



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

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Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 169th day of 2014. There are 196 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having a club assembly for the auction. Paul Thornfeldt 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.

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 in Norway

6/28 – Changeover Dinner at Chris Twitchell's in Oxford

6/30 – Board meeting at NPC-TV, Marston St., Norway

7/2 – No Wednesday meeting

7/3 – Joint meeting with Kiwanis and Lois Strauss

7/9 – Jack Richardson and Joel Speakman

7/10 – Bethel Rotary 40th Anniversary dinner

7/16 – Final Auction Prep and Jack Sours

Visiting Rotarians and guests: We had one visiting Rotarian, Elliott Levy from Mid-Day in Aiken, South Carolina. Larry Jordan brought Shellie, Don and Sarah from Special Olympics. Terry Robinson was the guest of Chris Twitchell and David Whittier also joined us again.

Announcements:

President Dave:

Dave pried from Frank Shorey that the Red Sox are 5 games ahead of the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Changeover Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th at Chris Twitchell's house in Oxford. It will be more informal this year with a cook out. Chris will be giving us directions.

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 either, please speak to Dave or AG Beth. Remember, Bethel is our parent club and we are Fryeburg's grandparents.

Dave presented a check for \$1,500.00 from the club to the Special Olympians who were with us. The Olympics were a success, even if it was a bit warm when they were held the weekend of the 7th.

Lois Strauss was presented with an 11 year perfect attendance award. She talked about her club in Florida and how important it was to stay involved no matter where you live.

Dave thanked all who helped with Project Graduation the night of June 7th and with the tent party at Brett's on June 8th. Both events were a lot of fun and we had a good turnout.

Auction News: This weeks' meeting will be devoted to the auction. Last week, Dave passed around the solicitation list and asked everyone to choose the businesses they would like to call on. Also, if there is a business that is not on the list that you think would be good to include, by all means, add them to it. John Griffith will update the list weekly. If you see someone having a yard sale, don't forget to hand them one of our posters should they want to donate their left overs. We will pick up!

Last week's program:

George and Patty Rice talked about their trip to the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. It took them approximately 35 hours to make the trip, both over and back. Coming home, they left Sydney at 11:00 AM on Monday morning (Australian time) and they were home in South Paris just about midnight Monday (our time). On the way to Australia at their airport stops, they met many other Rotarians on their way to the convention. There were 18,000 Rotarians registered for the Convention. Because there were so many attending, there were two opening plenary sessions, one in the morning, another in the afternoon. George and Patty attended the morning session with about 11,000 other Rotarians. They stayed at a Sheraton in Darling Harbor, across from Sydney Harbor which turned out to be very convenient with a short train, bus or ferry ride into Sydney. Local transportation was free to Rotarians per the Australian government; all they had to do was show their badge. They both climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge which took four hours up and down. Patty said it was not as physically challenging as she expected but unfortunately, it rained the day they made their climb. When they got back to the bridge lobby after climbing, they met RI President Ron Burton getting ready to make his 5th climb. The government donated 50% of the proceeds from the bridge admission from Rotarians back to Rotary which was \$40,000.00 +. The Australian Prime Minister also pledged \$100,000,000.00 from Australia to polio eradication.

😊 **Happy Dollars:** **Frank** had a request dollar from Glenn that when he did the blessing next week to please include a good word for the Rays. **Jack R.** had a fairness in advertising dollar for Frank. Apparently, Frank made a pledge that he would contribute \$100 to the Foundation if the Rays sticker remained on our banner for the rest of the baseball season. Dave brought to his attention that there are two more Rays' stickers on the banner that we hang outside on Wednesday morning. Therefore, Franks' expected commitment is \$300.00. Frank appeared confused but said he would see what he could do. **Rotarian Guest Elliott Levy** had a glad to be back in Maine dollar. **Lois** had a sad dollar but I couldn't quite make out why. **Bob** had a question dollar for Dave, asking if he and Becky were ready to go down the river. 😊

50/50 – Phil Libby drew Larry Jordan’s number but Larry did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$491.00 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

From a little book I found, Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs:

“Age gives good advice when it is no longer able to give a bad example.”

The 4 Way Test – of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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