



# THE LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN

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President Betty presided. Guests: None. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 15 members.

## Announcements and Business:

1. President Betty and Kent rolled in at 5:55pm from a trip to Columbus, GA. She looked a little frazzled.
2. President Betty announced that our Board of Directors had approved a leave of absence for Shane Gonsalves. He has recently obtained a catering contract that will keep him busy on our meeting night, Julie Goyette has graciously stepped into Shane's role as club secretary during his absence.
3. Prospective new members of the club:
  - (a) Bill Kozak, retired from USCG; recently moved to area to be near his son who replaces Paul Barron at the Marshall Library; sponsor, Joe Milo
  - (b) Mike Orrison, owner of Orrison Tree Service; sponsor, Kent
  - (c) Charlotte Sibold, Kendal; former member of the club; sponsor, Betty
  - (d) Charles Kostelni, Sales, Pulpwood; former member of the club; sponsor, Kent
4. Those who were not at the last meeting should let Joe Williams know if they plan to attend the steak cook-out on Oct 3 at Mulberry Hill. ALL should bring their personal eating utensils and a bottle of wine or other beverage to share. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and Joe needs to know what that dish will be. (Those of you "single" gents at Kendal are not expected to bring a dish).
5. Joe Milo again made a plea for leadership for the Leprechaun Leap project. He announced that after Christmas was too late to start planning for the event. And announced that it would move to the end of March in order to avoid St. Patrick's Day and our annual District Conference. Joe has broken down job responsibilities into smaller lots so no one job will demand excessive time. He circulated a list of job responsibilities and urged members to sign up.
6. Our District Newsletter is called **The Rotary Informer**. It contains the latest happenings around the District, including a calendar of events. To access the latest issue: go online to [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org); click on **WHO WE ARE** near the top of the page; on the drop down list, choose **District Newsletters**; on the drop down list, choose **September Newsletter 2018**.
7. DG Karnes announced that Beverly Pitzer has been selected as the Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange to Taiwan. Beverly is a member of the Martinsville Uptown Club and currently serves as the Membership Chair. Professionally, Beverly is a manager with Carter Bank & Trust with a focus on Community Outreach. She may be contacted at [beverly.pitzer@carterbankandtrust.com](mailto:beverly.pitzer@carterbankandtrust.com).
8. Now Team Member Candidates are needed. "A Group Study Exchange to Taiwan will truly be a life changing experience. This opportunity will include being hosted in Taiwan from March 4th to April 4th, 2019. Successful candidates will be immersed in the culture of Taiwan and have the opportunity to interact with members of their profession. Qualifications are active employment in their profession, age 45 or younger, If a Rotarian, they must have less than 5 years of service. Applications must be received by September 20th for interviews to take place at The Natural Bridge Hotel on September 30<sup>th</sup>."

## Program:

Dick Minnix was a last minute substitute for the program. He reviewed facts about the November 6 General and Special Election:

- Last day to register to vote is Monday, October 15.
- You must show a valid photo ID to vote on election day; otherwise you vote a provisional ballot which won't be counted until you take a valid photo ID to the registrar's office.

- Location, hours of operation (including lunch closings), and phone numbers for registrars in all three jurisdictions were reviewed.
- Voting precincts were reviewed.
- Absentee voting begins this Friday, September 21. In-person absentee voting was highly recommended.
- Curbside voting for the elderly and disabled is available in both absentee and regular voting.
- Sample ballots from Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County were circulated.
- Little notice has been given to the presence of two constitutional questions that will be on the ballot. In brief, these deal with tax exemptions/credits for victims of flooding and spouses of veterans with 100% service-connected disability.
- Of course, a voter may choose not to vote on a question or candidate, or vote for fewer than the number allowed. This latter option is very powerful.
- Write-ins are allowed in all elections.
- Registrars should be notified of any change of address.
- Additional information is available at [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov). Here, the sbe refers to the State Board of Elections.

In response to a question, it was pointed out that more information about local candidates was available in recent issues of the Advocate and would be in upcoming issues of the News-Gazette.

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Joe Milo was thankful that our area avoided significant damage from hurricane Florence.
- Betty McMichael was thankful on multiple counts: attended the graduation of former VMI cadet from OCS; she agrees with the adage, "To get to hell, you must go through Atlanta!"
- John Tucker's daughter owns a house on White Lake in North Carolina; normally, the water level is 2 feet below the dock surface, it was 1 foot above the surface during the recent hurricane.
- Joe Milo thanked everyone who signed up for Leprechaun Leap; others should not despair – they'll get another opportunity.
- Julie Goyette had praise for Joe Milo for taking on leadership of the Leprechaun Leap again.

### **Special Occasions:**

Appropriate songs for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries:

For the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary: "Night and Day"

For the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary: "Saturday Night"

For the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary: "Once in a While"

For the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary: "Now and Then"

For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary: "Thanks for the Memories"

What do you suggest for anniversaries over 50?

### **Good Thoughts:**

If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

Six Best Doctors in the World; 1. Sunlight; 2. Rest; 3. Exercise; 4. Diet; 5. Self Confidence; 6. Friends.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is ..... in the hands of God.

### **Future Programs & Activities:**

**Sep 21: World Alzheimer's Day**

**Sep 29: Rotary Leadership Institute in Lynchburg; Registration: \$90**

**Oct 03: Annual Cookout; Mulberry Hill**

**Oct 13-14: District Interact Conference at SML, William H. Skelton 4-H Center**

**Oct 17: RI Convention by Mary & Chip Hjonsinger, RoD Betty McMichael**

**Oct 24: Highway Clean-up, Route 11S, start at NOON**

**Nov 09: Place Flags on Graves in Observance of Veteran's Day**

**Nov 14: Pick Up Flags from Veteran's Graves**

**Dec 07: District Foundation Dinner at VA TECH; cost \$85/person; speaker: RI President**  
**Dec 07: Rotary District Four-Way Test Speech Contest**  
**Dec 07-09: RYLA, Inn at VA Tech**  
**Mar 15-17: District Conference at The Homestead Resort**

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