



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

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Welcome! Today, our meeting is all about LOBSTER & STEAK! Our greeter is Susan Graves.

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

8/17 – Lobster & Steak Fest – OHCHS
8/18 – Road Toll for local food pantries
8/21 – Lynne Schott and Steve Galvin
8/28 – Bob Schott and Tally Decato
9/4 – Frank Shorey and Rebecca Dowse

9/7 – Rafting trip for Exchange Students
9/11 – Curtis Smith and Pat Cook
9/14 – Rotary Family Service Day
9/18 – Jack Sours and Curtis Cole
9/25 – District Governor and Dave Carter

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: It was nice to see Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey. Welcome back Dennis! Abigail Gravier was the guest of Pat Cook and Phyllis Summers was the guest of Chris Summers.

Announcements:

Dave – at the board meeting, the board voted to donate \$115.00 to Aspire Higher for their scholarship programs. Also, the board voted to approve a Road Toll for the local food pantries which will be on Sunday, August 18 from 10:00 to 2:00 on Fair Street by the tennis courts at OHCHS. Bob would like 5-6 volunteers; a sign-up sheet will be available next week.

George – so far, we have sold 95 tickets to the Lobster & Steak Fest. This does not include the 100 tickets purchased by Oxford Casino. We normally sell 400 dinners, so we have a ways to go. We must order the lobsters and clams right after today’s meeting. The steaks had to be ordered Monday, 8/12.

Larry – working with the Alan Day Community Garden on a plan to replace the roof on their building. The concerns are safety as the roof is quite steep and we also want to make sure

that the roof doesn't need more work than we bargained for. Larry will get back to us with an update after he speaks with the folks at the Garden.

Curtis – the lock on the storage trailer has been replaced with a similar lock. The combination is the same. There are some things belonging to the Key Club and some junk that need to be dealt with.

Bob – requested and received the club's support for a grant to improve facilities at Moxie Gore Paddling Club for materials and labor for the club house. There is still some grant money left; requests must be in by September 1st. Larry and Patty agreed to help Bob put the grant together.

Membership Minute – Greeter John talked about wearing our Rotary gear in non-Rotary settings and the connections it can make with people whether they are Rotarians or not. Wearing our caps, shirts and pins can open the door to conversations about Rotary that can lead to new members.

Last Week's Program:

Our guest speaker, Melissa McEntee, was introduced by Rebecca Dowse. Melissa is the Director of Homeless Services for Rumford Group Homes Inc. which includes the Norway Family Center, formerly known as Galilee House. RGH Inc. has two houses, one in Rumford and the one in Norway, both of which have 12 beds. In addition, there are 2 beds available for homeless men in an apartment over the Oxford County Sheriff's office. Not only do the shelters provide shelter, the staff also provides counseling and assistance in budgeting, finding and keeping housing, grocery shopping, cooking and many other life skills. Unlike facilities that are just "homeless shelters", they also do not ask residents to leave during the day but in exchange for free housing, they require residents to do housekeeping, take classes, look for work and perform community service. While RGH Inc. gets some assistance from Maine State Housing, it is not enough to cover the costs involved so they are always looking for donations, financial or otherwise, and volunteers.

Happy & Sad Dollars: Tally was happy for the cooking classes that Val and Rebecca do for the Norway shelter. Dennis King was happy to be back for a few weeks. Rebecca was happy that the Red Sox were back in first place ahead of Frank's beloved Tampa Bay Rays. She was sorry that Frank was not with us. Time being short, we moved on to the 50/50 drawing.

50/50: Glenn drew Tally's ticket but Tally did not draw the King of Clubs so the pot rolls over. Apologies to Chris Summers as it was his ticket drawn last week, not Curtis Cole's as I incorrectly reported in last week's Reader.

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!

Words of wisdom from the cows at Cow's Ice Cream and Creamery on PEI:
"Keep calm, graze on."