



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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Ron Morse

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

9/19-22 – 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 in Hanover
9/25 – District Governor Carolyn Johnson and Lois Strauss subbing for Dave Carter
9/30 – Board Meeting – 6:00 PM at NPC-TV office on Marston St.
10/2 – Joel Speakman and Susan Cairns
10/4 – District Membership Seminar at the Regatta Room, Route 236 & Beech Rd. in Eliot, Maine
10/9 – Lois Strauss and Mary Lou Burns
10/12 – (tentative) – work day for the Alan Day Community Garden project
10/17 – Chris Summers and Dan Allen
10/19 – RLI, Lewiston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

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

Announcements:

President Dave – If you are going to the District work day at Camp Sunshine on Saturday, the 14th, and would like to car pool, please meet by the “big sign” at Hannaford in Oxford at 7:30 AM.

Dave thanked Dave and Lynne for the rafting trip on the 8th. Dave was joined by his brother, nephew, Chris Summers and Deb Harris.

Pat Cook – there were 30 members in attendance today which is the largest number in some time. It was nice to have such a large group. Pat told us that we cleared \$3,813.54 from the Lobster & Steak Fest and \$2,342.35 from the Scratch Ticket raffle. We still owe OHCHS for using their facility but it is generally less than \$150.

Phil Libby – Phil and his wife are having an open house on Saturday, the 14th, starting at 4:00PM. He lives just a short distance from Camp Sunshine and thought everyone might enjoy capping off the day with some food and relaxation. Everyone in the club is welcome to stop by. The address is: 153 Watkins Shores Rd., Casco.

Larry Jordan – Larry passed around a summary of the Alan Day Community Garden project. We will be putting a new roof on the barn and building them a new tool shed with the District grant money we received. The tentative date has been changed to Saturday, October 12th.

Rebecca Dowse – Rebecca asked for assistance in moving some furniture from our storage trailer by the school maintenance building to the Women's Shelter's storage facility at Market Square. Meet at our storage trailer at 11:00 on Thursday, the 12th. There was also some discussion about formalizing our relationship with the Women's Shelter since we help the shelter in different ways through the year. Also, they do have a wish list and at the moment are in need of dishes and cooking utensils for their kitchen.

Lynne Schott – Lynne invited everyone to attend the Interact Club Ice-Cream social at 2:30 on Thursday, the 12th, at 2:30 PM in room E-220.

Membership Minute – Membership Chair Dan Allen reviewed the membership challenge he presented the prior week and gave those members not present that day their materials.

Last Week's Program:

Curtis Smith gave a very entertaining classification talk. He was born and raised in Hebron. Both of his parents are teachers so he couldn't get away with much! He met his wife at college and they initially moved to Maryland where they stayed for about 1 ½ years. They lived close to Antietam and Harper's Ferry, a great place if you are a Civil War buff. He and his family moved back to Maine where he worked for an "environmentally friendly chemical company." He later joined US Cellular as a sales rep and store manager, spending time in Farmington and Augusta before taking the store manager's position in South Paris. He and his wife have three children, a daughter who is 15, a son 13 and another son who is 7. Curtis also enjoys coaching soccer for grades K-6. We learn so much about each other from classification talks – except for Frank. We know way too much about him already!!

Happy & Sad Dollars: **John** was happy that he and his son enjoyed the Maine Model RC Air Show at Sanford Airport on Saturday. **Larry** was happy that his daughter is getting married on Saturday. **Glenn** was happy that his grandchildren, sister and mother were able to visit this summer but also happy that he and his wife have their house back. **Lynne** was happy to be back at Rotary but sad that exchange student Thomas Kurchov did not make it rafting after all. **Beth** was happy to attend Fryeburg Rotary with DG Carolyn Johnson and happy that Fryeburg Interact had 93 students show for their first meeting and 40 students for Early-Act. **Dave P.** was happy that the RS were doing well and that he has been trading e-mails with Frank down in Florida. **Patty** was glad she attended the Kiwanis Mystery Dinner Theater and happy to report it was sold out with 200 tickets sold. She was also happy to thank John for taking over some of the updating of the club website. **Bob** was happy to have met Dave's brother and although he did not remember him, happy to have hosted Dave's nephew who said he went rafting with Bob 15 years ago.

50/50: Still no deck of cards, so we went with the one-time pot of \$15.00. Mary Lou drew Phil's ticket.

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.