



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

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Welcome! Our program chair today is Lynne Schott. Her guest speaker is Alyssa Merrill, head physical therapist at Stephens Hospital. Her topic will be Aging and Exercise. Our greeter is Steve Galvin.

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

8/28 – Bob Schott and Tally Decato. Bob will be his own guest speaker, talking about the Moxie Gore Paddling Club.

9/4 – Frank Shorey and Rebecca Dowse

9/7 – Rafting Trip for past exchange student, Thomas Kurchov.

9/11 – Curtis Smith and Pat Cook

9/14 – Rotary Family Service Day, Camp Sunshine in Casco

9/18 – Jack Sours and Curtis Cole

9/20-22 – Rafting trip for exchange students

9/25 – District Governor and Dave Carter

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: From the Bethel Club, Michele Cole, Irene McGrew and Bruce Powell. Chris Weston was the guest of Val Weston, Phyllis Summers was the guest of Chris Summers and David Infinger was the guest of Dan Allen. I think we overwhelmed them with our singing!

Announcements:

President Dave – we will be inducting David Infinger next week as our newest member. Congratulations Dave and welcome!

The Road Toll scheduled for Sunday, August 18, has been cancelled.

District Governor, Carolyn Johnson, will be with us on September 24. We are putting together a joint social with all of the clubs in our district. Bruce Powell from Bethel has offered to host again this year at his campground in Hanover, time and date to be announced.

Ron's Raffle Update – we are \$1400 to the good so far and we will be selling tickets at the Lobster & Steak Fest.

Bob – the exchange student rafting weekend will be September 20-22. Bob has made arrangements for them to help out at the Common Ground Fair on Friday, the 20th, prior to rafting on the 21st and 22nd. Thomas Kurchov, a past exchange student from Germany is coming to visit and will be rafting on September 7th if anyone would like to join in the fun with him.

Membership Minute – Greeter Susan Graves talked about the Rotary Park in Nelson, British Columbia where she was visiting her son and family. This family oriented park was put in and is maintained entirely by the Rotary Club at no cost to the city. She also mentioned how nice it is to have the District Newsletter published weekly instead of monthly and reminded us to read it as there is a lot of information in it.

Last Week's Program:

Our meeting last week was devoted to the Lobster & Steak Fest. George told us that we have pre-sold only 236 tickets, 100 of which were purchased by the Oxford Casino for the local nursing homes. President Dave recalled that this is about 50 less than we had sold to this point last year. However, we did have 77 walk-ins last year which was considerably more than usual so hope we find that the case this year. We will be setting tents on Friday morning at 8:00. We need people Saturday morning at 8:00 to get supplies from the storage trailer and set up tables, the serving line and everything else. The lobster and clams will be delivered at 10:00. We have purchased bags to cook and serve the clams in. This will require more labor up front washing and bagging clams but it will help with portion control and serving. The corn will arrive around 11:00 and will have to be husked. George plans to start cooking at 3:00 and of course, we will need help cleaning up and putting things away afterwards.

Happy & Sad Dollars: Lois was sad that she had a lot of happy dollars last week and didn't have an opportunity to present them. She was happy that she got to see Spam-a-Lot with her daughter. Susan Graves was happy that it looks like her son and daughter-in-law will finally be able to adopt the little girl they have been caring for. She will be her first granddaughter. Bob was happy to have sold a lobster ticket to his sister-in-law who will likely have the long distance record to get a lobster dinner, coming from her home in Mexico (the country, not Mexico, ME). He was also happy that Dave was going to uphold tradition and go rafting, and he had a happy dollar for Buddy who has been a tremendous help to him with the rafting through the years. Lynne was happy that her son was coming home this weekend from the University of Vermont and that his career as a professional student might be coming to an end. Dan was happy for our newest member, David Infinger. Glenn was happy to have spent some time with his grandson in their tree house. They enjoyed making a campfire, cooking pancakes and watching falling stars. Dave C. was glad to be with us and we were glad to have him back. Bruce Powell thanked us for the lovely welcome and thanked Ron for putting a 4-some together for the Bethel Rotary Club golf tournament which will be on Monday, September 16, in case anyone else was interested in playing.

50/50: Pat drew John's number but John drew the 8 of Diamonds so the pot of \$205 rolls over.

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!