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President Betty presided. Guests: None. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 18 members. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

Announcements and Business:

1. As usual, our meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, singing God Bless America, followed by a moment of silence.
2. President Betty welcomed back Bill Stearns, returning from replacement and rehabilitation of a hip.
3. Bill Lowe circulated a sign-up sheet for our next Roadside Clean-up on 24 November and noted that, because of early loss of daylight, it would begin at NOON, lunchtime.
4. Henceforth, we will meet in the private, downstairs dining room just off the barroom and grill. LGCC will host an "Open Mike Night" upstairs on Wednesday nights where we used to meet.
5. Our District Newsletter is called **The Rotary Informer**. It contains the latest happenings around the District, including a calendar of events. To access the latest issue: go online to www.rotary7570.org; click on **WHO WE ARE** near the top of the page; on the drop down list, choose **District Newsletters**; on the drop down list, choose **October Newsletter 2018**.
6. Rotary was instrumental in ... creating the United Nations." A quote from page 48 of *the Rotarian* magazine's November issue which includes "A look back at how WWI unfolded in the pages of *the Rotarian*."
7. The Rotary Peace Fellowships program trains highly qualified professionals to become agents of peace. To learn more, go to rotary.org/peace-fellowships.
8. The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee has promoted Rotary to the world since 1980. Rhonda Panczyk, home club of Rochester Michigan, was one of 18 that accompanied our **2018 award winning float** on New Year's Day. Read more about Rhonda and her experiences at www.RotaryFloat.org/Rotarian.

Minute for Rotary:

President Betty suggests we review **The Object of Rotary**, **The Four Way Test**, and the **Rotarian Code of Conduct** in the Service Above Self column that appears early in *the Rotarian* magazine.

She related some of the history of the four way test: An actual family business was failing and the Board of Directors called a meeting of all officers and employees and asked them to come up with a scheme to save the business. They produced the four way test and decided to apply it to company operations. The company recovered and prospered thereafter.

Leprechaun Leap:

Joe Milo recruited several more members for his committee, with the following final lineup:

Awards Coordinator: Julie Goyette

Route Coordinator: Betty McMichael

Race Timer: Skip Ravenhorst

Swag Coordinator: Anita Snider

Sponsor Coordinator: Julia Van de Water, Kent McMichael. Stewart Fleming

Publicity Coordinator: Allan Somerville Brown

Food and Entertainment Coordinator: Mary and/or Chip Honsinger

Race Consultant: Amir

Coordinator Coordinator/Chair: Joe Milo

By common consent, the Committee agreed to meet at 5:30 pm on November 7, prior to our next regular club meeting.

Program:

Our own Chip Honsinger spoke about the 2018 International Rotary Convention (June 24-27) in Toronto which he and Partner Mary attended. Chip keeps a daily journal during their many travels; the following is gleaned from his journal:

Opened with a flag ceremony that presented the flags of the Rotary World, one flag at a time, followed by the Canadian (host country) and Australian (RI president's home country) national anthems. This was the 5th RI Convention held in Toronto.

Royal Princess Anne spoke at the second opening session, thanking RI for fighting polio. RI General Secretary Hewko then explained that providing water is peace building (avoiding conflict). While RI has concentrated on providing clean water, we also need to focus on sanitation and how to dispose of dirty water.

"In 2014, the winning entry in the largest undergraduate invention competition in the US was a toilet—and a Rotary Scholar led the group that designed it. Nearly half the world's population doesn't have access to safe and hygienic toilets. Women are often disproportionately affected by the lack of sanitation, whether it's because of social stigma around hygiene, the expectations to be clean during menstruation, or unsafe practices that lead to infertility. Jasmine Burton and her product design team developed the SafiChoo, a plastic toilet that took first place and the People's Choice Award at Georgia Tech's InVenture competition." For the full story, see "Nothing Wasted" in the November issue of *the Rotarian* magazine. .

This is the 50th anniversary of the formation of Rotaract clubs. A panel of Rotaractors discussed some of the issues facing them. There are about 250,000 Rotaractors in the world in about 10,000 clubs. Since 2016 they may have dual membership in both Rotaract and Rotary clubs. **Rotaractors are not only the future of Rotary but also the present.** They are making a difference. What do Rotarians need to do to attract Rotaractors into Rotary? – befriend them, interact, engage, and involve them in projects. What are the barriers for Rotaractors to become Rotarians? Time and money. "Being president of a Rotaract club is a one-year path to an MBA." One learns project management skills, leadership, etc.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) was the next speaker. He said that more than half of the world's population lacks access to adequate health care. The top priority of WHO is universal health coverage. We need to protect the healthy people and "eradicate the scourge of public health – inequality." In Polio-Plus, the Plus means the maintenance of a polio-free world, which will be costly for many years to come.

The Council on Legislation (COL) meets every three years and is next scheduled for April, 2018. It is made up of representatives from every Rotary district. It debates and votes on enactments, which are changes to RI constitution and bylaws, and club bylaws. Proposals for 2019 include: change COL to meet every two years with alternating half of districts represented each time; admit whole Rotaract clubs to be Rotary clubs.

On Tuesday, Laura Bush gave a wonderful speech on the Power of Education. She said every child deserves education and a safe and healthy childhood. Progress in everything is grounded in education and literacy.

A survey of more than a million persons, including Rotarians, led to a new vision statement for RI: **Together we see a world where people unite to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.** Rotary needs to expand its reach, find other ways to engage besides through clubs. Mention was made of lack of continuity due to one-year terms of office. Incoming President Barry Rassin (from Bahamas) wants to double the number of Rotaractors during his term of office. By the way, Rotaractors do not pay dues to RI.

On Wednesday, the master of ceremonies, a lady Rotaractor from Germany, quipped about not only Service Above Self but also Service Without Sleep! (Chip thought she did an outstanding job as MC.)

Helen Clark, former prime minister of New Zealand, was asked why should we care if our leaders are women or men. She responded that the leadership should look like the organization it represents.

She said one of our goals should be sustainable energy for everyone. Food security, support resilience for farmers, or more broadly, resilience to disaster.

The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair reported only 11 new cases of polio this year. We need 36 months with none in order to declare the world polio-free. Rotarians have donated almost \$50M this year toward this goal. One generous donor from India gave another \$1M, now a total of \$11M. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada praised Rotary for working to rid the world of polio. Canada was the first government to commit to polio eradication; they have contributed \$750M, third largest supporter. Although American Dr. Salk developed the vaccine, it was Canadian Dr. Leon Farrell who devised the way to mass produce it. He also made the point that including women was not only the right thing to do, it was the smart thing.

At the Closing Ceremony, attendance was announced at 25,262. Mark Maloney, 2019-20 RI President, remarked that we need people of all ages not only to serve but also to lead. This is a time of transition – PolioPlus ending, changing term of COL, integration of Rotaractors, and updating RI areas of focus. Six areas of focus: economic development, health, literacy, peace, water, and women and children. Barry Bassin, RI President in 2018-19 from the Bahamas, talked about Rotarians being the “inspiration” to make the world a better place. He asked each Rotarian to be an agent of change, to inspire the younger generation. All people need to pay more attention to sustainability. He noted that 80% of his Bahamas are less than one meter above sea level, and will be under water by 2100.

Why do we stay in Rotary? – friendship, work (service), and our values. We want our children to live in safety, prosperity, and peace.

Happy Bucks:

- Bill Lowe was happy on multiple counts: for his internist cousin who went to Uganda with a church group for a week and treated more than 800 patients; for the perseverance of an Alabama high school football player who sang the national anthem acapello (badly) before a game on Friday night; and for his alma mater, Auburn University, who apparently has decided to improve the win records of its SEC football opponents.
- Julie Goyette was happy that Betty and Kent had decided to waive their rule of 85 exemption and pay for any meals they miss..
- Mary Honsinger was happy to visit the Gates Foundation in Seattle on one of their trips and see so much evidence of Rotary although it was not specifically identified as Rotary
- Joe Williams was happy with all the food members brought to our club cookout, and with the expert steak grilling by Chef Bill Lowe – how did he get them all ready at the same time?
- David Ryan was happy to survive 14 hours in the car with the kids last weekend on a trip to a family wedding in Ohio; was great to see old friends and have children meet and play with cousins.
- Robert Sayre was happy that the program tonight brought back fond memories of attendance at an RI convention in LA 55 years ago (as president, his club paid his way!); and he attended a second in Calgary later.
- Joe Milo praised the beautiful weather today and the excellent food tonight.
- Julia Van de Water remembered that her father also attended an RI convention when president but his club only supported him with \$100.
- Chip Honsinger gave a vote of confidence to Joe Williams and his picnic food because his church recently had a picnic and split the alphabet for members to bring veggies and desserts; the result was severely unbalanced: 3 veggies and about 40 desserts.
- Dick Minnix reminded members of the upcoming election and urged all to vote often!
- Betty McMichael was happy on multiple counts: she apologized to Robert Sayre for calling him Bill earlier; she reported that Kent had an operation early ;on Monday morn to remove 2 tumors from glands on the side of his face -- everything went great, no paralysis of other complications – SUPER RESULT; they returned home late on Sunday night after a quick trip to Kent, CT, for a memorial service for a cousin – she hadn’t seen many of the relatives for 30 years; thanks to Joe and Lynn Williams who not only organized the picnic but cut and wrapped the steaks – a wonderful job; and to Bill and everybody else who brought food..

105 year-old Woman's Remedies To Her Health:

"For better digestion – I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In the case of low blood pressure, I drink scotch. And when I have a cold, I drink Schnapps."

"When do you drink water?"

"I've never been that sick!"

Future Programs & Activities:

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

Oct 31: NO MEETING

Nov 07: Identifying Veteran's Graves by President Betty and Kent McMichael

Nov 09: Place Flags on Graves in Evergreen & Jackson Cemeteries, Veteran's Day

Nov 14: Pick Up Flags from Veteran's Graves

Nov 21: NO MEETING

Nov 28: RARA Update by John Trudgeon, RoD Betty McMichael

Dec 07: District Foundation Dinner at VA TECH; cost \$85/person; speaker: RI President Barry Rassin

Dec 07: Rotary District Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Dec 07-09: RYLA, Inn at VA Tech

Mar 15-17: District Conference at The Homestead Resort

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