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October 5, 2016

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President Skip presided. Guests: Hazle Gonsalves from Guyana was the guest of son Shane; Herb and Annie Kuykendall from Houston, TX were guests of Chip Honsinger (Herb was a classmate of Chip at USNA); and our speaker, Paul Cooper. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 23 members and 4 guests for a total of 27. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

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3. **Don't forget that we meet next Wednesday at Brew Ridge Taps located at 11 East Nelson Street. This establishment is relatively new; it is located in the building just behind Lexington Presbyterian Church. They advertise 18 taps of craft on draft, 199+ bottles of beer on the wall, and appetizers, salads, and wafflewiches made fresh to order. Skip cautions that both beer and food will be Dutch treat**
4. "This year you have three opportunities to attend a Rotary leadership Institute (RLI). The sessions are posted on the district website where you can register. With this many opportunities there is no reason not to take advantage of RLI and get to know about this great organization to which you belong. From your club basics to Rotary International, you don't know what you don't know, so please attend one or more of the RLI training sessions. Rotary is incredible!!!" For details, see the District web site www.rotary7570.org or consult your October District Newsletter.
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Board of Directors:

Our club's Board of Directors held their monthly meeting immediately following our regular meeting tonight. Only two actions were taken:

1. Decision was made to proceed with the scheduling of the "Leprechaun Leap" for March 18. It is understood that there is a potential conflict with the District Conference, but they decided we have enough members to do both.
2. The board also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Denny Garvis.

Minute for Rotary:

PDG Rae Carpenter called our attention to the article “Winning the Ground Game” in the October issue of *the Rotarian* magazine. “In Pakistan, people are constantly on the move. Some travel for religious festivals. Others are migrant workers, always ready to go to the next place they can earn a day’s wage. Conflict in Afghanistan and the Pakistani tribal areas that border it has also created huge numbers of displaced persons. This poses a challenge for polio immunizers: They must find all the children who, on any given day, are not at home – or who do not have a home...”

Rae brought his copy of the magazine and gave it to a new member who has not begun to receive his copy. He suggested that other members do the same.

Program:

Chip Honsinger introduced our speaker Paul Cooper, who spoke about the recent conversion of Natural Bridge into a state park.

Paul Cooper is a veteran of the hospitality industry for the last 20+ years. He began on the operations side of the business, working for the founder of Holiday Inns. Since that time, Paul has been involved in many different areas of the hospitality field with extensive experience as a senior hotel franchise sales professional and leading the development division for a hotel management firm.

For the past four years Paul has been president and CEO of a hospitality firm based in Richmond, which provides a full range of consulting and management services for hotels and resorts. His current project is management of the 1600-acre Natural Bridge Park and Historic Hotel.

Early in 2014, the Rockbridge County property’s former owner, Angelo Puglisi, donated the bridge and sold all the other buildings and land to the newly formed Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund (VCLF).

Tom Clarke, head of the VCLF, has a vision of making the property a destination for the working person, for families. In September, Governor Terry McAuliffe declared the geological formation and its 1,500 surrounding acres as the new Natural Bridge State Park. What is now Virginia’s 37th state park will also become an affiliated area of National Park Service, McAuliffe announced. Affiliation with the park service and its familiar arrowhead emblem will allow Natural Bridge to tap into a larger base of visitors to national parks. The designation will also make it eligible for federal funding.

The National Park Service has 25 affiliated areas, four of them in Virginia: the Jamestown National Historic Site, the Green Springs National Historic Landmark District, the Red Hill Patrick Henry National Memorial and now Natural Bridge. Unlike most public parks, Natural Bridge is neither state nor federally owned. Under an unusual agreement, the VCLF will continue to own the property until it can pay off a \$9.1 million loan it used to purchase the landmark and surrounding land nearly three years ago, with plans to eventually donate it to the commonwealth for use as a state park.

Starting Saturday, Natural Bridge will be managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, which unlike Clarke’s group has a statewide infrastructure and extensive experience in running state parks

By cutting ticket prices by nearly half — to \$8 for adults and \$6 for children — the state is banking on increased attendance to the park, by 24 percent in the first year. Better advertising, including new signs along nearby Interstate 81 that were taken down due to earlier budget woes, and a restocked gift store are also expected to help.

Annual revenue is projected to grow from \$2.3 million in 2017 to \$3.1 million in 2021. The business plan was premised on a decision by the Virginia Resources Authority to restructure the loan to Clarke’s organization, cutting annual payments in half by extending the 10-year loan for another decade.

Under the new arrangement, the state will collect admissions and gift shop revenues. The state agency will use that money to make payments on the loan, which has a current balance of \$7.2 million. VCLF will continue to own and operate the Natural Bridge Hotel, across U.S. 11 from the rock bridge formation, and a nearby cavern where guided tours are available.

A number of changes have been or will be made. But the Drama of Creation, will stay — at least for now. The sound-and-light show held nightly beneath the bridge is based on the Book of Genesis, raising questions about whether a religious performance should be part of a state park. But because VCLF will remain the private owner of the land until its debt is retired, officials decided to allow the presentation to

continue. The agreement is based on assurances that the Drama of Creation will be held in the evening, after the state park is closed, and that no proceeds from it will be used by the state.

Food and beverage service has also been revamped. A seafood buffet and Italian buffet are scheduled along with the continuance of the traditional Sunday brunch. And plans are underway to attract weddings and various organizational meetings and conferences.

Happy Bucks:

- Chip Honsinger was happy to report that he and classmate Herb and their spouses will journey together to Annapolis for their class' 60th reunion; he's hopeful hurricane Matthew will not severely dampen the event.
- Skip Ravenhorst pointed out that the sailors of USNA would have an advantage on a field under water.
- Mary Sayre continued her saga of the 60th birthday: she and her family journeyed to Montreal for the celebration; her daughter had planned everything to include a motor scooter tour of the city, a massage, throwing axes (?), and dinner at a most unusual restaurant called Noir; they entered the lobby, selected 3 courses, drinks, and a surprise, and were then ushered into a dark room by a blind waitress; the entire meal was served and eaten in total darkness designed to heighten their appreciation of the blind; Mary said it was a fantastic experience – most ate with their fingers.
- Bill Lowe was unhappy with the result of the USAF-USNA football game in Colorado Springs last Saturday – there was no rain for benefit of the web-footed swabbies.
- Rae Carpenter was happy to donate in honor of Marian Minnix's birthday on October 11th, a lady he has known for more than 70 years!

Pot:

Laura Evans won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now totals \$101.00.

Future Programs & Activities:

- Oct 12: Joint Meeting with Jaycees at Brew Ridge Taps, RoD Skip Ravenhorst**
- Oct 19: Paws for Purple Hearts by Greg Sipple, RoD Joe Pagnam**
- Oct 24: World Polio Day**
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5. We will be back at our regular site at Lexington Golf and Country Club next week for our October 19 meeting.

Program:

A joint meeting with the Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees was held at Brew Ridge Taps. Its purpose was to distribute net proceeds from the August Rockbridge Community Festival (RCF) to the two sponsoring civic clubs: the Jaycees and Lexington Rotary Club.

Jesse Lyons, president of the Jaycees and Chair of the 2016 RCF, called the group to order. He recognized the members of the RCF Planning Committee present and thanked them and all present who worked at the Festival for their efforts. He then presented our President Skip and the Treasurer Aaron Masey of the Jaycees each with a check for \$6500. (A modest start up fund is left in the RCF account to support planning efforts for the 2017 edition.) He commiserated briefly with our own Kent McMichael who will succeed to the Chair of the 2017 RCF.

If you visit Brew Ridge Taps later, be sure to take ear plugs for the noise level is LOUD!

Happy Bucks and Raffle:

None, since our meeting tonight was offsite.

Shirley and Marcy:

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, ' Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always!!

Old Friends:

Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

Do Not Regret Growing Older. It is a Privilege Denied to Many.

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4. Paul Cooper, who spoke to us on the conversion of Natural Bridge to a state park on October 5th, was so impressed with our organization that he sent us a donation of \$50 for the Lexington Foundation.

Program:

RoD Joe Pagnam introduced Greg Sipple who spoke about Paws for Purple Hearts.

As a lad, Greg frequently moved between the suburbs of New York City and Los Angeles, CA. He was a three-sport athlete at Byram Hills High School in Armonk, NY, playing football, basketball, and lacrosse. He attended and played football at Middlebury College in VT, majoring in Political Science.

Upon his graduation, Greg was selected to attend the United States Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. He earned his wings as a Naval Flight Officer and was chosen to fly the carrier-based S-3 Viking. Flying in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Strike, and Southern Watch, Greg amassed 2,500 hours, 500 carrier arrested landings and 40 combat missions.

Greg transitioned to civilian life as a Business Strategy and Business Development Manager with Compaq Computer. Later he accepted a position with Deloitte & Touche as the National Director for Alternative Officing. Recalled to Active Duty following the attacks on 9/11, Greg commanded an Air Imagery Detachment in war-torn Kosovo. When he returned, he went into business for himself, owning a sports club, and later his own defense industry consulting practice. He retired from the Navy Reserve in 2014 after nearly 12 years of active duty service and another 16 in the reserves.

With his life long love of animals and desire to assist his fellow veterans, Greg says he was blessed when recently chosen as the President and CEO of Paws for Purple Hearts in April of this year.

“Paws for Purple Hearts (PPH) is the first program of its kind to offer therapeutic intervention for veterans and active-duty military personnel by teaching those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to train service dogs for their comrades with combat-related injuries. PPH is built upon the trusted and time-honored tradition of ‘Veterans Helping Veterans.’

“Founded in 2006 as a program of Bergin University of Canine Studies, the pilot PPH program at VA Palo Alto Health Care System, CA, continues serving veterans today. PPH initiated and trained staff to operate canine therapeutic programs at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (MD), the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (MD), and Fort Belvoir (VA). These programs have changed the lives of many veterans struggling with PTSD. The PPH program has been requested at several other sites.

“Under the guidance of PPH instructors, service members engage with specially-bred Golden and Labrador Retriever puppies. Together they undergo an intensive 18-to-24-month service dog training regimen - learning more than 90 commands – while the veterans reintegrate into civilian life. Once training is complete, the service dogs are given to veterans who have sustained mobility-limiting injuries. These service dogs reside for the rest of their lives with their new owners.

“Since PPH’s inception, service dog training and connections have directly impacted hundreds of veterans’ lives.

“Paws for Purple Hearts is a powerful therapeutic intervention for those suffering the effects of PTSD unresolved by conventional treatments. For the men and women suffering from PTSD, the process of training the puppies results in therapeutic benefits which can include: less anxiety and depression, increased patience, impulse control, emotional regulation, improved sleep, decreased dependence upon pain medications, greater sociability and a more positive outlook, a mission-driven focus and renewed sense of purpose, a decrease in emotional numbness, decreased startle responses, and improved parenting skills and family dynamics.

“The benefits extend well beyond the PPH veteran trainers. The service dogs trained in the PPH program are partnered with service members with combat-related disabilities at no cost, providing a new steadfast companion and a true partner. PPH dogs provide independence and security as they perform tasks like tugging open doors, switching on and off lights, and picking up dropped items. And the dogs? They benefit from the loving homes and positive reinforcement received for playing such important roles in the well-being of their owners.”

For more info, go to www.Paws4PH.org.

Happy Bucks:

- President Skip was happy to announce that one of his daughters came to visit last weekend with his grandson and informed him he would have twice as many grandkids next April – a truly great Happy Buck!
- Jim McCoy was extremely happy to announce with all the money in his pocket that he and Partner Jane celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Raffle:

Rae Carpenter won the raffle but not the BIG pot now totaling \$116.50.

Thoughts for the Day:

- Answering machine message, “I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes.”
- The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.
- God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
- I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.
- Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

- Aspire to inspire before you expire.
- The quote of the month is by Jay Leno: "With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

(Source unknown.)

Future Programs & Activities:

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Oct 26: Social Media & Its Effects by Mark Coddington, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at WLU, RoD Joe Pagnam

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October 26, 2016

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President Skip presided. Guests: Nancy Lowe was the guest of Partner Bill; and our speaker, Mark Coddington. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 17 members and 2 guests for a total of 19. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

Business and Announcements:

1. Our October service project, Roadside Pick-up, was held last Saturday, October 22nd.
PAG Betty McMichael led Team North which picked up trash on all 4 ramps at the intersection of Route 11N and I-81 at Timber Ridge. Jim McCoy, Kent and Betty cleaned all 4 ramps (it was COLD and WINDY so we hustled). They collected 6 bags of refuse and logged 4.5 person hours.
President Skip Ravenhorst led Team South. They were to pick up trash along Route 11S from the intersection of Route 11S and Possum Hollow Road back towards Lexington to a point about 1 mile from the end of the Lexington Bypass. Their effort was semi-successful. Nobody got hurt, but they only covered the southern half of their section. They had only three people: Linda Krantz, Joe Pagnam, and Skip. They covered the lower half of their sector by 10:30 am, but by the time they walked back to the cars it was 11:00 am (and they gathered a few items that had been missed on the first pass). So their total was 6 person-hours, and they harvested six bags of refuse. They plan to schedule a follow-up at a later date. Skip reports: "No treasures were found, but on the other hand there weren't any dead animals either, so it was a wash."
2. The Rotary Foundation celebrates its 100th birthday this year. Supported primarily through individual donations – more than \$3 billion to date – the Foundation issues hundred of grants each year to fund worthwhile humanitarian projects around the globe. For more information, go to www.rotary.org/foundation100.
3. Our Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting immediately following our regular meeting next week.

Rotary Minute:

President Skip asked: "What do public toilets and Cleveland have in common?" Arch Klumph was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1911. Elected president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1916, Klumph introduced his philanthropic vision for creation of a permanent charitable endowment which in 1928 became the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary motto *One Profits Most Who Serves Best* was first uttered in a speech at the very first Rotary Convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotarians put that ideal into action by improving sanitation by building the first public restrooms in Chicago.

So, in a sense, what Cleveland and public toilets have in common is both were "firsts" in the history of Rotary. (Source: November 2016 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine.)

Program:

RoD Joe Pagnam introduced our speaker, Mark Coddington, who spoke on "Social Media: the Good, the Bad, and the Future."

Mark is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at WLU. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, where he also contributed to Harvard University's Nieman Journalism Lab. He is a former newspaper reporter in his native Nebraska, and currently lives in Lexington with his wife, Dana, and their two daughters.

Mark took us on a **Tour of Media Platforms:**

- **Facebook** (born in 2004) -- has 1.5 billion active users; best attribute: virtually everyone is there; notable drawback: virtually everyone is there.
- **Twitter** (born 2006) – has 310 million users; best attributes: chronological order, but very newsy,

what's going on now; notable drawback: very noisy, moves fast and can be hard to follow.

- **Instagram** (born 2010) – has 500 million users; best attribute: best platform for visuals; notable drawback: not great for news and information.
- **Snapchat** (born 2011) – has 150-200 million users; best attribute: everything disappears in 24 hours; notable drawback: difficult to navigate, especially for adults.

Three Reasons To Be Optimistic About Social Media:

1. We have access to more news sources than ever before.
2. Regular people can create/be a source of news now. Anyone can report from the scene; e.g., plane crash on Hudson River.
3. They humanize journalists; i.e., they bring back the human connection to news.

Four Reasons To Be Concerned:

1. There is no guarantee of accuracy of reporting; hoax sites are proliferating.
2. Everyone can contribute.
3. News organizations don't control the distribution of news. Who controls the terms for subscriptions?
4. Decline of investigative reporting; e.g., Watergate, Sexual Abuse by Priests in Boston.

The Verdict:

It's complicated!

Happy Bucks:

- President Skip was happy we had several young members who were enrolled in social media.
- Linda Krantz was happy to share one of her jokes – will probably be included in a future edition.
- Jacki Berkshire was proud to announce that her first son, Will, got on the bus to Parris Island on Monday.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November:

Happy Birthday to: Betty McMichael on the 2nd; Shane Gonsalves on the 4th; Jacki Berkshire on the 6th; Mary Honsinger on the 15th; Allan Somerville Brown on the 22nd; Barbara Risser on the 25th; Nancy Cuzzimano on the 26th; and Maryann Fleming on the 27th.

Amazingly, there are no wedding anniversaries for club members in the month of November.

Ignorance:

If you have ever wondered why ignorance rises to the executive level, here is a simple explanation that is also a mathematical proof.

As every engineer knows, $Power = Work/Time$. Since Knowledge is Power and Time is Money, then $Knowledge = Work/Money$.

Solving for Money, we get $Money = Work/Knowledge$. Thus Money approaches infinity as Knowledge approaches zero, regardless of the Work done.

What this means is: The Less you know, the more Money you make.

You knew someone would eventually prove this, didn't you?

Pot:

Scott Risser won the raffle but not the BIG pot now totaling \$129.50.

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Business and Announcements:

1. PP Julia Van de Water presented our club a check for \$47.64 as our 5% share of purchases made at Kroger using Kroger Gift Cards. The amount is small because many of our members have not registered under Kroger's new scheme. Please go online and register if you have not done so – this is such a painless way of raising club funds that it is a shame for us not to do better.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Because some might have missed it, the procedure for registering our club for the Kroger Community Rewards Program is repeated from an earlier Bulletin. Once you complete this procedure, anything you purchase with your Kroger card will be credited to our club and we will receive a contribution from the Kroger Company based on our member's total purchases. This is an effortless way for us to raise money to support our projects so please register your Kroger Plus Card right away.

Organization Name: Lexington Rotary Club Foundation NPO number 82191

Members should register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. (Be sure to have your Kroger Plus Card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus Card, these cards are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger store.)

- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. The Lexington Rotary Club Foundation. Contact Julia Van de Water at vandewaterj@comcast.net OR 540-460-0093.

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2. President Skip read a note from Rockbridge Habitat thanking us for transport and set-up of tables and chairs for their pancake breakfast held on Hopkins Green on October 15th.
 3. President Skip recognized that today is the ?? anniversary of PP Betty McMichael's 39th birthday. Based on the quality of our earlier singing, he resisted the impulse to have us sing Happy Birthday!
 4. **Don't forget the Veteran's Day celebration downtown on November 11.**
 5. Our Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting tonight immediately following our regular meeting.
 6. Our club **WILL NOT MEET NEXT WEEK, November 9th**, because of the cemetery flag installation project the next day.

Minute for Rotary:

In recognition that November is Rotary Foundation month, Dick Minnix offered the following:

"In 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's outgoing and sixth president, proposed to Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary....for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of service.

"In July 1918, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50. from the Rotary Club of Kansas City Missouri, which represented the net proceeds from the International Convention.

"In 1927, after an attempt to change the endowment to a foundation, it failed. The following year at the 1928 convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the foundation had grown to \$5,739 and it was renamed The Rotary Foundation becoming a separate entity within Rotary International. Arch Klumph became the first chairman and five other men were appointed as trustees to "hold, invest, manage and administer all its property.....as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI." Prior to this the Board of Directors for Rotary had oversight.

"It was 2 years later, 1930, the first project funded by the Foundation occurred. It was to the International Society for Crippled Children, a program founded by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen in 1919. This organization is known today as the Easter Seal Program. Rotarian Allen and other Rotarians brought an awareness of how children with disabilities often were "hidden" from the public. Rotarian Paul Harris served as the first chairman of the board of the National Easter Seal Society of Crippled Children and Adults and of the International Society for crippled children.

"1947 was the historical year. On January 27, 1947, Paul Harris passed away. Paul Harris had requested prior to his death rather than spend money on flowers to make contributions to The Foundation. After a telegram to clubs worldwide of Paul Harris death and his desire, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. There was 1.3 million dollars given in his memory." (Source: District 7570 November Newsletter)

The Rotary Foundation celebrates its 100th birthday this year. Supported primarily through individual donations – more than \$3 billion to date – the Foundation issues hundred of grants each year to fund worthwhile humanitarian projects around the globe. Our District's Annual Foundation Banquet will be held Sunday evening in Lynchburg. See the District's November Newsletter for details. For more information on the Foundation, go to www.rotary.org/foundation100.

Program:

Chair Kent McMichael circulated sheets for our members to sign up for our annual Veteran's Day recognition of deceased veterans. Flags will be placed on veterans graves on Thursday, November 10th, starting at 3:30 pm in Evergreen and at 3:30 pm in Stonewall Jackson Cemeteries. Approximately 110 flags are put out at Evergreen and almost 700 at SJ Cemetery. They will be removed on Monday, November 14th, starting at 3:30 pm.

Assisted by Partner Betty, Kent showed flags used and photos of various types of monuments and grave stones that will be encountered. He also offered suggestions about placing of the flags. He cautioned us to respect the presence of Confederate flags that would be found on some graves.

This is a very worthwhile project that recognizes the sacrifices others made on our behalf, so come on out and help even if you didn't sign up. (Remember that DST ends on Sunday so an early start ensures enough daylight.)

Happy Bucks:

- Betty McMichael was happy to recommend Cherrystone Campground on the Eastern Shore; they visited for a long weekend and were astounded at the Halloween celebration - campers decorated their campsites, their vehicles, their children and dogs, there was trick-or-treating, hay rides – you name it, they had it.
- President Skip apologized for any confusion arising from his recent email messages; for some unknown reason, phantom question marks appear when other punctuation marks are typed in; he has RGV working to find the trouble.

Pot:

Chuck Barger won the raffle but not the BIG pot now totaling \$142.00.

So You Think You Know Everything:

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
There, now you know everything!

Future Programs & Activities:

- Nov 04: Rotary Leadership Institutes, Harrisonburg and Blacksburg**
- Nov 05: Rotary Foundation Annual Banquet, Craddock Terry Hotel, Lynchburg**
- Nov 08: USA Presidential Election**
- Nov 09: NO MEETING – Cemetery Flag Project Takes Its Place**
- Nov 10: Place Flags on Veterans Graves: Evergreen and S-J Cemeteries**
- Nov 14: Retrieve Flags from Veterans Graves: Evergreen and S-J Cemeteries**
- Nov 16 TV's Development & Future by Kevin Finch, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at WLU, RoD Joe Pagnam**
- Nov 23: NO MEETING – THANKSGIVING**
- Nov 30: Club Assembly – RoD Skip Ravenhorst**

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President Skip presided. Guest: David Krantz, Partner of Linda; and our speaker, Kevin Finch. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 24 members and 2 guests for a total of 26. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

Business and Announcements:

1. Project Director Kent McMichael reported on the recently completed project to honor all deceased veterans on Veterans Day by placing flags on their graves in local cemeteries. With gorgeous weather and a good turnout of volunteers, 731 flags were placed at Evergreen and Stonewall Jackson Cemeteries on Thursday, November 10th. Although a few were missing or had their poles broken, over 700 were collected on Monday, November 14th. Kent thanked all who came out and helped. Thanks, Kent, for your continued service on this important project.
2. President Skip announced that, at a meeting last week, our Board of Directors voted to donate \$250 to help defray the cost of putting on the Lexington Christmas Parade, scheduled for Friday, November 25th this year. The total cost of about \$2500 has been borne by local Ruritan Clubs in the past but they are not able to continue.
3. President Skip extended our sympathy to member John Tucker on the loss of his Partner Anne. He announced that a memorial service for her will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 17th, at Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Minute for Rotary:

Chip Honsinger reported that Mary and he returned yesterday from three weeks of touring in South Africa with a group of 20 Rotarians from five countries. They visited four Rotary clubs and were Rotary-home-hosted for three nights. They were particularly impressed by the number and quality of service projects handled by at least two of the clubs. One club (55 members) sponsored seven Interact clubs and a Rotaract club as well as covering 14% of the operating cost of a wonderful sports complex and program in 9 sports for 1600 children who otherwise would be in trouble on the streets, supporting two nursery schools, supporting a meal program in a private home that feeds 40 children daily, supporting a sheltered workshop of woodworking and sewing, establishing and supporting a much-used neighborhood library operating out of a converted shipping container, and many others – see www.knysnarotary.co.za. Chip opined that this must be one of the most active Rotary clubs in the world. He also suggested that Rotary should hold a future RI Convention in Cape Town.

Program:

RoD Joe Pagnam introduced Kevin Finch, Associate Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at WLU. He spoke on Television's Development and Future.

Kevin Finch is in the midst of producing the documentary, *Triton: America's Deep Secret*, the true story of a secret Cold War submarine mission. He has written and/or produced documentaries for Discovery, TLC and MSNBC and has won a national Edward R. Murrow Award and other national and regional honors. He served as news director of two Indianapolis TV stations and covered 9/11 in Washington, the Senate trial of President Clinton, the bombing of Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta and other major stories. Kevin teaches journalism and documentaries at WLU and has two grown children.

He began with a brief review of the history, from mechanical to electronic generation. Then the need for cable that arose in rural areas and today, the change in economics of TV. He noted that the event where TV surpassed newspapers as the source of news was the continuous three-day coverage of the assassination of JFK in 1963, especially that of Walter Cronkite. Since then, news programs have proliferated as we moved from a three-channel (ABC, CBS, NBC) domination of the market to the multiple channels of today.

Kevin concluded with a famous quote about TV from Newton Minow, former Chair of the FCC: "When television is good, nothing — not the theater, not the magazines or newspapers — nothing is better. But when television is bad, nothing is worse. I invite each of you to sit down in front of your television set when your station goes on the air and stay there for a day without a book, without a magazine, without a newspaper, without a profit and loss sheet or a rating book to distract you. Keep your eyes glued to that set until the station signs off. I can assure you that what you will observe is a vast wasteland." First uttered in 1961, this quote is still popular today.

Kevin's current personal preferences include CBS This Morning and Lester Holt, anchor of NBC Nightly News.

Happy Bucks:

- Kent McMichael was happy to donate for multiple reasons; the usual penalty for his photo appearing in the local paper in connection with the Veterans Day observance at Lyburn Downing school; appearing on TV news for the same occasion; and, most of all, in appreciation for all who came out to distribute flags on veterans' graves – he trusts you will respond similarly next Memorial Day.
- Nick Cuzzimano was happy to have participated as a member of the Color Guard in a Veterans' Day program at PMHS.
- Robert Sayre was happy to reminisce about his father (1893-1971), a Rotary Club president: the two of them attended the 1939 World's Fair where many of the advances we have seen were predicted, his father actually appeared on a TV being displayed; he marveled about: automobiles, airplanes, radio, TV, telephones, a man-on-the-moon, etc. that were all developed in his father's lifetime.
- Scott Risser was happy to donate for his appearance in a newspaper photo with Dr. Skidmore celebrating his 90th birthday; and also for Nick who should have been in the photo.
- Mary Sayre reminisced about her experience as a 10-year old: family friend and sportscaster Jack Brickhouse assisted her mother in getting tickets to attend the Bozo's Circus on TV – a feat usually requiring a request be made upon a child's birth; but she attended, was chosen for a game, and still has her Bozo Button.

Pot:

Chuck Barger won the raffle but not the BIG pot now totaling \$159.50.

Remembering Mom's Clothesline:

We are probably the last generation who will remember what a clothesline was.

A clothesline was a news forecast, To neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep, When clothes were hung to dry.
It also was a friendly link, For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by, To spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", And towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths", With intricate designs.
The line announced a baby's birth, From folks who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes were hung, So carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could, So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed, You'd know how much they'd grown!
It also told when illness struck, As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, Haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "On vacation now", When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, With not an inch to spare!
New folks in town were scorned upon, If wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows, And looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past, For dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home, Is anybody's guess!
I really miss that way of life, It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best... By what hung on the line.

(Source unknown.)

Future Programs & Activities:

- Nov 23: NO MEETING – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- Nov 30: Club Assembly – RoD Skip Ravenhorst**
- Dec 07: Motorcycles by Joe Pagnam; RoD Joe Pagnam**
- Dec 14: Annual Club Christmas Party at Sweet Treats Restaurant**
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President Skip presided. Guests: None. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 28 members. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

Business and Announcements:

1. Chair Julia Van de Water praised our members for signing up to deliver Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 17th. It's not too late – contact Julia and offer your services. Remember, the more, the merrier!
2. Mary Sayre called our attention to the club's Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14th. Starting at 6:00 pm, it will be held this year at Sweet Treats Restaurant at 19 West Washington Street. Our host will be Shane Gonsalves. Rather than member snacks as in the past, Shane will serve us a full meal that evening. Someone raised the question of alcohol, but no one had an answer, so watch these pages next week to learn.
3. President Skip reminded us to place our pocket change (or larger) in the blue buckets to support alzheimer's research.

Minute for Rotary:

President Skip had a unique contribution: He placed a video camera on the roof of his building and filmed activities on Main Street on the two evenings before and during the day of the RCF. He then edited the video, recorded it in sped-up mode, and added music – Thus Spoke Zarathustra - 2001 : A Space Odyssey. He showed it to us and it was a big hit. Thanks, Skip.

Program:

President Skip led a club assembly in a discussion of club constitutions and by-laws. He had earlier sent draft copies to all members by email.

The constitution is a standard provided by RI so there was little discussion. It was adopted by voice vote without objection.

PDG Rae Carpenter raised the issue of official club name. By telephone to RI, he learned our official name is "The Rotary Club of Lexington, VA, USA." It was suggested that we continue to use "The Lexington Rotary Club" as our traditional name and that will be added as an amendment to the by-laws. The amended by-laws were approved by voice vote without objection.

Rae also urged greater attention to deadlines for election of officers. Our Nominating Committee (Joe Pagnam, Chuck Barger, Derek Carter, and Mary Honsinger) is already at work and will report at our Christmas Party on December 14th. We will vote on that date.

Happy Bucks:

- President Skip was happy to donate for sending members a photo of his grandson (and he'd do it again!).
- Chip Honsinger was happy to note that Navy is holding up selection of teams for this year's bowl games – Navy still has two more games to play; if they win them both they'll play in the Cotton Bowl, otherwise, who knows!
- Joe Pagnam was happy to share some neat ideas he picked up recently at President-Elect-Training: one involved singing (he better get us voice coaching first); the other was video-taping meetings, but what do you do with the tapes?
- Mary Honsinger was happy to report on her and Chip's travel on an International Friendship Tour to South Africa by Rotarians; she was particularly impressed with the total immersion of the Knysna Rotary Club in service projects.

- Derek Carter was happy to commend the Gobble Wobble run/walk for charity; he was particularly proud of his daughter's win (he walked).
- Julia Van de Water was happy to report that the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program (RCBP) had their one and only annual meeting; and Bill Lowe was late.
- Bill Lowe was happy to apologize for being late to the annual meeting of the RCBP; and urged us to donate by sending a check to RCBP, P. O. Box 8, Lexington, 24450.
- Linda Krantz brought another of her jokes; see below.
- Dick Minnix was happy to reminisce about the RCF (brought on by Skip's video): the RCF grew out of the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 which was similar to the Festival; the Festival was more difficult to stage in earlier years because we had to build and provide wooden frames covered with chicken wire and provide tables and chairs for most exhibitors, so a lot of hauling was involved; his other comment was that he is continually amazed that, by about 6:30 pm on the day of the RCF, there is no evidence on Main Street that it was held.

Pot:

Julia Van de Water won the raffle but not the BIG pot now totaling \$177.00.

Linda Does It Again:

Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, "I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent."

"Thank God," said an elderly nun at the back. "I'm so tired of Chardonnay."

Future Programs & Activities:

- Dec 07: Motorcycles by Joe Pagnam; RoD Joe Pagnam**
- Dec 14: Annual Club Christmas Party at Sweet Treats Restaurant**
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President Skip presided. Guests: Donna Pagnam was the guest of Partner Joe; and son Mike and his wife Valerie of Houston, TX, were the guests of Papa Chip Honsinger. Visiting Rotarians: Peter Gruner of the Lexington Sunrise Club. Attendance: 25 members, 1 visiting Rotarian, and 3 guests for a total attendance of 29. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

Business and Announcements:

1. Mary Sayre called our attention to the club's Annual Christmas Party next Wednesday evening, December 14th. Starting at 6:00 pm, it will be held this year at Sweet Treats Restaurant at 19 West Washington Street. Our host will be Shane Gonsalves. Rather than member snacks as in the past, Shane will serve us a full meal that evening. **Alcohol will be available for purchase but, in compliance with state law, members will not be allowed to bring their own beer or wine.** Mary will contact members by email to determine the number who will attend.
2. President Skip reminded us to place our pocket change (or larger) in the blue buckets to support Alzheimer's research.
3. President Skip was contacted by Joanne Peretti, Chamber of Commerce Ambassador. She thanked our club for being part of the Chamber family and expressed their appreciation for what we do to benefit the community. She hoped we have or would take advantage of their services: their seminar series; the Chamber Weekly e-mail blast; and Chamber Benefits cards. Their final Business After Hours of 2016 will be hosted at the George C. Marshall Foundation and sponsored by Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. She asks that we please join them on Thursday, December 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for an evening of "festive holiday fun and networking." Refreshments will be provided by GCMF and CHEFS Catering.
4. Julia Van de Water reminded us that Christmas baskets will be packed on Saturday morning, December 17th, beginning shortly after 8:00 am. (Kerrs Creek Ruritan usually provides breakfast of sweet rolls, coffee, and juice.) For many, this event is the real beginning of the Christmas season.
5. Our Board of Directors held their monthly meeting immediately following our regular meeting.

Program:

Our own PE Joe Pagnam presented a program on "Motorcycles." He said we should blame Bill Stearns for urging him to do it.

Joe's presentation was a series of short video clips all relating to motorcycling. "It covers my early influences in 1964 on the Isle of Wight off the south coast of England when I was 11 years old. Aside from the motorcycle connection, the first clip offered a brief insight into a piece of British history some members might not be aware of." (Showed a BBC video of Mods and Rockers.)

Next: Somewhere in California. "A drunken biker (this was staged; not an actual biker, but someone they pulled out of a nearby bar and sat on a bike surrounded by empty beer bottles. It made the cover of LIFE magazine in 1953.) The following movie which also came out in 1953 did little to remove the tarnished image of bikers portrayed to the public. I saw this movie in 1968 at age 14. It was banned in the UK for 15 years! Compared to what we see in the news today, it is pretty innocent." (Showed a clip from The Wild One movie starring Marlon Brando.)

Then: Somewhere in America. "This next clip changed everything and I was hooked on Harley Davidsons at the age of 15. The vast panorama of two men traveling across America on huge motorcycles had a lasting effect." (Showed a clip from the Easy Rider movie starring Peter Fonda followed by a Scooter video from Bermuda.)

According to Joe, the ultimate truth is, "Earlier biker movies portrayed the myth that motorcyclists are rebellious troublemakers. This could not be further from the truth. Our own Sunrise Club has two bikers, and I have made lasting friendships with fellow riders. But if you are curious as to how bikers really

behave, take a look at this final clip and come to your own conclusions!" (Concluded with a hilarious Wild Hogs video and a shot of his Harley, his "pride and joy.")

Thanks, Joe. A very interesting topic that ignited old memories in some of us.

Happy Bucks:

- Chip Honsinger was happy to welcome son Michael and wife Valerie on their way from New Orleans where they welcomed their 7th grandchild on Saturday; was unhappy with Navy's performance on the gridiron on Saturday – they can forget the Cotton Bowl this year; and hopes they play better against Army this Saturday.
- Bill Lowe was happy on multiple counts: don't forget to come pack Christmas baskets next weekend; he was delighted to have another USAFA graduate (Mike Honsinger) in the meeting; and he is heading to the Army-Navy game next weekend and plans to wear his USAFA hat since they won the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy again.
- Betty McMichael was happy on two counts: the only time she has been on a moped was with Cheryl Carls in Bermuda who kept reminding her to stay left – when she didn't and ran up an embankment, Cheryl took over; the second related to a 6 year old out of sorts, Mom cautioned him that Santa would put him on the "Naughty List" and he said he didn't care, just then her cell phone rang with a photo of Santa displayed and Santa said he would place him on the naughty list if he didn't straighten up – well, the 6 year old cried and was a little angel the rest of the evening.
- Mary Sayre was happy to root Army on in Saturday's game.
- Joe Milo was happy to report that he and Sue went shopping on Saturday and bought a Christmas tree; later they went to Duke's and he bought a Santa face complete with beard, button nose, steel frame glasses and it just struck him that if we put a red cap on Skip
- Scott Risser was happy to point out that if anyone wonders where the British hooligans went, just go to a football game.
- Jim McCoy was happy to remind us of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and urged us to remember all those who gave their lives in defense of our nation.
- Kent McMichael was happy to relate a story about the first casualty of WWII: a 2nd lieutenant was raising the flag when hit by strafing of the first wave of Japanese aircraft – his watch was also struck and stopped at 7:58 am; he was a member of KA and his story is displayed at KA National Headquarters.
- Linda Krantz was happy to offer the following: A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night. The father asks his son what he did that afternoon. The son says, "I did some homework." The robot slaps the son. The son says, "OK, OK. I was at a friend's house watching movies." Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?" Son says, "Toy Story." The robot slaps the son. Son says "OK, OK. We were watching porn." Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what porn was." The robot slaps the father. Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son." The robot slaps the mother.... **ROBOT FOR SALE!**

Actions of the Board of Directors:

The Board accepted with deepest regret the resignations (for health reasons) of John Furgerson and Wally Fogo.

Pot:

Betty McMichael won the raffle but not the BIG pot now totaling \$197.50.

Future Programs & Activities:

- Dec 14: Annual Club Christmas Party at Sweet Treats Restaurant**
- Dec 17: Pack and Deliver Christmas Baskets**
- Dec 21: NO MEETING – Christmas Holiday**
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Our club's Annual Christmas Party was held at Sweet Treats Bakery located at 19 West Washington Street in Lexington. Attendance: 26 members and 9 Partners for a total of 35. Presence of the Partners certainly improved the overall appearance and added class to the gathering. This event counts as a regular meeting.

Announcements and Business:

1. The 68th Annual Christmas Basket packing and delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th. Packing should commence about 8:00am in the Virginia Horse Center (VHC) and deliveries about 10:00am. (There is little heat in the VHC so dress warmly, including gloves.) Julia Van de Water will coordinate deliveries by our club. We are responsible for delivering about 80 baskets in the Lexington South area -- this is the area of the city that lies South of Nelson Street. If you did not sign up, just come on out and join the fun. She usually has city maps to guide us in some of the unfamiliar areas of Lexington South. It is more efficient if members form delivery teams with one driver and one or more to carry baskets to the front doors of homes. (Your editor suggests that it would be educational to bring along your children and/or grandchildren -- it may open their eyes to see how some other people live.) Pick-up trucks, station wagons, and SUVs are ideal for hauling baskets.
2. Don't forget to send your generous contributions to Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program, P. O. Box 1030, Lexington.

Program:

In lieu of our regular meeting, our club's Annual Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 14th, at Sweet Treats Bakery, at the invitation of owner and member Shane Gonsalves. Shane and his brother Adrian prepared a delicious buffet dinner consisting of fresh tossed salad and dressings, pork roast with cherries and pineapple, mashed potatoes with cheese, green beans and Brussel sprouts, homemade rolls and butter, and terrific cherry/pineapple pie with red and white wine, tea, coffee, and sodas to drink.

The fashion tone for the evening was set by Donna Pagnam, Betty McMichael, Julia Van de Water, and Joe Milo: Donna with her sparkly blouse and shoes; Betty with her red cowboy boots; Julia with her dangly head ornament; and Joe with his spiffy sweater and tie and jacket combination. One member wondered what Sue threatened Joe with to get him so "dolloed up."

After everyone pigged out we had a rowdy "Happy Bucks."

Thanks to Shane and Mary and Betty for making the arrangements for this wonderful evening!

Happy Bucks:

- Bill Lowe was happy to commend Shane for a wonderful meal; and to thank all who plan to help pack and deliver Christmas Baskets on Saturday.
- Chip Honsinger was happy to alibi the Navy football team who, he says, has not played in the last couple of weeks; to urge members to attend the RI International Convention in Atlanta in 2017 where he and Mary will work with the Sargeant-at-Arms crew (he had on a vest to identify him as a crew member but thought he should have had a Navy life jacket).
- Dick Minnix was sad to report that this was the first Annual Christmas Party in many years when neither he nor John Tucker were accompanied by their Partners (for different reasons); John added they were there in spirit.
- Betty McMichael noted the absence on Anne and Marian but said they were present in spirit and in our hearts; to add "Go Army;" to commend Julia for her dangly head ornament; and to wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

- Shane Gonsalves was happy to thank our club for allowing him to host our gathering this evening and for allowing him to be a member of our club.
(We weren't prepared for Happy Bucks, so I apologize if we missed some.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries in December:

Happy Birthday to: Bill Lowe on the 1st; and Joe Pagnam on the 6th.

Happy Anniversary to: Laura and Bill Stearns on the 21st; and Barbara and Scott Risser on the 23rd.

(Your editor is sorry he failed to publish this information earlier.)

As I Get Older I Realize:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management, I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine, it's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write it down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller.
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.
(Thanks to Scott Risser.)

Future Programs & Activities:

Dec 17: Pack and Deliver Christmas Baskets

Dec 21: NO MEETING – Christmas Holiday

Dec 28: NO MEETING – Christmas Holiday

Jan 04: *Historic Lexington Foundation – 50 Anniversary* by Keith Gibson, RoD Betty McMichael

**HOPE YOU HAVE A KOOL YULE
AND A FRANTIC FIRST
PEACE TO ALL**

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