



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

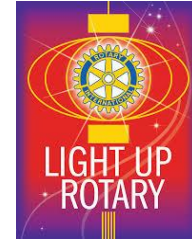
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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

2014-2015 Officers

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Welcome! Today is the 232nd day of 2014. There are 133 days remaining in the year. Curtis Smith is our program chair this morning and Jack Richardson is greeter.

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

8/27 – Jack Sours and Patty Rice

8/27 – Visioning Committee meeting at 4:30 PM at John Griffith's house, 134 Pleasant St., Norway

9/2 – Board meeting at TD Bank, Oxford, 5:30 PM – note this is Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday.

9/3 – Joel Speakman and George Rice

9/9 – Social for District Governor at Papoose Pond Resort, Waterford.

9/10 – District Governor and Dave Preble

9/17 – Lois Strauss and Ron Morse

9/24 – Chris Summers and Phil Libby

Visiting Rotarians and guests: We had two visiting Rotarians last week – PDG Marie Williams from Kittery and Milo Robinson from Albemarle, Virginia. Sally Chase was the guest of Marie Williams and Phyllis Summers was the guest of Chris Summers.

Membership Proposal - George Rice has proposed Joe Balchunas as a member. Joe is a loan officer for Community Concepts in Lewiston and South Paris. He is a former member of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to George or any Board member.

Announcements:

President Christina – we received a letter from Maureen Howard from Kiwanis thanking us for joining the Kiwanians on the Songo River Queen cruise. She also said she was sorry she would not be able to attend the Lobster & Steak Fest but enclosed a \$50 contribution. Thank you, Maureen. She also invited us Rotarians to join her at her table for the Kiwanis Mystery Dinner Theater at Granite Ridge on September 6th at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$50 per person and dinner choices are steak, chicken or linguini. Maureen is with us this morning as a guest of Lois Strauss and she has tickets for the mystery dinner with her if anyone would like to purchase some. President

Chris also said that TD Bank would have a table and club members were welcome to sit there as well. PP Patty Rice suggested that it would be nice if we could get enough members to go and have our own table.

President Christina also brought the new **By-laws** to the club for discussion and approval. Dave Preble moved to accept them and was seconded by Lois Strauss. There was some discussion concerning the word “discretion” in Article 2 under the make-up of the Board which was clarified by PDG Marie Williams and PDG George Rice. There was also some discussion about the voting rights of past presidents at board meetings. Provisions allowing for past presidents to vote at board meetings were included in the initial revision of the By-laws but on concerns we were not following Rotary International guideline, that language was stricken from the final revision. The club voted to approve the By-laws as written on Dave’s motion.

Ron – Lottery Raffle ticket sales are way down compared to last year at this time. We are only \$325 to the good so far but will be selling tickets until the time of the drawing Saturday evening at the Lobster & Steak Fest. Last year, we made \$2,000 on the raffle so hopefully we sold more tickets last Saturday.

Patty – a big thank you to the Oxford Casino for purchasing 100 tickets for the nursing homes again this year.

George – ticket sales for the LSF are down from last year. To date, we have sold 213 lobster tickets and 70 steak tickets so we will be ordering 300 lobsters and 100 steaks. Last year, we had 40 walk-ins for lobster and 21 for steak, so we should have some breathing room. The 213 sold includes the 100 purchased by the Casino and 58 purchased by Grover Gun Drilling.

Lobster & Steak Fest Update: The LSF went off without a hitch on Saturday. We were much more organized than in years past; pretty much everything but the corn was ready by 10:00 Saturday morning. The chairs and tables were set, the serving line was set, watermelon sliced and cookers ready. We had everything ready for the nursing homes at 3:30 so getting meals ready for them was not a problem once we opened to the public. Business was steady from the time we opened until 6:00PM. There were hardly any breaks at all. However, we did not serve any meals after 6:00 PM. We ran out of clams and came close to running out of fries. Everything was washed, dried, cleaned up and put away by 8:00 PM, also earlier than usual. I don’t have numbers as I write this but I am sure Pat will have preliminary numbers at the meeting this morning.

Lottery Ticket Raffle Update:

1st place – Mary Lou Burns
2nd place – Jack Richardson
3rd place – Dan Griffith
4th place – Sam Sessions
5th place – Jim Hamper

6th place – Terry Cole
7th place – Kathy LaPlante
8th place – George Jones
9th place – Gene Benner
10th place – Cathleen Bell

Last Week’s Program:

After singing “Happy Birthday” to Lois, Mary Lou, Chris S. and Irina for their August birthdays, we spent the remainder of our time talking about the LSF – tents, scheduling, duties, etc.

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **PDG Marie Williams** was happy to be with us and she thanked Beth for helping her grandson. She was also happy to have her daughter and grand-children visiting with her and Bruce at camp. **Lois** had \$70 happy dollars for her 70th birthday and the nice gift she received from her husband. She was also happy for the opportunity to sell LSF tickets at the Chamber After Hours last week, for the work the Visioning Committee has done, for attending the wedding of Beth Coffin on Saturday and she was happy for all the guests we had this morning. **Dave** was happy to meet Milo Robinson this morning and the possibility that they may have common ancestors in the area. **Patty** told

us that Paul Thornfeldt had hip replacement surgery at Mercy Hospital last week and that he was doing well. She also thanked Steve Galvin for putting together “tent cards” to hand out for tent rentals. Lastly, she was happy to see Marie. **Lynne** was happy to go to Vermont to look at a house with her son and his fiance. It appears to be the right property for them although it appears to have been constructed by “hippies” and needs a lot of work. She was also happy to have stopped by Ben & Jerry’s. **Frank** had a happy dollar for Stan, hoping Stan would bring his truck around to the door so he wouldn’t get wet in the rain. Frank is such a sweet guy, I’m sure he thought he would melt.

50/50 – Frank drew Ron’s ticket but Ron drew the 3 of clubs, not the king. There was \$108 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:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3) Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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