



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

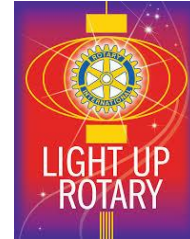
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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

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Welcome! Today is the 239th day of 2014. There are 126 days remaining in the year. Jack Sours is program chair and Patty Rice 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 – 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: Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey and Elliott Levy from Aiken, South Carolina were our visiting Rotarians. Guests were David Whittier; Joe Balchunas, guest of George Rice; Phyllis Summers, guest of Chris Summers; Maureen Howard, guest of Lois Strauss and Lorraine King, guest of Dennis King.

Rotary Moment – Jack gave us an update on recent developments in Polio. In May, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the international spread of polio a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and issued a set of recommendations to all polio impacted countries. On July 31, the Director General reassessed the situation and as a result, declared polio remains a public health emergency. Rotary supports the WHO Director-General's decision to keep these recommendations in place for travelers to and from Pakistan, Syria, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Israel, Somalia and Nigeria.

Announcements:

President Christina congratulated everyone who worked on the Lobster & Steak Fest.

Ron – Lottery Raffle ticket sales picked up at the end and we sold quite a few at the LSF. All told, we made just under \$1700 which is down some from last year, but still very good for a fund raiser that does not require much work.

And in case you missed it in last week's Reader, these folks were the Lottery Ticket Raffle winners:

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

Stan – we made \$750 on tent rentals over LSF weekend.

John – I talked with Paul Thornfeldt this morning (8/25) before putting the finishing touches on the Reader. He said he feels great after a minor set-back with an infection following his hip surgery. He is out walking and driving and expects to be at today's meeting.

Last Week's Program:

Curtis Smith was his own guest speaker. He talked about his interest in youth and how the number of activities we support and participate in for youth was one of the things that attracted him to Rotary. He talked about his acceptance of the Youth Services Chair and his plans for the future. He also talked about US Cellular's "Calling All Teachers" program. US Cellular is working with DonorsChoose.org to support K-12 public school teachers with \$1,000,000 in grants. Teachers must register as a US Cellular teacher on DonorsChoose.org then from August 11 to September 21, registered public school teachers can post a project. Teachers within a US Cellular retail foot print are eligible for funding. One project valued between \$100 and \$1,000 per teacher will be considered. He gave a couple of examples of teachers in Hebron and Westbrook who received grants so this is not just a program for big cities. If you know of any teachers in the Oxford Hills district who have an idea but no money to fund it, please tell them about this opportunity.

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Ron** was happy with the successful results of the Lottery raffle. **Mary Lou** was happy that she won first prize in the raffle. **Lynne** was happy that she found the petroglyphs on the river, something she has wanted to see for some time. She was sad that this was her last meeting before school starts next week and that her new schedule will not permit her to attend many of our Wednesday morning meetings. **Frank** was happy and sad to give us his two week notice as he heads back to Florida in early September. **Larry** was happy that Frank gave us his two week notice and happy for the partridge that has been visiting with him and Jane recently. **Lois** was thankful for all the help we had with the LSF. **Dan** was happy to see a new movie based on a book written by a friend of his, Lois Lowry, a Maine resident. **Patty** thanked the Casino for its support of the LSF and asked us all to consider going to the Kiwanis Mystery Dinner theatre. **Beth** also thanked the Casino for going above and beyond. Pat was happy Mary Lou won the Lottery raffle grand prize

50/50 – Jack R. drew President Chris' ticket and Chris promptly drew the Jack of Hearts. The pot rolls over.

Birthdays in September: Dawne Wilton (Paul Thornfeldt) – 9/6; Chris Twitchell – 9/24; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26

Anniversaries in September: Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 9/20; Lois & Herb Strauss – 9/20; Larry & Jane Jordan – 9/21; Chris and Val Weston – 9/23.

Membership Anniversaries in September: Mary Lou Burns – 23 years – 9/4; Beth Abbott – 12 years – 9/11; Patty Rice – 22 years – 9/23

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?**

From **Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs:**

“A deaf husband and a blind wife are always a happy couple. “

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