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President Betty presided. Guests: 9 Jaycees, most of whom have leadership roles in the upcoming Rockbridge Community Festival (RCF) next Saturday. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 17 Rotarians and 9 Jaycee guests for a total of 26.

Announcements and Business:

1. Continuing a tradition, we will meet jointly on Wednesday, August 29, with the clubs of District 6 at the double-decker pavilion in Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. Cost of the meal is \$18 per person. Fellowship 5:45-6:30 pm (no alcohol) with dinner at 6:30 pm. Casual dress as the event is outdoors. This is a good opportunity to meet our new DG George Karnes and his Partner and to visit with fellow Rotarians from Area 6 (Lexington x 3; Buena Vista; Covington-Hot Springs; and Botetourt County). Partners & potential guests are welcome but President Betty should be notified beforehand. Please contact Dick if you need directions on how to reach the pavilion.

Minute for Rotary:

President Betty reminisced about the history of the RCF. How It grew out of our communities' participation in our bicentennial celebration in July, 1976. Club members enjoyed that event so much that they decided to continue it the next year, with the cooperation of other civic clubs, and it soon became an annual affair. Jerry Nay, Professor of Aerospace Studies at VMI, was one of the prime movers in our efforts.

Our initial RCF was held in an "L-shape" layout on Washington and Lee Streets, including parts of Grace Episcopal Church and W&L properties. It featured a milking contest between Rotarians and County officials. The event soon moved to Main Street where it has prospered. This year is the 42nd edition. It seems like it began only yesterday.

Incidentally, John Tucker, Dick Minnix, and George Piegari were all club members who participated in the Festival during these early years.

Program:

The Rockbridge Community Festival (RCF) is an annual downtown arts and crafts festival sponsored by the Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees (J) and the Lexington Rotary Club (R). All funds benefit Rockbridge area charities. It is the only festival of its kind in the Rockbridge area. There is no admission fee for attendees of the Festival.

The 42nd Annual RCF will be held on Saturday, August 26th, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Co-Chair Stewart Fleming reviewed preparations for this traditional joint venture. He reminded us that the RCF has a web site at www.rockbridgecommunityfestival.org and also has Twitter and Facebook pages.

The 2018 RCF Board of Directors is listed below. Some committees have chairs (CH) and vice chairs (VC). Several of them reported to our joint meeting:

OVERALL CHAIRS: Tullis Beasley (CH-J), Stewart Fleming, (VC-R)

SPACE ASSIGNMENTS: Joe Williams (CH-R), Evan Stack (VC-J) About 170 spaces have been assigned to date. Blocks A and B are filled; space still available in block C.

OPERATIONS: Blake Ball (CH-J), Kent McMichael (VC-R)

ENTERTAINMENT: Joe Milo(CH-R) As published in today's News-Gazette, the following groups have been scheduled::

10:00–11:00	Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers
11:00–Noon	Joanna Benning and the Stolen Moments
Noon–1:00	Harry Herbert and the Hootville Highway Band
1:00 – 2:00	So Diverse
2:00 – 3:00	Coprolite

SPONSORS: Sidney Baker (CH-J), Scott Risser (VC-R)

MARKETING: Skip Ravenhorst (C-R) Will not produce new T-shirts or posters this year. R and J should wear their organizations T-shirts. See color ad in today's News-Gazette.

TREASURER: Aaron Masey (CH-J). Not present for obvious reason – has new-born child.

RCF physical layout will be same as last year. At the behest of the Emergency Services folks. vendor's booths will again face toward the center of the street and be flush against the curbs in order to permit a path for emergency vehicles down the center of the street. Open access to all fire hydrants is also required.

Traffic flow will be same – both Nelson and Washington Streets will be closed. There will still be plenty of vendor space available because all food vendors will be placed in one of two food plazas. One, for 5 vendors, will be on Nelson Street backed up to the curb beside Cornerstone Bank. The second, for 5 more vendors, will be on Washington Street backed up to the curb beside Pumpkin Seeds shop (across from Haywoods bar/restaurant). As usual, the Rotary food booth will be located at the Wells Fargo Bank plaza.

This year promises to be another outstanding event. Space assignment folks will begin chalking curbs at 5:00 pm on Friday. Vendors will be allowed into the area at 7:00 am on Saturday morning.

All available members should show up for clean-up beginning at 3:00 pm. You'll be amazed at the appearance of the downtown area two hours after close of the RCF. Remember: "Many hands make light work."

The Lexington Fire and Rescue, Police, and Public Works Departments are an integral part of this project – we couldn't function without them, especially John Smith and his Public Works Crew. Don't forget to thank any of them you encounter.

This promises to be one of our largest and most outstanding RCFs. Thanks to Kent and his Planning Committee for an outstanding job.

Pot:

Dick Minnix won the raffle but not the big POT which totaled \$171 at our meeting on June 20th.

Paraprosdokians:

These are figures of speech (Churchill loved them) in which the latter part of a sentence is surprising or unexpected, frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
 2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
 3. I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.
 4. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they are sexy.
 5. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
 6. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
- (Thanks to Connie Snider.)

Future Programs & Activities:

Aug 29: Joint Meeting with All Area 6 Clubs in BV

Sep 05: Club Assembly

Sep 19: RARA by John Trudgeon, RoD Betty McMichael

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