



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”

2013-2014 Officers

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Welcome! Curtis Smith is program chair today and Pat Cook is our greeter.

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

9/14 – Rotary Family Service Day, Camp Sunshine in Casco
9/16 – Bethel Rotary Golf Tournament in Bethel.
9/18 – Jack Sours and Curtis Cole
9/19-22 – Rafting trip and Common Ground Fair for exchange students
9/21 – Meet at storage trailer on Cottage St. at 8:00AM to repair roof. Rain date is 9/28.
9/24 – Social for District Governor at Stony Brook Recreation & Camping Center
9/25 – District Governor Carolyn Johnson and Dave Carter
9/30 – Board Meeting – 6:00PM at NPC-TV office on Marston St.
10/2 – Joel Speakman and Susan Cairns
10/4 – District Membership Seminar at the Regatta Room in Elliot, Maine
10/9 – Lois Strauss and Mary Lou Burns

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Chris Weston was the guest of Val Weston and Nancy Boucher was the guest of Phil Libby. It was great to see Phil again after his summer hiatus. Frank Shorey left for Florida on the 4th without saying good-bye. Apparently he just couldn't take it anymore!

Proposed Member: Chris Weston has been proposed as a member by Val Weston. If anyone has any comments or questions, please speak to any board member.

Announcements:

President Dave – there is a membership seminar on Friday, October 4th at the Regatta Room, Route 236 in Elliot, Maine. Dave would really like to have some of our members attend. It is on a Friday which does make it difficult but he said he heard the guest speaker at PETS and he was excellent. See the district website for more info and please let Dave know if you can attend.

On September 24th at 5:00 PM, there will be a social for District Governor Carolyn Johnson at Stony Brook Recreation and Camping Center in Hanover (just over the Bethel line) on Route 2. The Bethel Club is providing hamburgers, hotdogs and drink and is asking other clubs in the district to bring appetizers, salads and desserts or anything else you care to bring.

Susan Cairns – Sue reviewed the results of the first Visioning Committee meeting. The plan at this point is to get some structure back in place by revising and establishing committees and go on from there. Chris Summers has agreed to work on establishing a Facebook page for us. The committee also agreed to meet every two weeks with the next meeting at Chris Summers' house, 713 Paris Hill Rd., at 4:30PM on September 11th.

John Griffith - earlier in the summer you may remember that John suggested that a group of us ride down to the Exeter Rotary Club and surprise Fred White as he has sold his Norway property and would no longer be attending OH Rotary during the summer. John talked with Fred last week and learned that after 36 years, Fred has decided not to continue with Rotary. Fred wanted John to remember him to the club and to tell us that OH Rotary is the friendliest, happiest and most fun Rotary Club he has ever attended. He appreciated the thought of us wanting to come and visit and said that he would love an occasional note, card or phone call. His address is: 7 Riverwinds Dr., C231, Exeter, NH 03----. Phone: 603-772-7570.

Membership Minute – Membership Chair Dan Allen presented a challenge to us from the board. The challenge is that every member propose at least one new member during the remaining months of President Dave's term which ends 6/30/14. Dan handed each of us a membership proposal form, a free breakfast ticket and one of the "What is Rotary" pamphlets. Proposing someone for membership does not actually mean asking them initially. The correct order is to propose a member first. The board then votes on your proposal, and if the proposed member is approved, then he/she is asked if they would like to join.

Last Week's Program:

Our guest speaker was Bob Klar. Bob and his son own Klar Mortgage, 219 Mount Auburn Ave., in Auburn. Bob presented a program on Reverse Mortgages. Reverse Mortgages started with a push from AARP as a way to enable seniors to stay in their homes longer. They are guaranteed by FHA, the borrower must be 62 or older, there is no minimum credit score and no debt to income requirement. Maximum loan to value is 42% for ages 62-79 and 32% for age 80 and up. There are many different programs available and part of what Bob does is counsel people to get them in the right product.

Happy & Sad Dollars: John – was happy that he and Glenn had the opportunity to attend the Bethel Rotary Club meeting on September 3rd. He was also happy that he made contact with a cousin over Labor Day weekend that he has not seen in many years. Bob – was happy that his sister-in-law and brother-in-law are doing much better after significant health issues.

50/50: With Susan Cairns winning the pot on the 28th, there was only \$12.00 in the pot this week. Curtis Cole's number was drawn but he didn't win.

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

Anniversaries in September: Susan & Nelson Cairns – 9/12; Stan & Ann Brett – 9/20; Lois & Herb Strauss – 9/20; Larry & Jane Jordan – 9/21; Val & Chris Weston – 9/23.

Membership Anniversaries in September: Beth Abbott – 11 years on 9/2; Mary Lou Burns – 22 years on 9/4; Patty Rice – 21 years on 9/23.