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President-Elect Betty presided since President Skip was ill. Guests: our speaker, Steve Hart. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 18 members and 1 guest for a total of 19.

Announcements and Business:

1. Treasurer John read a letter of thanks from Audrey Hawkins, Co-Chair of the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program, for our contribution of \$5,000 at our last meeting.
2. PP Julia Van de Water presented our club a check for \$87.48 as our 5% share of purchases made at Kroger this quarter 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.
3. Treasurer John presented PP Betty McMichael a check for \$177.00 as winner last week of the big POT!

Minute for Rotary:

According to Allan Somerville Brown, Treasurer John started it all. He gave Allan a bag of coins from the UK just prior to his recent trip there. Allan had some difficulty because the UK had recently recalled the old version of the one pound coin and replaced it with a new one and could only replace them in England. But don't despair – Allan contributed them to "Coins for Children" on the plane.

Program:

Steve Hart is a Lecturer in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at VMI. He is serving as Chair of the Rockbridge Regional Fair's Board of Directors this year.

Scheduled for September 7-9, the Board promises the Fair will be bigger and better than ever this year. The date of the Fair was shifted later in the year at the request of our public schools in order for them to utilize it in their educational program.

"For many years, the Rockbridge County Fair was something our community looked forward to all year, every year. It was a place where people from all around came together to take part in an event that highlighted all of our best assets. Unfortunately, in recent years, for many different reasons, the fair has struggled. We lost our pride and excitement. In 2016, Rockbridge Regional Fair and Expo, Inc. (RRFE, Inc.) was born and a team was formed; passionate, excited and ready to once again, create that same sense of community togetherness, education, leadership and pride. "Excited" and "proud" are two words commonly used at our meetings. EXCITEMENT can be defined by a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness, while PRIDE can be defined as a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction as a result of one's own achievements. It is the mission of RRFE, Inc. to bring back excitement and pride in the first annual, Rockbridge Regional Fair and Expo, coming this September to the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia.

"As a 501c3 company, our goal is to increase the number of local businesses and individuals we partner with, in an effort to provide a fun, educational, affordable and memorable fair experience our region can enjoy. The program for this year's fair looks fresh and new. For example, it will have a stronger youth component. Youth will be invited to participate in for-school-credit projects such as working alongside fair organizers to market and advertise the fair and coordinate events, they will participate in school research projects and art projects that

will be on display at the fair, and they will also compete in youth divisions of fair competitions such as quilting, hay bale decorating, livestock shows and pageants. We will also be hosting a slew of other exciting events that will include a Country Music Fest, Workshops, Beauty Pageant, Livestock Shows, Student Displays, Antique Tractor Pull, Horse Pull, Beer Garden, Skid Steer Rodeo, 16+ Rides, AND MORE.” Also scheduled are COW Pie Bingo and a Pig Agility Contest.

Entry tickets are \$5 PER VEHICLE; they are \$20 for the Music Fest! Sponsors are Devils Backbone Brewing Company, Cornerstone Bank, DuPont Community Credit Union, and High Country Outfitters. Music will be provided by Runaway June and Luke Pell with special guest Sarajane McDonald & Sweetfire.

Steve concluded with a plea for volunteer judges for the pageant and festival.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Thursday - 4:00PM-10:30PM (Morning field trips)

Friday - 2:00PM-10:30PM

Saturday - 2:00PM-10:30PM

SUNDAY - Closed

VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER

487 Maury River Rd

Lexington, VA 24450

(Rockbridge County)

Approval of Prospective New Members:

Our Board of Directors has approved the following four prospects for membership:

David Ryan. Classification: Information Technology. David works at home for GE in the area of IT having to do with locomotives. Attended club picnic meeting 6/21/17. Sponsor: Chip Honsinger.

Meghan Ryan. Classification: Veterinary Services. Meghan has bought Sheryl Carls' Lexington Animal Hospital and replaced Sheryl in the business. Attended club picnic meeting 6/21/17. Sponsor: Chip Honsinger.

Paul Barron. Former member for 18 years, 1/94-6/03 and 6/06-12/15. Classification: Library and Archives. Paul has just retired from the George C. Marshall Museum and is very active in voluntary service in Lexington. Sponsor: Chip Honsinger.

Atin Basu. Former member for seven years. 4/00-3/07. Classification: Economics Education. Atin is still serving on the faculty at VMI. Sponsor: Betty McMichael.

Any member who objects to offering membership to any of these prospects should submit their objection(s) in writing to Secretary Julie within seven days of receipt of this Bulletin.

Happy Bucks:

- Kent McMichael was happy (?) to relate that a handi-man service didn't show up to install an ice maker at KA on Monday am; when he didn't show, Kent telephoned him and found him in Anchorage, AK with his wife, having forgotten his date at KA; he explained he had just returned from a helicopter flight over a glacier; must be a more profitable occupation than Kent realized; Kent was envious.
- Julia Van de Water returned this am on an overnight flight from Honolulu riding in business class, no less; she was involved in training incoming presidents of Delta Kappa Gamma in 22 western states; she is leaving again on Monday to do the same training in Myrtle Beach; she celebrated her birthday at a luau while there; tough duty.
- Linda Krantz and hubby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 29th with a concert at their home; all are invited to attend; begins at 6:30 pm but would be a good idea to call and reserve space.
- Chip Honsinger endorsed Linda's parties – he has attended many of these wonderful affairs with various musicians signing up to perform for 15-20 minute sessions; Chip has thoroughly enjoyed these concerts; price is nibbles or dessert to share.

Pot:

Stewart Fleming won the raffle but not the POT, now rebuilding after Betty's win last week.

Future Programs & Activities:

Jul 19: 2017 RI International Convention in Atlanta by Chip & Mary Honsinger, RoD Betty McMichael

Jul 26: Tour VMI's Corps Physical Training Facility, RoD Betty McMichael

Aug 02: Club Assembly; Board Meeting; RoD Skip Ravenhorst

Aug 09: TBA

Aug 15: Joint Meeting with Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club (NOTE: ON A TUESDAY)

Aug 23: Joint Meeting with Jaycees to Finalize RCF Plans; RoD Kent McMichael

Aug 27: Rockbridge Community Festival; Chair: Kent McMichael

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