



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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Rotary Theme for 2013 – 2014: “Engage Rotary – Change Lives”

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Welcome! Our program chair today is Patty Rice and our greeter is Glenn Huntley. Our quest speaker is Kirsten Corey who will be talking about her experience at RYLA.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the 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

8/5 – Board Meeting at NPC-TV on Marston St.

8/7 – Rebecca Dowse and John Griffith. Our speaker will be Melissa McEntee, Director of Homeless Services, Norway Women's Shelter.

8/14 – Lobster Meeting and Susan Graves

8/17 – Lobster & Steak Fest - OHCHS

8/21 – Lynne Schott and Steve Galvin

8/28 – Bob Schott and Rebecca Dowse

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Al Barth from the Bethel Club was our visiting Rotarian. Chris Weston was the guest of Val Weston, Bruce Cook was the guest of Pat Cook in absentia (Pat is in Colorado with her daughter and new granddaughter) and David Infinger was the guest of Dan Allen.

Membership Minute – Larry talked about the Foundation and how our weekly donations can make a huge difference to all the things Rotary does throughout the year and beyond. He also thanked the Club for its support for the Alan Day Community Garden grant that we received.

Speaking of the Foundation, it was also mentioned that Oxford Hills was one of 5 clubs in our district to meet the \$2.00 per week, \$100.00 per Rotarian goal. There is a nice article in this month's District Newsletter about this.

Proposed Member – Dan Allen has proposed David Infinger of Lovell to become our newest member. David and his brother have purchased Cross Insurance Agency in Norway. If you have any comments or questions, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

President Dave thanked everyone who has participated and signed up for the free lunch program. Ron and Mary Lou helped this past Monday (the 22nd). After some initial confusion with the Rowe School program, things seem to be running okay.

Dave also thanked the club for helping Stan with the tents at Paris Hill for Founder's Day last weekend. Everyone's help is much appreciated.

There was no new Lottery Ticket Raffle money turned in this week, so same status as last week. We will be drawing the winning ticket at the Lobster & Steak Fest in 3 weeks, so we need to sell as many tickets as we can between now and then.

President Dave said that he received an e-mail about 2 dates being Rotary Night at the Red Sox, Wednesday evening, September 4 and Tuesday evening, September 17. Since we had mentioned putting a Red Sox trip together at our Visioning meeting, he thought this would be an opportunity for us if we were interested in going. We would need 20 people to sign up to make it work. If interested, see or e-mail Dave.

Ron Morse purchased an easel for the Club at the church yard sale. Thanks, Ron!

Last Week's Program:

George Rice talked about the Lobster Feed and how it came into being. It started in 1986 as a social with the Bethel Club at Glenn's house. Sometime during that social, Dick Decato had the idea of turning it into a fund raiser. 1987 was the inaugural year and the club made \$2,000.00 compared with \$500.00 profit for the Bean Hole Bean Festival that we had been doing for several years. With one day's work and \$2,000.00 vs. several day's work and \$500.00, it was a no brainer to drop the BHB Festival and go with lobster. The rest of George's talk was taken up with organizing this year's Festival and how we are going to handle corporate solicitations.

Happy & Sad Dollars: **Talley** was happy to be in Orlando last week where the high temperature was 75° vs. the 99° we had here on the same day. **John** was happy that his and Shelley's company left on schedule (don't ask!). **Lois** was happy that there was no flooding this year and the campground has a beach. She was also happy that her son-in-law and daughter are handling challenges with their employees very well. **Beth** had a sad dollar that there were 65 cases of polio in Somalia and Kenya recorded last week. That is a set-back for polio eradication and that Rotary needs to remain ever vigilant in the fight against it. **Curtis S.** was happy to be going to Scotland in a couple of weeks and also had a "wish me luck" dollar because he has a completely new computer system at work. **Glenn** was happy that his grandson is coming from Vancouver for a visit and that his grandson is making plans to build a tree house with a patio! **Dave P.** was happy and thankful for the great start to his Rotary year and for his and his wife's anniversary on Friday (the 26th).

50/50: Beth Abbott drew John Griffith's ticket but John drew the 5 of Clubs, not the King.

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

Anniversaries in August: There are none listed in the directory so looks like we're off the hook!