



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

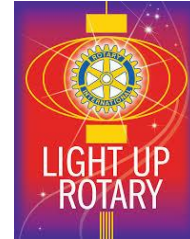
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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

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Welcome! Today is the 211th day of 2014. There are 154 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair this morning and Curtis Smith is greeter. PP John Griffith is substituting for President Christina who is away this morning.

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.

8/4 – Board Meeting at TD Bank, Oxford, 5:30 PM

8/6 – Frank Shorey and Bob Schott. Frank's guest speaker is Kate Shorey Kelly.

8/13 – Lobster & Steak Fest meeting and Lynne Schott

8/16 – Lobster & Steak Fest, OHCHS!!

8/20 – Curtis Smith and Jack Richardson

8/27 – Jack Sours and Patty Rice

9/2 – Board meeting at TD Bank, Oxford, 5:30 PM

9/3 – Joel Speakman and Patty Rice

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Dennis King from Washington Twp., New Jersey was here for a second week. We really appreciate the help Dennis and his wife gave to the auction on Saturday. We're sorry your time in the Oxford Hills is so short and look forward to seeing you next year. Honorary Rotarian Ann Carter was also with us.

Rotary Info – Frank Shorey compared his club in Florida with Oxford Hills. Among other things, he said that the Treasurer collects the money at the door while the Sgt. At Arms sells the tickets and that a member who is a funeral director offers the blessing.

Announcements:

On behalf of **President Chris**, Dave thanked everyone for all the work they did before, during and after the auction. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun. Special kudos to Stan and all of his helpers setting up and taking down the tents. While we haven't paid all of the bills, according to Pat the preliminary numbers indicate that we made \$12,800 which is excellent. We made that much in past auctions but had to share it 50/50 with Kiwanis. Now it is all ours which makes it worth the extra work.

Speaking of work, there was an organizational meeting for the Lobster & Steak Fest at Rice's on Monday night, July 28th at 6:00 PM.

Last Week:

Our guest speaker was DHHS Commissioner, Mary Mayhew. She also brought her assistant, Chase Martin. Commissioner Mayhew talked about where the department was, what has been done since the LePage administration took office and where she and the governor would like it to be in the future. DHHS has an annual budget of 3.4 billion dollars which comes from both state and federal sources. Of that money, 2.4 billion goes to Medicaid and health care for low income and disabled persons. Also coming under the jurisdiction of the department are programs for child welfare, the state office of CDC, public health, substance abuse, food inspection, food stamps, medical marijuana, hospitals and nursing homes to name a few. Commissioner Mayhew has been working to integrate programs and guide the department back to its core mission of helping people who need the most help. She has also been working with the Commissioners of Education and Labor and over 400 Maine businesses to help with vocational assessment and career pathing.

We had a wonderful cruise on the Songo River Queen last Thursday evening with the Kiwanians. It was a beautiful evening, not too hot, not too cold. I don't know what the count was but I'm guessing there were 50 or 60 attending.

😊 Happy Dollars! 😊 - Larry was happy that he and Jane went for a walk the other day and saw a baby bear cub. He was also happy that they did not see the mother. Dan was happy that Frank spends 9 months in Florida. Dennis King was happy to be with us for another week. He is heading back to New Jersey after Sunday. Patty was sad to miss the auction but happy that she and George went to see Jimmy Buffet again this year. Lois was happy that Beth brought her the shirt she left behind at the auction and that she was wearing an ankle brace which she hopes will avoid surgery.

50/50 – Ron drew Larry's ticket but Larry didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$69 in the pot.

Birthdays in August: Lois Strauss – 8/8; Mary Lou Burns – 8/11; Chris Summers – 8/17; Irina Kahn – 8/23.

Anniversaries in August: None listed – everyone's off the hook or so it seems.

Membership Anniversaries in August: Glenn Huntley – 30 years – 8/1.

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

Remember 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 better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

An oldie but a goodie:

My dog has a favorite super hero. His name is Kal. He's got one super power and that's his horrible bad breath. It's called halitosis. One bark, and he can knock out a whole gang of bad guys. But he's weak and fragile in every other way. Super Kal is fragilistic 'cept for halitosis.

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