



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

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### 2013-2014 Officers

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***Good Morning and Welcome!*** Today is the 155<sup>th</sup> day of 2014. There are 210 days remaining in the year. This morning our guests are the Top Students from OHCHS. Chris Weston is our greeter.

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***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.

**6/5 – Rotary Night at the Sea Dogs**

**6/7 – Project Graduation from 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM in the gym at OHCHS**

**6/8 – Rescheduled Really Big Tent Party at Stan's on Gore Rd., Otisfield, 3:00 PM.**

**6/11 – George and Patty Rice will be talking about the International Convention in Sydney, Australia that they attended. Chris Twitchell is greeter.**

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

**6/18 – Auction meeting 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**

**7/2 – No Wednesday meeting**

**7/3 – Joint meeting with Kiwanis and Lois Strauss**

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***Visiting Rotarians and guests:*** Emma Bodwell and Mody Botros from the Bridgton-Lake Region club were our guest speakers. It was also great to see PP Dave Whittier. There were no other guests.

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### ***Rotary Moment:***

Val talked about Roto-plast which was founded in 1992. It was started in order to facilitate a surgical program in Chile to repair cleft palates in children with the first surgeries performed in January 1993. Since then the program has expanded all over the world and over 15,000 children have been served. Ellie Andrews from the Bridgton club was part of the last trip and talked about her experience at last month's District Conference.

## Announcements:

President Dave welcomed Lois Strauss back from Florida. He also held up a Ray's sticker that he said he received from Frank Shorey and that Frank would be back next week (or this week by the time you read this).

Even though we didn't have 20 people sign up for the Sea Dogs on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Bob and Dave purchased 20 tickets to the game – Rotary Night at the Sea Dogs – as they were only \$5 each. Bob has reserved 8 of those for Interact, the other 12 are available for any other members that would like to go.

Paul is working on printed materials for the auction which will be available shortly. There was another planning meeting on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Tim Horton's in Norway.

Stan – the Really Big Tent Party has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at Stan's at 3:00 PM. Please bring your own liquid refreshment and something to share – casserole, dessert, salad.....

## Last Week:

After welcoming everyone, President Dave led us in the Pledge, Dan led us in singing "God Bless Our Rotary" and also offered the blessing.

After breakfast and the announcements, Dave turned the program over to our program chair for the morning, Ron Morse. Ron introduced Mody Botros and Emma Bodwell from the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club who talked about their clubs international project in Imolongo, Magwi, South Sudan. This project began 4 years ago when the club connected with a young man from South Sudan who came to the US with literally nothing. He was a determined young man who earned his GED, a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in economics. All along, his goal was to go back to South Sudan and help his village. The program began with an exchange of guns for soccer balls, sneakers and books with an initial shipment of 200 pairs of sneakers and 500 books. There was also a tremendous need for clean water and this initial project led to Bridgton-Lake Region giving \$3000 for a generator to power a well pump. They did purchase a generator but used the majority of the money to build a school because as they were told, "generators don't cost \$3000 in Sudan." This school is the only brick and mortar building in the county and its construction has led to many more good things for the village. Bridgton-Lake Region is looking for support from other clubs in the district to help them build on what they have started and provide for the growth and sustainability of their project.

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😊 **Happy Dollars:** Emma Bodwell invited everyone to Bridgton-Lake Region's social meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Black Horse Tavern in Bridgton from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. They are having their first evening social meeting in lieu of their regular Thursday morning meeting. Lois had a happy to be back dollar although she hasn't been happy with the weather so far. David Whittier had a happy to be with us dollar. Bob had a great weekend of rafting with the Interact kids. Dave was happy that he bought two raffle tickets, one for him and one for Becky and Becky won, which was quite a surprise to her since Dave had not told her he had purchased them. Dave didn't say if she shared her winnings with him. 😊

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**50/50** – Lois Strauss drew Chris Twitchell's ticket but Chris didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$460 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

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### **Make-ups:**

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

Interact meeting – Thursday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room E22

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### **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?

“If you’re going to be a smart ass, first you have to be smart. Otherwise, you’re just an ass.”

~Tweety Bird~

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