



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

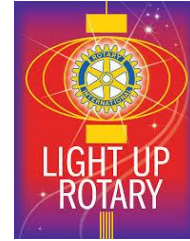
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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light Up Rotary"

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Welcome! Today is the 184th day of 2014. There are 181 days remaining in the year. This morning is a joint meeting with the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club. Lois Strauss is greeter for Rotary.

Calendar: The first name listed is Program Chair, the second is Greeter. Please let President Chris, Program Chair Chris Summers 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.

7/9 – Jack Richardson and Joel Speakman

7/10 – Bethel Rotary 40th Anniversary dinner

7/16 – Final Auction Prep and Jack Sours

7/19 – AUCTION!!

7/23 – Lynne Schott and Curtis Smith

7/30 – Bob Schott and Frank Shorey

8/4 – Board Meeting at TD Bank, Oxford, 6:00 PM

8/6 – Frank Shorey and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and guests: We had one visiting Rotarian, Elliott Levy from Mid-Day in Aiken, South Carolina. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Chris asked Patty Rice to give us a Rotary Moment. Patty went to a membership break out session at the International Conference. One of the things she took from that meeting was that people will decide if they want to join a club or organization after attending their 2nd meeting. She also said it is important to for a club to do something to retain members, new and long time.

Announcements:

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.

George, Patty, Beth and John attended Fryeburg's 20th Anniversary dinner on the 23rd. It was held in the new pavilion on the Fryeburg Fair grounds. About 120 people attended from 14 different Rotary

Clubs. There was an excellent dinner followed by awards and presentations. The Rotarians who went to Uganda last spring entertained everyone with a presentation on their trip and some music they learned while there.

[Pat](#) - dues are due! If you need a payment slip, see Pat.

[Paul](#) – Lottery Raffle tickets are distributed, we need to get out and sell them. 1 ticket for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. Last year, we made a little over \$2,000. We will be selling them through the day of the Lobster & Steak Fest in August. Remember to bring them to sell to the Klwanians!

Paul also gave us an auction update. He listed the boat donation on Craig's list for \$1200.00 and has someone coming to look at it. He also listed a sofa bed and has someone from Gray coming to look at it. Time is getting short and so far no one has turned in any items. When you do, please make sure to let John know so he can update the list.

[Stan](#) – because we are using ratchets to hold up the new Big Tent, Stan has 28 ropes available if you would like one or more or all. We put the Big Tent up two weeks ago out on Temple Hill Rd. in Harrison. Considering it is only the 2nd time we have put it up, everything went very well. Stan thanked everyone who helped put it up and take it down the following Sunday. Stan has rented the tent again for another wedding in August at the same location.

Don't forget that we are still looking for [Crutches for Africa](#) – and walkers and wheel chairs. If you have anything, bring them to the meeting and Dave will take them.

The [Visioning Committee](#) met at Ron Morse's on the 25th to discuss the proposed by-laws. There were some suggestions from the board that will be incorporated into them. Once those changes are approved, the by-laws will be distributed to all members.

[Visit to Exeter Rotary](#) – if you would like to go, please speak to John. We will be going July 14th or July 21st, whichever day works for the most people. Exeter meets on Monday at noon at the Exeter Inn. We would need to leave by 9:45 and probably would not get back until 3:30.

Last Week:

We did not have a formal program. After some discussion about upcoming events and fund raisers, President Dave took a few minutes to thank us for our support during his presidential year. It was a good year, starting off with the Visioning session in June. We went solo on the Auction in 2013 and despite some trepidation, we made \$11,000.00. Paul and Ron ran the 1st Annual Lottery raffle fundraiser which netted us over \$2,000.00 and then of course, we had the Lobster & Steak Fest in August, making over \$4,000.00. Thanks to Larry, we put in for the District Grant for the Alan Day Community Garden project which a number of us worked on. In September, several members went to the Camp Sunshine work day. In October we had the road toll for the food pantries and we had the Cheese Fund Raiser, again netting over \$2,000.00. We contributed to the Lac Megantic work project, had our 30th Anniversary dinner in January, distributed food baskets in March, put on the Special Olympics dance in April with the Kiwanis Club, held May Day Play Day at OHCHS on May 8th, ran the ropes course at Project Graduation and served breakfast at Relay for Life in June. All in all, it was a great, very busy year. We thank you, Dave, for your leadership!

😊 **Happy Dollars!**😊 **Ron** had a happy dollar for Dave's presidency. **Lois** had \$50.50 in happy dollars, 10% of the pot she won the week before. **Frank** had a happy dollar for Dave because the Rays lost last night (the 24th). However, he noted that the Red Sox lost as well. Frank also wanted us to know that Wednesday, July 2nd, was his birthday. **Dave** was happy for three recent birthdays, Becky, his son and his daughter. He also said his niece joined the Auburn Club last year and has already accepted the position of Vice-president. **Beth** was happy for Fryeburg's 20th Anniversary. Guest **Elliott Levy** was happy to be back in Maine (again) and was looking forward to Heritage Days in Poland. On a sad note, he fell off a ladder, hitting his hip, elbow and face, but was happy that he healed up so quickly. **Lynne** was happy to have gone with her daughter-in-law to her last doctor's check – the baby is due in mid-July. **Bob** said we should update today's song to "padding".

50/50 – last week's winner, Lois, drew Frank's number but Frank did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$13 in the pot.

Birthdays in July: Frank Shorey – 7/2; Abbie Graiver – 7/4; Phil Libby – 7/7; Greg (Susan) Graves – 7/7; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9; Connie (Frank) Shorey – 7/17; Christie (Curtis) Smith – 7/27.

Anniversaries in July: Paul and Dawne Wilton Thornfeldt – 7/1; Dave and Becky Preble – 7/26; Pat and Bruce Cook – 7/27

Membership Anniversaries in July: Larry Jordan – 8 years – 7/1; Jack Richardson – 18 years – 7/3.

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 – Tuesday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room E220

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

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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