50 – One of our student guests drew Ann Carter's ticket. Unfortunately, Ann did not pick the King of Clubs. There was \$476.00 in the pot.

Birthdays in June: Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; David (Christina) Twitchell – 6/5; Vickie Conlon (Jon Roberts) - 6/10; Barbara (Jack) Sours – 6/14; Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22; Larry Jordan – 6/24

Anniversaries in June: George and Patty Rice – 6/3; Bob and Lynne Schott – 6/5; Joel and Heather Speakman – 6/8; John and Shelley Griffith – 6/21; Jack and Kathy Richardson – 6/22; Phil and Shawn Libby – 6/25

Membership Anniversaries in June: Curtis Cole – 30 years – 6/14; John Griffith – 8 years – 6/14

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 E220

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