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President Emily presided. Guests: Barbara Risser, Partner of Scott; prospective member Tracey Lackey, proprietor of Intimate U downtown, was the guest of Chip Honsinger; and our speakers: Stephanie Wilkinson and Betsy Lee. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 27 members and 4 guests for a total of 31. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. President Emily welcomed two members back into the fold: PP Julia Van de Water who had been on leave for about a year; and PP Chuck Barger who had open heart surgery on December 19th in Houston. Chuck surprised us all by showing up for the meeting. It's great to have you guys back!
2. PP Linda Krantz announced she was proud of Rotary for publishing an article in the January issue of *the Rotarian* on one of the "last taboos," menstruation.
3. Chair Joe Milo reminded us of the Annual Winter Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd at the W&L Pavilion. He noted that a truck will be parked behind the Pavilion to accept materials members wish to drop off prior to the event.

Minute for Rotary:

President Emily invited all members to attend the Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort in March. We will celebrate 100 years of Rotary in our District so it promises to be a special event. RI President-Elect Gary C. K. Huang of Taipei, Taiwan, will attend. So make your plans to attend now!!!

Program:

Two local women spoke to us about the Main Street Lexington Program:

Stephanie Wilkinson graduated from Dartmouth College in 1985 with a B.A. in English Literature and earned a Ph.D. in American History and Religion from the University of Virginia in 1997. Stephanie lives in Lexington with her husband, Duncan Richter, a professor of philosophy at VMI, and their two children, Isabel, 15, and Harry, 12. In 2008, Stephanie co-founded The Red Hen, the farm-to-table restaurant on Washington St. in Lexington, which has been nationally recognized as a leader in locally sourced fine dining. Most recently, The Red Hen was named Best Overall Restaurant in the Shenandoah Valley by *Virginia Living* magazine. Stephanie has been involved with Main Street Lexington since its inception in 2013. Currently, she is serving as President of the Board of Directors for Main Street Lexington.

Betsy Lee graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1985 with a B.A. in Mathematics. She earned a Masters in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary in 1990. Betsy lives in Rockbridge County with her husband, Lai, and their two children, Katie, 16, and Maggie, 13. She has over twenty years of experience serving as a consultant and strategic adviser with a \$10B IT services business consulting firm. Betsy has orchestrated strategic planning processes, designed and facilitated executive leadership meetings, developed and implemented 'best practices,' and served as an executive coach. She also has been involved with Main Street Lexington since its inception. Currently, she is serving as a consultant to the Board of Directors.

Main Street is a national program that has spanned three decades and taken root in more than 2,000 communities. It is a grass-roots movement that has spurred \$56 billion in reinvestment in traditional commercial districts, galvanized thousands of volunteers, and changed the way governments, planners, and developers view preservation. Statistics show that for every dollar a

Main Street community spends to support the operation of the program, \$18 is reinvested back into the community.

Main Street Lexington's mission is to increase the economic prosperity and cultural vitality of our community, reestablishing Downtown Lexington as the vibrant economic and cultural nexus of our area, while maintaining its unique character. Their goals are:

1. Attract and support entrepreneurs and business leaders who fuel the economy with well-paying jobs (existing and new) for citizens at all skill levels.
2. Establish Lexington as a destination of choice for all with a passion for history, the arts, antiques, shopping, local food/wine/beer, and outdoor recreation.
3. Provide a diverse array of day- and night-time activities/entertainment for local residents and tourists.

Learn more at www.MainStreetLexington.org. Or contact them at info@MainStreetLexington.org.

Happy Bucks:

- Linda Krantz was happy on two counts: to have Mary Ellena Ward as a new violin stand partner in the Rockbridge Symphony; and to learn that an elderly parent thought that the teams in the FSU-Auburn game were fighting over one football.
- Joe Milo was happy for the wonderful Christmas party at Josie's beautifully decorated home and for all the delicious hors d'oeuvres – it was a great party.
- Nick Cuzzimano was happy to speak for Scott Sayre: Mary is in Ashville tonight but will speak next week.
- Mary Honsinger was happy to have Julia and Chuck back.
- Ed Claiborn was happy for 58 minutes of excellent football in the national title game; and for his wife Shirley's two paintings featured by Main Street Lexington in the windows of a vacant building on Nelson Street.
- Josie McElroy was happy to commend the person who left that big, tall, blue wine bottle after the Christmas party at her home, but it's empty now.
- Bill Lowe was happy (?) mainly for all our help in packing and delivering about 1700 Christmas Baskets and for all but the last 79 seconds of the BCS title football game.
- Dick Minnix was happy to admit he was behind the power curve when he sent out email messages today inquiring about Chuck Barger's condition so he could report tonight and then, lo and behold, he comes to the meeting. That's GREAT – welcome back, Chuck.
- Chuck Barger was happy to say it's good to be here – it's good to be anywhere!!!!
- Emily Higgins was happy to contribute in honor
- of two women she plays tennis with; one is Betsy's mother who whips up on Emily at age 86.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January:

Happy Birthday to: Anne Plante on the 4th; John Furgerson on the 11th; Josie McElroy on the 19th; and Shirley Claiborn on the 25th.

Happy Anniversary to Mary Ellena Ward and Jim Slack on the 15th.

Future Programs & Activities:

Jan 15: Cuba by Julia Van de Water

Jan 22: TBA

Jan 29: TBA

Feb 05: Member Profiles: Heather Branstetter

Feb 12: Partner's/Awards Night; Wit and Wisdom of Churchill by Hardin Marion

Feb 19: Rockbridge Cloggers

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Past-President Mary Sayre presided in the absence of President Emily. Guest: Lisa Tracy, House Director at Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at W&L. Visiting Rotarian: John Diffy, President and CEO of The Kendal Corporation. Attendance: 26 members and 2 guests for a total of 28. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. PP Julia Van de Water presented our club a check for \$345.25 from The Kroger Company as our 5% share of purchases made by members with their Kroger Gift Cards.
2. PP Mary reminded us of the Annual District Conference scheduled for March 13-16 at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs. It promises to be special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International. She especially urged new members to attend (not yet official, but our club usually pays the registration fee for members attending the first time). To make it easy, you may go to rotary7570.org and register online.
3. Chair Joe Milo reminded us of the Annual Winter Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, at the W&L Pavilion. He has already identified some of his own "treasures" to donate for the event and urged all to do the same. He also announced that his Bazaar Committee would meet immediately following our regular meeting.
4. Nick Cuzzimano reported an effort to organize a local Glenn J. Kimber Academy, a private school that will put prayer and religious studies back in the classroom. For more information, go to www.gjkacademy.com or call 540-319-7700.
5. Articles of particular interest the January issue of *the Rotarian* magazine:
 - a. *Malala is one of us.* Among the members of the first Rotary club in northern Pakistan's Swat Valley is Ziauddin Yousafzai, an educator and activist. His daughter is Malala.
 - b. *Why polio?* In 1979, John Sever suggested that Rotary tackle polio. He and other Rotarians have inspired and led the global health community in its fight against the disease ever since.

Program:

Our own PP Julia Van de Water spoke on her trip to Cuba in 2012 sponsored by the People to People Educational and Humanitarian Initiative. "The mission of this organization is to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange, creating global citizens and making the world a better place for future generations."

"In 1956, President Eisenhower envisioned world peace and his solution was the People to People movement. Western civilization had just survived the second world war. The fractured post-war world was larger than today and people were far more isolated. The need for enduring peace was paramount to the global post-war recovery.

"Fast-forward to today. Our society is a global one. Borders have collapsed, the world has opened up and people of all cultures have the opportunity to interact. Fifty years ago, traveling to China was almost unheard of. Now, there are daily non-stop flights from San Francisco to Beijing. And, as we prepare our children for the world of tomorrow, these interconnected cultural ties will only continue to strengthen."

Accompanied by numerous photos taken during her 2012 trip, Julia briefly reviewed the history of Cuba paying particular attention to its people, scenery, architecture, and food. She found Cuba to be a land of contrasts.

Happy Bucks:

1. Mary Sayre was happy to acknowledge the outstanding assistance of Julie Goyette as her partner in delivering Christmas Baskets this year and recommended all seek partners in the future as she learned a lot about Julie in their combined efforts; she was also happy with the relighting of Lime Kiln Theater and Spencer McElroy's role in it.
2. Chip Honsinger was happy to report attendance at a funeral in Arlington National Cemetery where full military honors were rendered; he also was particularly impressed by the Christmas wreaths on many of the graves, all donated by a wreath company and placed by volunteers (sadly, all were not so adorned because of lack of volunteers); and he was delighted with a visit to Mount Vernon because they got to see parts of the home only open in the off-season.
3. Scott Risser was happy and thankful to Josie McElroy for opening her home for our Christmas social – a wonderful party!
4. John Diffy was happy to be back in Lexington and enjoy our hospitality and his family is grateful for a wonderful holiday season.
5. Lisa Tracy was happy to just be here tonight and seconded the comments about Lime Kiln Theater.
6. Josie McElroy was unsure whether she should put a dollar in the pot so Skip volunteered to do it since he had reminded her; she also noted that this was the first time she has ever received applause for giving birth!!!!

Pot:

Visitor Lisa Tracy won the raffle and threw a 7 with the dice to win the BIG POT that totaled \$343. She immediately announced that she would donate it back to the club.

Beer Theories:

- Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. (Benjamin Franklin)
- Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza. (Dave Barry)
- I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day. (Lyndon B. Johnson)

Future Programs & Activities:

Jan 22: Member Profile, Jana Shearer

Jan 29: TBA

Feb 05: Mongolian Horse Race by Lynn Gilbert

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Past-President Julia Van de Water presided in the absence of President Emily. Guest: Maryann Fleming, Partner of Stewart. Visiting Rotarians: none. Attendance: 28 members and 1 guest for a total of 29. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. Chair Joe Milo reminded us of the Annual Winter Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, at the W&L Pavilion. He has already identified some of his own "treasures" to donate for the event and urged all to do the same. His own goal is to donate more than he purchases. The Bazaar Committee met immediately following our regular meeting.
2. Don't forget the Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort scheduled for March 13-16. It promises to be special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our District – the Roanoke Rotary Club was established in 1914 which is regarded as the beginning of District 7570. New members are especially urged to attend (not yet approved by our Board of Directors, but our club usually pays the registration fee for members attending the first time). To make it easy, you may go to www.rotary7570.org and register online. Our club has purchased a door prize, but each member should consider donating items for the Silent Auction to benefit the Rotary Foundation. If you would like to contribute or have a good idea, send an email to President Emily for consideration.
3. February 12th is Partner's/Awards Night, traditionally the time when we award Paul Harris and Skelton Fellowships for exceptional service to our club and/or the community. An outstanding speaker is scheduled to speak on "The Wit and Wisdom of Winston Churchill," so it promises to be a spectacular evening. Consult with your Partner or Significant Other and make plans to attend. Be prepared to sign up at our next meeting. Traditional dress for this special event is coat and tie for men and cocktail dress for ladies.
4. Our nominee for the Youth Exchange Program has been accepted. She is Deva Lillaheart and will be heading to Japan in the Fall. She will attend a club meeting later in the year and speak to us.

Program:

Our own Jana Shearer who joined us last September presented her profile: Although born in Chicago, Jana's family moved to a small town in PA when she was two years old in order to be near her grandmother. She said there was never a dull moment growing up with two sisters and a brother, all younger. As a competitive gymnast, she spent a large portion of her childhood in the gymnasium. That came to an abrupt end when her Dad's company was bought out and he lost his job. It was a difficult time for her as her life changed dramatically. Her Mom was an incredible support as she found new interests and friends.

After high school, she attended Ohio Northern University (ONU) where she met her future husband. They were married and welcomed their first child, daughter Nala, just days before Jana began her senior year. With her husband coaching wrestling, she applied for and received a scholarship to attend law school at ONU. Over the next three years, she spent many nights with her daughter curled up on the couch reading torts and property case books. "Nala was my main inspiration during those three years in law school. I wanted to show her that she could do anything she set her mind to." After three years of law school, working at Cracker Barrel, summer internships, and being a mom and wife, she was exhausted but it all successfully culminated in her being named valedictorian of the law class of 2009.

After graduation, they relocated to Cleveland where she worked for a fairly large law firm and tried to figure out the new "Obamacare" act. It was here she decided to focus her practice in estate

planning. She and her husband realized early on that neither was cut out for the hustle and bustle of city life, especially the commuting. They started looking for other opportunities that would take them to a smaller town. Jana had been highly impressed with Lexington earlier when she visited W&L while considering colleges, so it seemed ideal when the head wrestling coach position came open at W&L. Husband Nathan applied and received the job and they moved to Lexington shortly after her second child, son Knox, was born.

The law firm for which she was working let her stay on and telecommute but she began looking for local opportunities. Fortunately, just after their third child, son Nashton, was born, there was an opening in the General Counsel's office at W&L and she feels incredibly lucky to occupy that position today. "Now I feel that I can finally call Lexington home and enjoy my time with my incredible husband and our three beautiful children."

She attributes her success to three amazing women who made her who she is today: grandmother, mother, and daughter. "As I work each day to balance family life with a career, it truly makes me appreciate the women who have done it before me and made it themselves."

News from AHALA:

"AHALA Children's Rights Foundation (American Hands Aiding Latin American Youth) is a 501-c3 nonprofit organization established in 2006 to connect concerned citizens in the U.S. with dedicated children's rights advocates in Mexico through financial support of educational programs and social services. AHALA is sister to the non-profit organization CODENI (Colectivo Pro Derechos de la Niñez) located in Guadalajara, México, whose mission is to transform the lives of children who work in the streets in Latin America through an integrated support system including education, social work and counseling. With the help of donations and sponsorships from AHALA, CODENI is able to work hands-on with street children and provide tutoring, educational and recreational workshops, counseling and basic life skills lessons, which makes attending school and excelling a viable option for Guadalajara's disadvantaged youth."

From the CODENI Quarterly Newsletter: "Last September we began implementing "knowledge islands" in the area of Education. Groups of children and teenagers gather at these special tables to participate in dynamic activities to develop cognitive skills, reading abilities, and science knowledge. We continue to offer personalized tutoring programs to improve the academic performance of the participants of CODENI and provide daily computer classes and Homework Help Club sessions. We are starting 2014 with the participation of 107 children and adolescents in the areas of academic support, art workshops, empowerment activities and recreation."

Happy Bucks:

- PP Julia Van de Water was happy to be living in Lexington and not commuting to Atlanta after what she saw on CNN about the chaos on interstate routes there caused by the recent snow and ice.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy with the Country Club neighbor who still has his Christmas tree up – he appreciates that kind of disregard for social norms.
- Mary Sayre was pleased with our speaker's presentation, especially as a fellow native of Chicago.
- Dick Minnix was happy to report that his son oversaw the pouring of 700 cubic yards of concrete as part of what will be a section of the new tunnel under the Elizabeth River between Norfolk and Portsmouth; Dick hopes to be able to go down and watch the installation of 6 such sections, each about 100 yards long, in late April.
- Kent McMichael was happy to commend Stewart for attending Rotary which is sometimes a drag but his other choice is staying home and watching knitting.
- Bill Lowe was happy to point out that Birmingham was almost in gridlock also, primarily due to ice; his physician cousin closed his office early but many of the staff spent the night in the office; his cousin walked home (7 miles) in order to get some of his wife's hot soup; Birmingham Southern dismissed classes early but both exits were blocked by accidents shortly thereafter; many students spent the night in schools.

- Heather Branstatter was happy to point out that 45 Home Depots from Birmingham to Atlanta stayed open all night for people to use their facilities during the snow/ice storm.
- Linda Krantz was happy to reminisce about living in Cleveland when first married and honeymooning in Algonquin National Park in Canada.
- Joe Milo was happy to endorse a lady he first encountered at an earlier Bazaar who rebuilt 5 wooden chairs for his family and did a wonderful job.
- Dick Minnix was happy to pass on a news report that a lady stranded by snow and ice called 911 and inquired if it was illegal to relieve yourself on the shoulder of the highway after you had been in gridlock for 6 hours.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to donate in honor of Jana's cute kids because there haven't been many cute ones on Johnstone Street since he and his sister moved away.

Future Programs & Activities:

Feb 05: Mongolian Horse Race by Lynn Gilbert

Feb 12: Partner's/Awards Night; Wit and Wisdom of Churchill by Hardin Marion

Feb 19: Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers

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President Emily presided. Guests: Mary Ellena Ward, Partner of Jim Slack, and our speaker, Lynne Gilbert. Visiting Rotarian: Bill Luton of the Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club. Attendance: 31 members and 3 guests for a total of 34. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. Chair Joe Milo reminded us that our annual Winter Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, at the W&L Pavilion between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. He distributed flyers announcing the event and its location and reminded us that a yellow truck will be parked behind the pavilion several days in advance to allow people to drop off donations early. He has already identified some of his own "treasures" to donate for the event and urged all to do the same. His own goal is to donate more than he purchases. Jana Shearer volunteered to oversee lunch arrangements. The Bazaar Committee met immediately following our regular meeting.
2. Don't forget the Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort scheduled for March 13-16. It promises to be special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our District – the Roanoke Rotary Club was established in 1914 which is regarded as the beginning of District 7570. New members are especially urged to attend. The deadline for 2014 Conference Early Bird Registration is Tuesday, February 11th. Go to the following link to register: www.districtconference7570.com. While you are on that site take a look at the Conference Overview and Conference Agenda. There is a full schedule of Rotary education, information and entertainment.
3. Next week is Partner's/Awards Night, traditionally the time when we award Paul Harris and Skelton Fellowships for exceptional service to our club and/or the community. An outstanding speaker is scheduled to speak on "The Wit and Wisdom of Winston Churchill," so it promises to be a spectacular evening. Consult with your Partner or Significant Other NOW and make plans to attend. Traditional dress for this special event is coat and tie for men and cocktail dress for ladies.
4. President Emily announced that the GSE Team from Australia will be in our area from Monday, March 10th, to Friday, March 14th, before journeying to The Homestead for District Conference.
5. It is with sadness that we report the death of former member Steve Presti's mother on January 17th.
6. Our Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting immediately following our regular meeting.

Program:

ROD Betty McMichael brought back Lynne Gilbert to report on her participation in the Mongol Derby.

Lynne is a 55-year-old endurance rider who lives in Raphine, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley with her husband Dan, three dogs and two Arabian horses. She works as an accountant with Air2Land International. Riding and running are her favorite activities and she participates in many local road races and endurance rides. Among many activities, Lynne has completed 22 100-mile races and finished 78 rides of 50+ miles. To test her mettle, she ran the 2011 Richmond marathon in 4:20. She is also the recipient on many awards for horseback competition.

She was entered as a Major Competitor in the 2013 Mongol Derby, now in its 5th year. Participation is limited to 35 total riders from around the world; Lynne was one of 5 US riders. The Mongol Derby is the longest, toughest horse race in the world. It's the Khaan's mother of equine

adventures, a 1000 km multi-horse race across the epic wilderness of the Mongolian steppe. The mammoth network of horse stations is a recreation of Chinggis Khaan's legendary empire-busting postal system. For more info, go to the website: www.lynnegilbert.us.

In order to participate in the Mongol Derby she was required to raise 1000£ (approx \$1400) with 500£ going to the official 2013 Mongol Derby Charity, Cool Earth, and 500£ for the rider's charity of choice which, in her case, is the Wounded Warrior Equestrian Program. In addition, there was a 7500£ entry fee which most competitors raise in sponsorships.

Competitors have 10 days to finish the 625 mile race. They eat and sleep with local families in their gers (huts). They rode 25 different ponies, each for 25 miles, and were allowed to carry only 11 total pounds of gear from start to finish.

This year there were 32 competitors, 21 women and 11 men. Lynne was among the 17 who finished. A 19-year-old woman from the UK won the Mongol Derby in dramatic fashion. She is the first British rider, the first female rider and also the youngest person ever to win the race since it's launch in 2009. An American 20-year-old crossed the finish line first following a tight contest with the UK rider. However, race rules stipulate each rider's horse must pass a strict veterinary inspection at the end of each leg and the American's horse's heart rate did not recover in the required time and she was issued a 2 hour penalty.

Lynne showed beautiful slides of the competition – the countryside is magnificent, the local folk appear rugged and capable, and their life is extremely Spartan, without luxuries. In spite of this, they appear happy.

She had several bouts of sickness – food poisoning before the race and a virus during – but finished the derby in 9 days. And on the tenth she hiked 8 miles to visit a monastery.

After returning home she competed in a 50 mile endurance race at the Biltmore Estate in NC. Her horse fell during that race, crushing her ankle. But she is ambulatory again because of a metal plate and numerous screws. What a woman! WONDER WOMAN????

Happy Bucks:

- PP Betty McMichael was happy to inform us that she works at HDT with Lynne's husband; she praised Lynne for coming back to report on her results – Betty called her "an inspiration."
- Scott Risser was happy to commend Nick for rescheduling medical appointments so he could participate in an honor guard; he also reported that he attended a very worthwhile Rotary Leadership Institute held on the VT campus two weeks ago without breaking out in hives.
- Derek Carter was happy to announce his engagement to Connie Lawhorne; nuptials are planned for July 12th.
- Linda Krantz was happy to announce she would play in the orchestra for a concert on February 15th; she also noted that some artwork of Maxine Foster will be auctioned at intermission.

Pot:

Mary Sayre won the raffle but not the (rebuilding) big pot that now totals \$24.00.

Future Programs & Activities:

- Feb 12: Partner's/Awards Night; Wit and Wisdom of Churchill by Hardin Marion**
- Feb 19: Blue Ridge Mountain Cloggers**
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Announcements and Business:

1. The recent snow resulting in our cancellation of the February 12th meeting has necessitated a shuffling of programs: see **Future Programs and Activities** at the end of this Bulletin for the current list.
2. At a meeting on February 5, our Board of Directors approved a policy of paying the registration fee (\$85 last year) for new members who joined after June 1, 2013, to attend the District Conference. The fee is large because it includes the cost of a luncheon on Saturday.
3. "Our Rotary International President's personal representative to this year's District Conference is Rotary International Director John F. Germ of Chattanooga, TN. John joined Rotary in 1976 and has served RI as President of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga 1993-94, District Governor 1996-97, District and Zone Trainer 1999-2002, and many many other positions for RI.
"For the first time in several years, the Rotary International President-Nominee will attend our conference. Ravi Ravindran is CEO of a publicly listed company in Sri Lanka which he founded with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry... A Rotarian since 1974, Ravi has served RI as treasurer; director; Foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children."
4. Ed hatcher passed away on February 13. Ed was a member of the Rotary Club of Bristol, District 7570. He served as DG in D7570 in 1985-86 and as RI Director in 1996-98. See a moving tribute to Ed in the February issue of the *Rotary Informer*.
5. President Emily met earlier with executives of the Golf and Country Club to discuss the quality and quantity of our weekly meals. She commended them for a "good dinner" tonight.

Program:

Our program for the evening was a Club Assembly conducted by President Emily. The following topics were discussed:

1. **Annual District Conference:** Our Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs is scheduled for March 14-16. It promises to be special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our District – the Roanoke Rotary Club was established in 1914 which is regarded as the beginning of District 7570. Go to the following link to register: www.districtconference7570.com. While you are on that site take a look at the Conference Overview and Conference Agenda. There is a full schedule of Rotary education, information and entertainment. Our club has purchased a door prize, but each member should consider donating items for the Silent Auction to benefit the Rotary Foundation. If you would like to contribute or have a good idea, send an email to President Emily for consideration. She is planning on attending the session on Saturday as a day tripper and would love to carpool with other members. New members are especially urged to attend. See the policy above on club payment of registration fee for new members.
2. **Winter Bazaar:** Our Annual Winter Bazaar is scheduled for next Saturday, February 22nd, at the W&L Pavilion between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Chair Joe Milo said he had learned a lot from this event in the past, not the least of which was how to spell "bazaar." The good news

is that the word is out: our banner across Main Street is up and there is mention in the News-Gazette and Weekender this week. The bad news is that W&L scheduled a Battle of the Bands in the Pavilion on Friday night so we can't begin set-up until early Saturday morning. A yellow truck is already parked behind the Pavilion to accept early donations for the Bazaar. Joe announced that members should show up at 6:00 am on Saturday to prepare for the Bazaar. He noted that no sales would be permitted prior to the 9:00 am opening. Joe also asked for more volunteers to help out on Saturday and donation of plastic grocery bags. We have 25 vendors signed up at the moment. Both breakfast and lunch will be available – doughnuts and such for breakfast and pizza and sandwiches for lunch. President Emily commended the Bazaar Committee for their fine planning.

3. **Program Schedule:** President-Elect Scott discussed the upcoming programs scheduled. See list at end of this Bulletin. Our annual Partner's/Awards Night, snowed out on February 12th, has been rescheduled for March 19th. Traditionally, at this meeting we award Paul Harris and Skelton Fellowships for exceptional service to our club and/or the community. A better-than-normal meal is planned, including wine. Consult with your Partner or Significant Other NOW and make plans to attend. Traditional dress for this special event is coat and tie for men and cocktail dress for ladies.
4. **GSE Team Visit:** GSE Team Chair Kent McMichael reviewed plans for the visit. A team from New South Wales in Australia will arrive in the US on March 2nd and start their exchange in District 7570. Led by team leader Lindy Hunt, a School Principal, she will be accompanied by team members Helen Squires who is an environmental consultant, Erin Marney who is an operations manager for a regional business community, Karen James who is a zoo keeper, and Andrew Best who is involved with youth via the Police citizens youth clubs. A full schedule has been planned for them including a Pizza Night at Devil's Backbone. Kent made a plea for two more host families, one male and one female.
5. **World War II Project:** Members of the RCHS Interact Club conducted aural interviews of veterans of WWII about their wartime experiences and then wrote them up. Students were trained in oral history before they began the interviews. The editorial process has taken longer than anticipated but is now complete so publication is expected soon. Both our Club and the Sunrise Club have contributed funds to support the project. President Emily asked for volunteers to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the remainder of the project.

Happy Bucks:

1. Julie Goyette gave 2 happy bucks, one for Jeffrey who received an orange file award and one for Brenda Reilly who received a Friend's of the Library award for a fabulous mobile library campaign.
2. Jim Slack is very pleased as the Rockbridge Symphony has had their final concert and he now has his wife back.
3. HDT is transitioning from Fairfield to Buena Vista; Betty McMichael made the move yesterday and is relieved as she has survived the 2 days.
4. Joe Milo read about a statistic during Valentine season recently; he finds it hard to believe that of the married couples who divorced 6% of the couples remarry the partner they married the first time. Skip Ravenhorst put a dollar in as he is glad he is not in the 6%.
5. Derek Carter had a happy buck because he is being remarried but is not in the 6%; Skip put in another dollar just for not making any comment about that as there is a limit to his sense of humor.
6. Dick Minnix had a tail of woe and warned us all to renew our virus protection when it is due as his computer had 58 infected files because he did not and is in the shop to get fixed.
7. Kent McMichael told a story about WW II: he was in a meeting and heard about Doctor Fox who practiced in Fairfield. He was the only single handed German fighter to sink a US Navy Cruiser. He was invited to the fortieth reunion of the ship's crew, but although it was a very nice gesture, he decided not to go.

8. Jana Shearer is happy that her son has now recovered after being taken to hospital in Roanoke last week by ambulance. One dollar is for the doctor who did an absolutely amazing job and one for her mum who drove down during the night to help her out.
9. Emily Higgins gave 3 dollars as all of her kid's children came in and they enjoyed going down some hairy runs on their sleighs. Emily went down the black diamond run with the youngest. It was a bundle of fun for everyone. She also eventually got her computer back from Dallas airport after leaving it on the plane. Also, her telephone answering machine was not working and the telephone company eventually agreed it was their issue and not hers.
10. Derek Carter had one for Emily and Mike who danced the Can-Can at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner dance.

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Julia Van de Water won the raffle but not the big pot that now totals \$43.50.

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2. Chair Joe Milo thanked all who helped make last Saturday's Annual Bazaar a success! Preliminary figures show a profit of around \$1600. Joe will give a more thorough report next week when more time is available.
3. President-Elect Scott presented the proposed slate of officers for Rotary year 2014-15. This group has already been approved by our Board of Directors and only requires our club approval by vote:

President:	Scott Risser	Chaplin:	John Furgerson
President-Elect:	Derek Carter	Dir of Club Service:	Charles Barger
President-Nominee:	Skip Ravenhorst	Dir of Rotary Service:	Josie McElroy
Past-President:	Emily Higgins	Dir of Community Service:	Kent McMichael
Secretary/Treasurer:	John Tucker	Dir of Vocational	
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Joe Milo	Service/Plans:	Joe Pagnam
4. Kent McMichael reviewed plans for entertaining the visiting GSE Team from Australia. He announced the need for two more host families but Emily volunteered to keep a female and Derek volunteered to keep a male so that need has been met. He also expressed the need for volunteers to provide day transportation between sites, especially on vocational day. A detailed itinerary will be provided closer to the date of their visit.
5. Dick Minnix plans to issue an updated version of our club roster. If any of your information (classification, business or home address, telephone numbers, or email address) has changed, please send him the revised info so the next version will include only correct information.
6. March is Literacy Month. Promote reading skills and a love of books. See the article on *Do-It-Yourself Libraries*, an international phenomena started by a Rotarian, in the March issue of *the Rotarian* magazine.
7. Our meeting was abbreviated in order to allow members to attend the visitation for David Grist, brother of member Steve Grist. Our deepest sympathy for Steve and other members of the Grist Family for their tragic loss.

Program:

RoD John Tucker introduced his younger brother, a military historian, who would speak to us about Nathanael Greene, an American Revolutionary War General.

Spencer Tucker graduated from VMI in 1969 and then studied in France on a Fulbright Scholarship. After receiving his PhD in History from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, he served as a US Army Captain in Intelligence at the Pentagon. Then at TCU in Ft. Worth, Texas, he began his career of teaching history and served as Department Head the last 5 of his 30 years

there. He returned to Lexington where he held the John Biggs Chair of Military History at VMI. from 1997 to 2003 which concluded his 30 year career of teaching history..

A prolific writer, by the end of this year, he will have published 51 books and encyclopedias totaling 120 volumes, treating military and naval history. His 6-volume encyclopedia of the American Civil War was Booklist's Outstanding Reference Work for 2013 and has just been named by the Society of Military History as the Best Reference Work in Military History for 2013. In 2009 he published a biography of Nathanael Greene and, among other projects, he is currently at work on a four-volume Encyclopedia of the Revolutionary War.

"Nathanael Greene (1742-1786) was a general in the American Revolution who also served in the Rhode Island assembly. He fought with George Washington at the battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, and Valley Forge. In 1780, after General Horatio Gates was defeated at Camden, Greene took command of the Carolina campaign and helped to turn the tide of the war by winning a series of battles in the South. Greene, a master military strategist, was known as "the fighting Quaker" for his paradoxical combination of military skill and pacifist faith.

"Greene reorganized the southern contingent of the Continental Army, and with the help of guerilla bands in the mountains, he waged a successful war of attrition against the British. The Americans inflicted heavy losses on the British in skirmishes throughout the first half of 1781. By fall of 1781, Greene reduced British control in the South to only the cities of Charleston and Savannah, while savage fighting continued between Whigs and Tories in the back country. In 1782, the British evacuated Charleston.

"When the war began, Greene was a militia private, the lowest rank possible. Remarkably, in 1775, he was promoted from private to Major General of the Rhode Island Army of Observation formed in response to the siege of Boston. He emerged from the war with a reputation as George Washington's most gifted and dependable officer. Many places in the United States are named for him. Greene suffered financial difficulties in the post-war years and died suddenly of sunstroke in 1786."

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President-Elect Scott presided in the absence of President Emily because of illness. Guests: our speaker, Professor Rebecca Harris. Visiting Rotarian: Sammy Moore of the Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club. Attendance: 27 members and 2 guests for a total of 29. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. Julia Van de Water presented a check for \$204 from The Kroger Company as our 5% share of purchases made recently with our Kroger Gift Cards.
2. Don't forget our Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs on March 14-16. Go to the following link to register: www.districtconference7570.com. While you are on that site take a look at the Conference Overview and Conference Agenda. There is a full schedule of Rotary education, information and entertainment. New members are especially urged to attend. Our club will pay for registration for anyone who joined after June 1, 2013.
3. Chair Joe Milo thanked all who helped make the February 26th Annual Bazaar a success, especially Heather and Allan, Jana, and Josie. W&L threw a monkey wrench into preparations by scheduling a Battle of the Bands in the Pavilion on Friday night but folks showed up at 6:00 am on Saturday morning and got the job done. Joe said it was a pleasure to work with "two-fers," that is, folks like Mary and Chip and Betty and Kent where you get two workers for one sign-up. He's already looking forward to Derek's participation next year. He also said it was always a pleasure to work with John Tucker, who could be depended upon to "pull a rabbit out of a hat" when necessary. Joe also thanked all who prepared sandwiches to sell for lunch – even those presently in his freezer. He concluded by eating a little humble pie – three items among those left over that did not sell were things he had donated himself. They were donated to the Habitat store. Thanks, Joe, for a GREAT job!
4. Kent McMichael reviewed plans for entertaining the visiting GSE Team from Australia next week. Note that this will be a joint meeting with other clubs from Area 6 of our Rotary District. The schedule is pretty well set but he may have to call upon others to provide day transportation between visit sites. Scott distributed a sign-up sheet for this event so the Country Club could be given an accurate count to expect for the meal. Please call Secretary John if you were not present but still plan to attend the joint meeting – Partners are welcome. (Note: The Country Club promises that we will be back upstairs in our regular place next week.)
5. Our annual Partner's/Awards Night, snowed out on February 12th, has been rescheduled for March 19th. Traditionally, at this meeting we award Paul Harris and Skelton Fellowships for exceptional service to our club and/or the community. A better-than-normal meal is planned, including wine. Consult with your Partner or Significant Other NOW and make plans to attend. Traditional dress for this special event is coat and tie for men and cocktail dress for ladies. PE Scott distributed a sign-up sheet for this event also. Be prepared to make your entry next Wednesday if you did not do so last week.
6. Our regular monthly Board meeting was postponed because of the illness of President Emily.

A Minute for Rotary:

PP Betty McMichael announced plans for another Highway Clean-Up on Saturday, March 29th. Coincidentally, this is the same date as Statewide Clean-Up Day. As usual, work will begin at 9:00 am at the Possum Hollow Road and Timber Ridge sites. Betty will circulate a sign-up sheet at our meeting on the Wednesday before. More info on that date.

Lexington Main Street has approached our club about helping with a “downtown clean-up” on Sunday, March 23rd, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Contact this group if you are willing to volunteer.

Program:

RoD Allan Somerville Brown introduced our speaker, Professor Rebecca Harris of W&L. She grew up in Portland, OR, and earned a B.A. degree from Western Washington University. After a short stint of teaching secondary school, she went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science at the University of Illinois. She came to W&L nine years ago and is currently Associate Professor of Politics.

Professor Harris and her husband, a farmer and licensed contractor, live in Rockbridge Baths where he farms 170 acres. He also farms 320 acres in Illinois. Their children are grown and live out-of-state.

She has just developed a course on food policy. She studies policymaking on the frontiers of science, particularly genetic science, including GMO crops, etc. (A genetically modified organism (GMO) is an organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques.)

Her major point was that the politics around food is evolving – moving from economic policy (determined by “experts”) to morality policy (determined by values). Some of the issues involved are:

1. Farms are changing from family into corporate enterprises. They are viewed that way although 97% of farms are family operated.
2. Farms used to be thought of as a way of life; new perspective is that farming is a business.
3. Some farming enterprises are operated under contract; i.e., turkey farms.
4. Earlier, farmers were thought of as poor and struggling; now some think: “You want to be rich, be a farmer.” This attitude is probably based on farm subsidies in spite of the fact that 80% of the farm bill goes to the food stamp program.

Other changing perspectives:

1. Food doesn’t come from farms anymore but from processors.
2. Farmers grow food for profit instead of for eating.
3. Farming is not always viewed as good for the earth because it soaks up valuable resources such as water.
4. Farm animals now live in factories rather than on farms.
5. People no longer choose the food we eat – corporations now make the selection.

These changing perspectives will change the way we think about food policy.

Happy Bucks:

- Julia Van de Water was happy to acknowledge the 94th birthday of father Ken; he is our oldest living Rotarian – he joined a NY club in May of 1946 (almost 68 years ago) and moved to Lexington and our club 19 years ago in March, 1995.
- Mary Sayre was happy to remind us of the onset of Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 9th.
- Joe Milo was happy the Bazaar was over because “it felt so good.”
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to honor Joe for the fine job he did on the Bazaar.
- Ed Jeffries was happy to acknowledge our “great speaker” this evening.
- Linda Krantz was happy to announce that a huge snow storm is expected on April 11th because they plan another music party at their home on that evening – these events are great; contact Linda to participate or attend.
- John Tucker was happy to announce his Partner Anne is improving and may be brought home to Borden from the hospital soon; she was admitted with pneumonia and some other minor ailments but has improved markedly.
- Bill Lowe was happy to honor Joe for his hard work on the Bazaar and his wife who is presently visiting grandkids in Tampa where he will join her soon.
- Mary Honsinger was happy to recognize her son who operates a family farm and encouraged us to buy some of his cheeses.
- Skip Ravenhorst put in a dollar for another of Mary’s sons who is definitely meatier.

- Dick Minnix was happy to offer a change of pace: A man stops on the corner for a traffic light. Beside him is another man and beyond him is a dog sitting on its haunches. The first man says, "Does your dog bite?" The second man says, "No." The first man reaches over to pet the dog who proceeds to bite his hand viciously. First man, "Damn! You said he doesn't bite." Second man, "Not my dog."

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President Emily presided. This was a joint meeting of all Area 6 Clubs to hear the report of the visiting GSE Team from District 9670 in New South Wales (NSW), Australia. Guests: Dot Fogo, Partner of Wally; Barbara Risser, Partner of Scott; 24 members and guests from the Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club; 6 members and guests from the Buena Vista Rotary Club; and 5 members of the GSE Team. No representatives from either the Buchanan or Covington-Hot Springs Clubs. Attendance: 20 members of the Lexington Club and 37 guests for a total of 57. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

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3. The District Nominating Committee has selected Christopher S. Runion as the District Governor for Rotary District 7570 for the Rotary year 2016-2017. Chris is a member of the Harrisonburg club and currently serves as the Assistant Governor for Area 3.
4. Correction – The check presented to our club from Kroger as our 5% share of recent purchases made with Kroger Gift Cards was for \$304.00 instead of the \$204.00 reported in last week's Bulletin.
5. As reported below, an "auction" conducted near the end of the program raised \$1000 for the Rotary Foundation. Pledges came so fast that Treasurer John was unable to make note of all of them. He asked that the following note be added to this Bulletin: "Pledges are on the honor system so if you made a pledge, bid (or whatever) and have not yet paid, please pay the Lexington Rotary Club Treasurer ASAP so he can close out the books on this activity."
6. President Emily introduced the two PDGs in attendance: Rae Carpenter (1997-1998), and Woody Sadler (2012-2013). Rae reminisced briefly about his leading a GSE Team to District 9630 in Queensland, Australia, in 1995. He was hosted by 14 Rotarian families; his most memorable visit was a tour of the Brisbane morgue. He presented each of the present visiting Team a coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of our District.
7. Betty McMichael reminded us of the Roadside Clean-up planned for Saturday, March 29. Sign up sheets will be distributed at next week's meeting.

Program:

District 9670 is located about 2 hours north of Sydney, midway along the East coast of NSW, Australia. The principal city is Newcastle, with a city population of 500k people. District 9670 has 51 Rotary Clubs with approximately 1200 members over a diverse area. There are also 3 Rotaract Clubs.

To lighten the mood, the Team began with a game one might call "Heads and Tails." All present were asked to place a dollar into the pot on the table and then stand. All then predicted the

result of flipping two coins by placing both hands on their head (2 heads), or both on their buns (2 tails), or one on each (1 head, 1 tail). Coins were flipped and incorrect predictors sat down until we had a winner. A total of \$50 was contributed. Our Board of Directors will have to decide where to donate the money.

After the game, individual members reported:

Lindy Hunt, Team Leader, Rotary Club of Scone. Lindy is a Secondary School Principal and reported on the status of education in her District.

Helen Squires, Rotary Club of East Maitland. Helen is a Senior Environmental Consultant (Mining) for Landloch Pty Ltd. She reported on land and water management in her District.

Karen James, Rotary Club of Dubbo South. Karen is a zookeeper and reported on wildlife in her District.

Erin Marney, Rotary Club of Waratah. Erin is the Operations Manager for the Hunter Business Chamber. She reported on the business climate in her District.

Andrew S. Best, Rotary Club of Charlestown. Andrew is Club Manager of a not-for-profit charity that provides wholesome and safe activities, mainly sports, for young people. He reported on available activities to occupy youth.

After their reports, the Team conducted an auction, assisted by our own Derek Carter, of a stuffed echidna, an animal somewhat like our porcupine that is their mascot for this trip. After a slow start, the auction gained momentum and raised a total of \$1000 for the Rotary Foundation. Amazing!!!!

This group was outstanding – maybe the best to ever visit or Club. They certainly displayed lots of energy, enthusiasm, and personality.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March:

(Apologies for not including this information in an earlier edition.)

Happy Birthday to: Gabriella Somerville Brown on the 4th; Alice Furgerson on the 11th; Ken Van de Water on the 12th; and Laura Stearns and Jerry Plante on the 23rd.

Happy Anniversary to: Emily and Mike Higgins on the 7th; and Anne and John Tucker on the 29th.

A Little Humor:

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy: “So I hear you’re getting married.” “Yep!” “Do I know her?” “Nope.” “This woman, is she good looking?” “Not really.” “Is she a good cook?” “Naw, she can’t cook too well.” “Does she have lots of money?” “Nope! Poor as a church mouse.” “Well, then, is she good in bed?” “I don’t know.” “Why in the world do you want to marry her then?” “BECAUSE SHE CAN DRIVE!”

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It was an impressive gathering. Most of the men wore coat and tie and the ladies were dressed similarly. Paul Harris Fellows recognized in earlier years wore their medallions and/or pins. And with all the Partners present, the views around the tables were vastly improved from the usual. Kudos to President Emily who was responsible for the attractive table decorations.

Guests: Award recipient Carol Branscome and her husband, Mike; award recipient Joe Reinhardt and his Partner, Trish Lillaheart; Lynn Leech, Executive Director of Rockbridge County Habitat for Humanity (RCHfH); Kelly Wallace, Volunteer Coordinator and Assistant Worksite Manager for RCHfH; and Partners Susan Barger, Shirley Claiborn, Nancy Cuzzimano, Maryann Fleming, Alice Furgerson, Dot Fogo, Mike Higgins, Nancy Lowe, and Barbara Risser. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 26 members, 9 Partners, and 7 guests for a total of 42.

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Program:

Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation. Today we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing two Community leaders as they become Paul Harris Fellows, as well as two of our own.

A committee appointed by President Emily selected tonight's awardees. Different club members presented the candidates for awards along with comments on their backgrounds and reasons for their selection.

Non-Rotarians Being Honored for Outstanding Community Service:

Carol Branscome: Carol has been a lifelong student of the horse. She chose to attend Radford University because she wanted to be a member of the Radford Redcoat Riding Team. She graduated in 1985 with a B.S. degree in Sociology. One month later she began a therapeutic riding program at a home for children in Danville, VA. She left this program to marry her high school sweetheart and later went back to teaching with her baby in tow. Carol cofounded Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to provide services in four main areas: recreational therapeutic horseback riding; equestrian competition; education; and outreach. Hoofbeats is located on the grounds of the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. Hoofbeats relies on volunteers as they have only two paid staff members. In 2013, Hoofbeats provided over 2000 hours of instruction and activities. Carol's dedication, passion, and energy to improve the lives of those who struggle with

disabilities by teaching them through therapeutic riding to find their center, their self-worth, is admirable and deserving of the Paul Harris award as she subscribes to the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

Joseph Carl Reinhardt: A graduate of Florida State University, Joe and his Partner Trish and their three children have resided in since ??????. He has served as construction supervisor for the Rockbridge County Habitat for Humanity (RCHfH) since 2004. In this capacity, he improves the lives of hundreds of his neighbors through the homes he provides for lower-income residents. During this tenure, his efforts resulted in 28 houses for more than 60 Rockbridge County neighbors who otherwise could not afford home ownership. Joe's skills and diligence produce homes built well above code requirements: homes that provide energy-efficient comfort and low maintenance costs to those who otherwise face challenges finding affordable and comfortable housing. Joe's efforts bless those who work at RCHfH as volunteers as well. His mentoring and patient leadership allowed more than 2,200 County residents to provide tens of thousands of volunteer labor hours that make Habitat construction possible, providing these volunteers blessings nearly as great as those who live in the homes he builds. Under his guidance, RCHfH builds 4 new houses per year in Rockbridge County, resulting in Habitat Virginia recognizing the RCHfH three times for building the most homes per capita for any affiliate their size in the State. He provides these quality-built, energy-efficient homes with volunteer labor he trains and meticulously supervises, all while serving as an excellent steward of Habitat funds, most of which come from private donations. For his dedication to the less affluent members of our community, our club takes great pleasure in awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship to Joe Reinhardt.

Rotarians Honored:

Maxim M. (Max) Ivankov: Our first recipient tonight is a fairly new member of our club who has shown through his hard work on several of our local projects that he adheres to our ideal of "Service Above Self". Many of us here are retired, and although our time is never our own, Max Ivankov is in the middle of his career as owner of a Contracting Firm MaxMark, limiting his available time to work in the community. He has still found the time to work on many of our projects, most notably the Rockbridge Community Festival held in August each year. He will continue his efforts next year for our club and our Community by "doing whatever he is asked to do" (a direct quote from Max). Max first came to the Rockbridge area as a Rotary exchange student from Russia, attending RCHS. After graduation, he entered attended Washington and Lee and subsequently graduated with two degrees. After college he moved to Northern Virginia to work in finance, but he soon decided to return to this area he loves. We are very lucky to have him back here in our community. Max and our newest members will take our club forward to many great things and continue our work with energy and compassion. Please join me in warmly welcoming Max Ivankov as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Scott O. Risser: Our second recipient is one of the most visible men in our community in terms of generosity of time and compassion for his fellow man. VMI alum Scott Risser, served his country for 30 years of active duty in the Army, retiring as a Colonel in 2006. He continued as an Army civilian contractor until 2011. Lucky for all of us, his lovely wife fell in love with Lexington and they moved here in 2011. Scott is active in his church, is a docent at the Jackson House, on the Board of RARA, and works at Habitat for Humanity. He has no spare time. He participates in nearly every project we have, believing fervently in Rotary's ideals. He currently serves as our President-Elect, and we look forward to a good and growing year under his leadership. Please welcome Scott Risser as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Skelton Fellowship:

Skelton Fellowships were established to honor former RI President Bill Skelton of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Club. A Fellowship enables either American students to study abroad or foreign students to come to our district for study. These scholarships serve the purpose of Rotary as stated by Bill Skelton himself: "People all over the world have the same desires for a better life, they were just born under different circumstances and need help, encouragement, and support. Let's help people by having scholars trained to help them break the cycle of hopelessness and poverty. You can't give anyone success, but you can help them better the lives of their families and their country through education."

William B. (Bill) Lowe: Recipients of the Skelton Award have demonstrated a lifelong commitment of service and dedication to the community through their vocation, public service, philanthropy or civic

service to make a lasting impression on the community. Bill Lowe served 28 years in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot, instructor pilot, educator, and commander. He retired as a Command Pilot with over 3000 hours in fighter and trainer aircraft. In his last military assignment he served as Commander of the Air Force ROTC detachment at the Virginia Military Institute. Bill has taught Mathematics for the University of Maryland, the U.S. Army and the Virginia Military Institute. He was instrumental in Southern Virginia University's transition from a two-year women's college to a four-year co-educational institution. At Southern Virginia University, he has taught calculus, finite mathematics, statistics, and college algebra. He is also an adjunct instructor in mathematics at Virginia Military Institute. Bill is active in service to the community and church, having served on the board of directors of our club and a member of the church council. He has worked many years on the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program and is currently its co-chair. This program provides food and toys to the less fortunate families in Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County. Please warmly welcome Bill Lowe as our Skelton Fellow for this year.

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President Emily presided. Guests: Hardin Marion, our speaker, and his wife, Heather. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 24 members, and 2 guests for a total of 26.

Announcements and Business:

1. Those of you who made a generous pledge to the Rotary Foundation during the "auction" conducted by the Australian GSE Team at the end of their program on March 12th should pay Treasurer John ASAP to enable him to close out that event.
2. On behalf of our Club, President Emily thanked Kent McMichael for the outstanding job he did in hosting and scheduling the Australian GSE Team's visit during the week of March 10-14.
3. Betty McMichael reviewed plans for the Roadside Clean-Up on Saturday, March 29. As usual there will be two teams. PAG Betty will lead Team North. They will pick up trash on all four ramps at the interchange of Route 11N and I-81 at Timber Ridge **starting at 8:30 am**. Skip Ravenhorst will lead Team South. His Team will pick up trash along Route 11S from the intersection of Route 11S and Possum Hollow Road back towards Lexington to a point about one mile from the end of the Lexington Bypass. They will **begin work at 9:00 am**. Remember to wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves. The project will be postponed if it is raining hard enough that you need to activate your vehicle's windshield wipers. As an added bonus, Skip says you may keep anything you find. More volunteers are needed, especially for Team South; call Skip (463-3217 H) and volunteer.
4. President Emily said she has received numerous compliments on the Awards Night program but is also interested in constructive criticism.
5. Memorial Day (May 26) is approaching so mark your calendars now to reserve time to place flags on veteran's graves to recognize their sacrifice. Don't forget that a clean-up of Evergreen Cemetery monuments is also planned. Kent McMichael will provide details later.
6. The Rockbridge Regional Library's bookmobile brings books and programming to many for whom the library is inaccessible. It visits day care centers, preschools, and Head Start programs with story hours and summer reading programs. It also serves as a resource for the elderly, carrying both print and audio books, DVDs, and magazines to senior centers. Julie Goyette announced plans by the Friends of the Regional Library to initiate a "Save Our Bookmobile" fund drive to raise an estimated \$50K to convert a decommissioned school bus. Be generous – all gifts are tax deductible.
7. Our monthly Board of Directors meeting will be held immediately following our regular meeting next week.

Minute for Rotary:

One of the Australian GSE team members commented about the warmth and generosity of our club. A member of the Sunrise club who asked to remain anonymous commented that we were vibrant and full of life. One of our Paul Harris Award winners commented that "their eyes were opened about the true meaning of Rotary, the warmth and love that we shared, and the hard work we do". Rotary is a service organization, but it's also about the fellowship of like-minded people who put service above self. As Albert S. Adams, RI President in 1919-20, said, **"Friendship. ..the craving for which brought Rotary into existence is the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force in the world for all time, the very foundation of our organization."**

Program:

The honorable J. Hardin Marion presented our program for the evening. A native of Richmond, Hardin graduated from W&L undergraduate school in 1955 and W&L Law in 1958. He went on to practice law in Baltimore for more than 40 years. He served as Assistant US Attorney for 2.5 years, highlighted by trial and conviction of two congressmen. He left this post, managed the successful campaign of Senator Joseph Tydings, and then served as his Administrative Assistant. Thereafter he became a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Tydings and Rosenberg, serving as managing partner for more than 30 years. Although he moved to Lexington in 2000, he is still of counsel to the Tydings and Rosenberg firm.

He has been an active alumnus of W&L: Chair of the Annual Fund; President of the Law Council; and member of the Board of Trustees. Also active in the community, he has served three terms as an Elder in the Lexington Presbyterian Church, six years as Chair of the W&L Friends of the Library, and six years as Board Chair of Kendal at Lexington.

Hardin and wife Heather have two sons in Chapel Hill, one daughter in Pasadena, a stepdaughter in northern Virginia, and six grandchildren.

The title of his talk was "The Wit and Wisdom of Winston Churchill." Winston Churchill (1874-1965) served as the prime minister of Great Britain from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955. He led Britain's fight against Nazi Germany in WWII. Churchill was a talented orator, giving many stirring speeches to boost national morale during the war. A close friend of American presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, Churchill hoped to join the Americans in building a postwar order that limited Soviet leader Josef Stalin's ability to dominate European affairs.

Churchill served more than 50 years in the British House of Commons, but said he made his living through speaking and writing. Although scholars differ on the number of his publications, his output was astounding for a busy man. Quotations from some of his speeches, especially during WWII, are still easily recognizable; e.g., his salute to the men from Fighter Command who took on the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain: "Never in the field of human conflict, was so much owed to so few." He led Great Britain for most of WWII and his 'bulldog' spirit seemed to summarise the mood of the British people even during the bad times.

But it is for his wit that most Americans fondly remember him. Hardin quoted some of his most popular witticisms from politics and family life that still seem relevant today.

This presentation once again showed that a study of the past can be both fun and educational.

Happy Bucks:

- Nick Cuzzimano was happy to acknowledge that our speaker delivered the best speech on Churchill that he had ever heard.
- Emily Higgins was happy on multiple counts: her son has chosen to attend the Darden School for graduate work at UVA; she is very pleased that UVA made the sweet 16 in basketball and hopes we all watch them on TV this weekend; and she was also pleased by the numerous compliments for the Awards Night program.
- John Tucker was happy to report that his granddaughter who was rushed to the hospital fearing appendicitis instead had kidney stones that have now been crushed by ultrasonics; and his family tax return is finally complete (and correct) and on its way to the IRS.
- Linda Krantz was happy to recommend our attendance at tonight's performance by the W&L Concert Band featuring her husband; and wondered what Winston Churchill would have thought of Happy Bucks.
- Scott Risser was happy to mention that Habitat's Lynn Leech (guest) and Joe Reinhardt (PHF recipient) both sent very nice thank-you notes following our Awards Night; and he hopes all will listen to the radio broadcast of VMI's victory over Ohio in the CIT Basketball Tournament later this evening.
- Jerry Plante was happy to report that Partner Anne had open heart surgery several weeks ago at Cleveland Clinic but is home now convalescing well under the watchful eye of our own Josie McElroy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in April:

Happy Birthday to: Sue Milo on the 2nd; Ed Claiborn, Dot Fogo, and Ed Jeffries on the 3rd; Susan Barger on the 14th; Rae Carpenter on the 15th; Nick Cuzzimano on the 18th; Max Ivankov and John Tucker on the 19th; and Chip Honsinger on the 27th.

Happy Anniversary to: Nancy and Nick Cuzzimano on the 6th; Donna and Joe Pagnum on the 7th; Frances and Steve Grist on the 11th; and Anne and Jerry Plante on the 24th.

A Little Humor:

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

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