



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

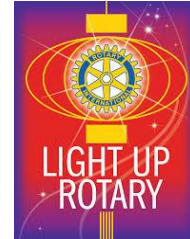
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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light up Rotary"

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## 2014-2015 Officers

Rotary International President: Gary Huang – Governor, District 7780: Lawrence Furbish – Oxford Hills Rotary Club Pres.: Christina Twitchell – Pres. Elect: Chris Summers – Vice Pres.: Joel Speakman – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: Jack Richardson – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past Pres.: Dave Preble – Community Service Chair: Dan Allen – International Service Chair: Larry Jordan – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Youth Services Chair: Curtis Smith – Vocational Service Chair: Chris Weston

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**Welcome!** Today is the 267th day of 2014. There are 98 days remaining in the year. Chris Summers is program chair this morning and Ron Morse is greeter.

**Calendar: The first name listed is Program Chair, the second is Greeter.** Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or [speakmanbiz@gmail.com](mailto:speakmanbiz@gmail.com). Also please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia.

**9/24 – Visioning Committee Meeting at Chris Summers' house, 713 Paris Hill Rd.**

**9/27 – Rotary Food Packing event at Maine Mall, South Portland, 9:00AM - Noon**

**9/28 – Club Social at President Chris' house, 3:00 PM - whenever**

**9/29 – Board Meeting at TD Bank, Oxford, 5:30 PM.**

**10/1 – Paul Thornfeldt and Robert Kahn. Paul's guest speaker is Dr. Paul Taylor, President & CEO of Champions with Destiny.**

**10/8 – Visioning Committee and Irina Kahn**

**10/15 – Membership and Larry Jordan**

**10/18 – RLI, Lewiston**

**10/19 – Road Toll for Food Pantries, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fair St.**

**10/22 – Youth Services and Glenn Huntley**

**10/22 – Membership Seminar at 3:00 PM, Fireside Inn, Portland**

**10/23 – District Visioning Workshop, 4:45 PM – 8:00 PM, location TBD**

**10/25 – Bridge Walk for Polio Plus, Portsmouth**

**10/29 – Community and Vocational Service and John Griffith**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Joe Balchunas was the guest of George Rice and past member David Whittier was with us again.

**Proposed Member:** Dan Allen has proposed Honorary Rotarian, Anne Carter, as a full member. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

**Fireside Chat –** there will be a Fireside Chat (without the fire) with Joe Balchunas on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at Tim Horton's in Norway. Please come and show your support.

**Interact Corner** – Lynne reports “we had a great time volunteering in the kitchen at Common Ground Fair. We got to see a demo of border collies and look at lots of interesting gadgets. We met up with the group from 7790 in Skowhegan and all made it to camp after dark. Rafting was great. We had an 8000 cfs release. One small raft flipped and one person lost their old glasses but everyone was all right. We had a great pasta supper and apple cinnamon pancakes for Sunday breakfast. It was a bit nippy, so the kids hiked Mosquito Mountain the next day instead of rafting.”

### **Announcements:**

**President Christina** – Don’t forget the promise we made to bring a **non-perishable food item to each meeting in September.** If you do forget, be prepared to pay \$1.

There will be a **District Membership Seminar** at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 22 at Fireside Inn, Portland. President Chris is planning to attend and would like some company if anyone is able to go with her.

There will be a **walk across the Kittery-Portsmouth Bridge for Polio Plus** on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This is modeled after the Sidney Harbor Bridge walk held at the International Conference in Sydney, Australia last June. See the district website for more information.

On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a **food packing event** at the Maine Mall in South Portland from 9:00 AM to Noon. This is sponsored by the Sebago Lake Club in Windham.

**Patty Rice** – the Visioning Committee has been working on re-establishing committees, chairs and co-chairs for our events. Patty passed out a sign-up sheet for us to choose which committees and positions we would like to participate in.

**Chris S.** – needs our t-shirt order. So far, he has only received 15 orders. The club is buying everyone a t-shirt but they can be monogrammed with your name for \$6. Extra shirts are available for \$10 or \$16 for monogrammed. Please get your request to Chris as soon as possible.

### **Last Week’s Program:**

Lois Strauss was her own guest speaker. She talked about the clubs she has attended in Florida, starting with the Golden Gate Club in Naples and after attending there for a while, the Bonita Springs Breakfast club. After she and Herb bought a house in Estero, she started attending the Rotary Club of Estero where she became a “Snowtarian” – a term someone in the club “coined” for their winter visitors. Lois said their first large fund raiser was a casino night which met with some success initially but gradually faded out. They then switched to a BBQ which evolved in to “Chow Down for Charity”. They have different vendors and restaurants provide the food and sell “Rotary Bucks” which patrons use to purchase food. It has been a great event. They also hold a Lobster raffle for 200 pounds of Maine lobster - and if you aren’t sure about cooking it, 2 of their club members will come and cook it for you. Tickets are \$5. Lois also spoke passionately about Rotakids – a program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. The kids get t-shirts and sign a pledge to help their communities. Some of their activities included building a butterfly garden, recycling school waste paper, preparing food packages and making posters for earth day. Estero sounds like a great club!

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Dave W.** had a happy \$5 for a great summer visiting with us. **Tally** had a happy dollar for the Art Center which is having a special photography exhibit by Galen Leavitt. The hours are 5PM-8PM September 19 and Thurs-Sat, September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. **Bob** had some skin cancers removed and was happy they are healed and completely gone. **Patty** had a happy dollar for her new baby granddaughter and she had a request from AG Beth that we still have 20 cases of water that needs to be stored for the winter. Dave P. volunteered to take care of it. **Steve** had a happy \$5 for getting away to Vermont for a 4 day weekend – in a log cabin with no

utilities. **Glenn** thanked President Chris for allowing him to sell gun raffle tickets for the Norway-Paris Fish and Game Club. **Ron** thanked everyone for participating in the September food drive. Besides the food, we collected \$28 at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Dave P.** reminded us that we are still collecting for crutches for Africa.

**50/50** – For the second week in a row, Stan had Irina draw the winning ticket. This week she drew Joe Balchunas' number but Joe didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$179 in the pot.

**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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://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 FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### **Thought for the week:**

**“Be the person your dog thinks you are.”**

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