



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 District Governer, Carolyn Johnson! Our greeter is Lois Strauss.

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.

9/25 – Visioning Committee meeting at Lois Strauss’s at 4:30. Her driveway is on the left across from Pennessewassee Park. Look for the “Strauss Haus” sign.

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 – work day at the Alan Day Community Garden

10/16 – Chris Summers and Dan Allen

10/19 – RLI, Lewiston

10/23 – Paul Thornfeldt and Beth Abbott

10/30 – Chris Twitchell and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Abby Gravier was the guest of Pat Cook.

Announcements:

President Dave – On the Saturday, the 14th, Dave, George, Patty, Beth and Beth’s granddaughter represented Oxford Hills at the District work day at Camp Sunshine. The weather co-operated and they had a great time helping to plant 200 trees and shrubs and doing other maintenance work.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, September 30th at 6:00 PM at the NPC-TV office on Marston St. Everyone is welcome to attend and it can count as a make-up if you need one.

Beth and Chris T. are planning to attend the Membership Seminar at the Regatta Room in Eliot on October 4th. If you would like to join them, please let President Dave know.

RLI is coming up on October 19th in Lewiston. If you would like to go, you can sign up at www.RLINEA.org. The club will pay for you to go and it's a great way to learn more about Rotary.

Chris S. – the Visioning Committee would like your input on our guest speakers and the subject matter that you would like to hear about. If you have any suggestions, please put them down on the sheet being passed around today.

Tally – the annual Aspire Hire event will be on Tuesday, October 22nd. Tally thanked the club for donating \$100.00 which will pay for a scholarship for an elementary school student. You can be a friend of Aspire Hire for a \$15.00 donation. The Aspire Hire “March” includes all students in the district. It is the largest Aspire Hire “March” in Maine.

Ron – Ron, Jack S., Paul and Larry Cousins played in the Bethel Rotary golf tournament on the 16th. Since 1996, the Bethel, Oxford Hills and River Valley Clubs have had a challenge among them with the winning club getting to keep the trophy for the year. This year, our team won and Ron presented us with the trophy.

Larry Jordan – the confirmed date to begin the Alan Day Community Garden project is Saturday, October 12th. We need a minimum of 4 people to help with the roof. Steve will also need a crew to help build the tool shed.

Ron, Curtis C. and John helped **George** with the storage trailer roof on Saturday morning. We started working at 8:00 and were done about 2 hours later. George and Curtis laid the roofing material on the roof while Ron and John stayed in the ground, cutting and picking up.

Membership Minute – Greeter Curtis Cole did not have a Membership Minute except to say that he has been a Rotarian for 29 years. Enough said!

Last Week's Program:

Program Chair, Jack Sours, introduced Joan Churchill from Community Concepts. Joan talked about Community Concepts and the important role United Way plays in our communities. Community Concepts is a non-profit organization which was founded in 1965 with the primary goal of combatting poverty. Through the years, it has grown to encompass many programs including Head Start, Parenting education, Transportation for the elderly, Family Services, Volunteer Driver program, Housing programs which include home buyer education classes, weatherization services, fuel assistance, energy audits and foreclosure education, and a Home Builder program which is the only program of its kind north of Virginia. Community Concepts also manages the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Oxford county which is funded through the Bowl-for-Kid's Sake and the United Way.

The United Way goal is usually raises around \$60,000 in Oxford County, but they are off to a fantastic start this year as the Oxford County Casino employees have raised \$15,000.00 in two weeks. The Casino has pledged to match the first \$10,000.00 so the Casino alone will have contributed more than \$25,000.00 this year.

Happy & Sad Dollars: **Larry** was happy that his daughter's wedding went well and that the bride and groom have not moved in with them. **Bob** had a disappointment dollar that the exchange students are not coming rafting this weekend but that the event will go on with the Interact students. **Lois** was happy to see Joan Churchill and happy that Papoose Pond hosted the Kiwanis Club this past week. **Paul** was also happy to see Joan, happy to have played golf with Ron, Jack S. and Larry Cousins in Bethel and was happy that he and Dawne were talking a three day sailing trip along the coast of Maine. **Dan** was happy to use his time to remind us of the Membership Challenge and that he talked with Linda Rideout who let him know she was grateful that we sponsored the cooking classes for the Norway Women's Shelter. **Curtis C.** was happy to go to the Oxford County Fair which he said was very good this year. **Stan** put in a happy \$20 for his youngest daughter who started working at CMMC this week.

50/50: Thanks to Glenn Huntley, we had a new deck of cards. As luck would have it, Rebecca drew Glenn's ticket and Glenn drew the King of Clubs, winning the \$13.00 in the pot! I don't know that it has ever happened that the King of Clubs was drawn from a brand new deck.

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.

Make-ups:

Bethel – Tuesdays, 7:30 AM at The Bethel Inn, Bethel
www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursdays, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton
www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesdays, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Route 5, Fryeburg
www.fryeburgarearotary.org

River Valley – Tuesdays, 7:30 AM, Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford
www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Lastly, another quote from Mark Twain,

“Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.”