



# THE LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN

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Volume LXX, Number 01

President Scott presided. Guests: Latha Dawson was the guest of Emily Higgins; Partner Connie Carter was the guest of Derek; and Partner Dot Fogo was the guest of Wally. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 21 members and 3 guests for a total attendance of 24. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### Announcements and Business:

1. Dick Minnix plans to issue a new roster very soon. If any of your roster information has changed, please contact him ([dickminnix@comcast.net](mailto:dickminnix@comcast.net)) ASAP with your changes.
2. All things Rotary are contained in the Manual of Procedure (MOP) revised every three years following the Council on Legislation. Contact Secretary John to inspect the 2013 edition to answer any Rotary question you might have.
3. PDG Rae provided copies of our Club By-Laws to new officers desiring one. Secretary John has some extra copies for any club member who would like one.
4. K. R. (Ravi) Ravindran of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is the new president of Rotary International. Read an inspiring article about him and Partner Vanathy in the July issue of *the Rotarian* magazine, beginning on page 28. He believes in Pay It Forward: When people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone in return.'
5. Be sure to read the article on "PolioPlus Celebrates Thirty Years" on page 57 of the July issue of *the Rotarian* magazine.

### Program:

PDG Rae Carpenter installed officers for the coming year and issued a charge to them:

### Officers:

President:	Derek Carter	Past-President:	Scott Risser
VP/President-Elec:	Henry Ravenhorst	Secretary:	Julie Goyette
Treasurer:	John Tucker	Sergeant-at-Arms:	Joe Milo
Chaplain:	John Furgerson		

### Board of Directors:

Director of Club Service (Public Relations): Michelle Jones  
Director of Community Service (Service Projects): Mary Sayre  
Director of Vocational Service and Plans (Rotary Foundation): Betty McMichael  
Director of Membership: Emily Higgins  
Director of Rotary International and District Service: Chuck Barger  
Director of Youth Services (formerly called New Horizons): Heather Branstetter

Our President will appoint a Club Historian.

Rae concluded the installation by continuing a club tradition of calling all Past-Presidents in attendance forward, arranging them in order of their year of service, and passing the gavel down the line from the oldest (in terms of service) to our new President. Congratulations, Derek. All members pledge their cooperation and support in the coming year.

In conclusion, Scott pinned the President's pin on Derek; in turn, Derek pinned the Past-President's pin on Scott. Scott thanked all members for their hard work and fine cooperation given to him throughout the year. Derek thanked Scott for the excellent year he led and singled out AG and PP Emily for her mentorship and advice.

### Pot:

Laura Evans won the raffle but not the BIG pot that now totals \$372.00.

### **Rotary Pride:**

"Someone recently asked me why I was so dedicated to Rotary, and especially why I have remained a member for 41 years. Here is my answer: I joined Rotary because someone I respected invited me to join him in service to others. I thought I would meet new friends and expand my network of contacts. I've remained a Rotarian because I have come to realize that my participation has been a great personal and educational opportunity to develop and enhance my leadership skills. Above all, it has taught me the importance of caring for others and the absolute need for philanthropy; and that our mission to serve others is endless. (From a letter to the editor, *the Rotarian* magazine, July 2015.)

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Joe Milo was happy with the conscientious effort of Scott over the past year and for the enthusiasm Derek brings to the task before him.
- PDG Rae Carpenter was happy with Emily who started the train of wonderful leadership and for Scott who followed up and kept it moving.
- Mary Sayre was happy with the terrific job Scott has done over the past year and with Derek who is going to follow in his footsteps and do great things.
- AG Emily Higgins was happy to thank Scott for his conscientious efforts over the past year; to Derek for his light-hearted approach to the task ahead; to Rae Carpenter for all he has done for Rotary over the years; and for all our members who continue to move us forward.
- Julie Goyette was happy to contribute in honor of our Outgoing President Scott and our Incoming President Derek.
- Charlotte Sibold was happy on two counts: for her nephew who just became three-months old; and for her Dad who had his three-month check-up following a liver transplant and got such a good report he doesn't have to return for two months and now has approval to do all those things he has been doing without approval.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to recall that he had a stroke 10 years ago and got a very expensive helicopter ride to Charlottesville where they saved his life; everything now is bs and ps – before stroke and post stroke.
- President Derek Carter was happy to contribute in honor of Scott and our club and noted that he enjoys attending our meetings every Wednesday evening.
- Allan Somerville Brown was happy to recall his recent four-week vacation in the UK; while there, anniversaries of the Magna Carter (the forerunner of our constitution) and Battle of Waterloo (a quite deadly event that dramatically changed things in Europe) were observed; he noted that, contrary to this country, the constitution is seldom mentioned in the UK.
- Bill Stearns was happy to contribute in honor of Scott and his great year as president and for Connie in the hope that she would be able to keep Derek straight during the year.
- President Derek was happy again to contribute in honor of his bride, Connie, because they will soon celebrate their one-year anniversary and she won't be at that meeting.

### **Future Programs & Activities:**

- Jul 08: Blue Ridge Area Food Bank by CEO Michael McKee**
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### Announcements and Business:

1. **NOTE THAT WE DO NOT MEET AT LGCC NEXT WEEK. Instead, we will gather at Rockbridge Area Hospice located at 315 Myers Street at 6:00 pm for a tour led by our own Michelle Jones.** There will be an optional dinner following the tour at Don Tequila restaurant.
2. Continuing a tradition, President Derek presented Past-President Scott a Rotary jacket from our club as a token of appreciation for his hard work over the past year.
3. Dick Minnix plans to issue a new roster very soon. If any of your roster information has changed, please contact him ([dickminnix@comcast.net](mailto:dickminnix@comcast.net)) ASAP with your changes.
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6. It is with sadness that we report the death of Kenneth B. Van de Water, Jr., 95, on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A 1941 graduate of W&L, he served in the US Navy during WWII. A Rotarian for over 69 years, he first joined the Hempstead-Uniondale Rotary Club on Long Island in 1946. Upon moving to Lexington in 1995, he joined our Club. Members will remember his loyalty to the principles of Rotary and his dry wit. Our Club observed a moment of silence in his memory. Burial will be private.

### Induction of New Member:

Membership Chair Emily inducted our newest member:

**Roger A. (Roger) Jarrell.** Classification: Legal Services. His business and home address is 5 Ringneck Road. Roger is a graduate of Lexington High School, VMI, and W&L Law so he is, in a sense, returning home. He may be contacted at 540-301-1437 (HP) or 304-444-2476 (CP); his e-mail address is [vmirog@gmail.com](mailto:vmirog@gmail.com). Sponsor: Scott Risser.

Welcome, Roger. We look forward to many years of service and fellowship together.

### Program:

Michael McKee joined the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in 2009 to lead strategic planning, fund raising, and communications as Chief Planning and Philanthropy Officer. In the spring of 2013, he stepped into the role of Chief Executive Officer for the Food Bank. Michael's experience in the not-for-profit sector spans two decades, including nine years as senior director of development for the UVa Health System. Michael holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California and now resides in Charlottesville with his wife and two children. He is also a member of the Charlottesville Rotary Club.

Founded in 1981, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is the largest organization alleviating hunger in Western and Central Virginia. In all, they serve 25 counties and 9 cities on either side of the Blue Ridge through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester and Verona. They provide nutritious food to 114,000 people each month through a far-reaching network of 234 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, churches and nonprofit groups.

They are members of Feeding America, a national organization supporting more than 200 food banks across the country, and the largest domestic hunger relief agency in the U.S. In 2009, Feeding America named the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank the Member of the Year for their outstanding program standards and efficiency.

The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank secures food from local and national sources, makes sure it is safe, and then distributes the food to hundreds of partner agencies throughout the communities they serve. Thanks to their affiliation with Feeding America, they capture donations from large corporations—national supermarket chains and food manufacturers—as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Locally, they are supported by grocery stores. Much of this food is in good condition, but cannot be sold. If not for the Food Bank, it would be pulled from shelves and thrown away. Increasingly, we are securing more fresh produce, meat, dairy and other perishable goods through farmers, gleaning organizations and other local and national growers. Community food drives provide four percent of their food supply as well.

Finally, monetary donations through community fundraisers, campaigns and grants enable them to buy food that is in short supply and not available through donations.

There are more people at risk of hunger in our area than ever before, yet they're easy to miss. The child sitting quietly in the back of the classroom. The coworker skipping lunch. There's no outward sign that they're hungry, yet more people than you might imagine—over 1 in 10 in the Blue Ridge region—can't take their next meal for granted. And 4 in 10 of these are children. Those who receive food include the most vulnerable in our communities – children, the elderly, struggling families, the working poor, people with disabilities and the homeless. They are hungry because they've run out of options. So they cut back, miss meals, and make the food they have last as long as possible.

Food Banks are serving different people than they did 8-10 years ago. Clients are not earning enough to make ends meet – they don't have the skills to compete for higher paying jobs.

### **Buena Vista Rotary Needs Our Help:**

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### **Happy Bucks:**

- Betty McMichael had three happy bucks: one, an apology for missing last week's installation but they were literally in the hay fields; two, not being here for Roger to hear his accolades about her classroom performance; and, third, she related a 'lawyer joke,' too long to include here.
- Mary Sayre was happy to reminisce about new member Roger's trip to West Point while a cadet with a group of cadets who absconded with their 'thirteenth man flag' when the mascot mule was too well protected -- and they have a photo to prove it; and VMI won the size contest -- on rings!
- President Derek got off to a bad start when he inquired if VMI rings were massive to compensate.

- Scott Risser was happy on multiple counts: glad to have Roger, a fine gentleman, as a new member; glad to learn more about the hunger need from our speaker; and thankful for our club's support of RARA and member Chip Honsinger's work there.
- Dick Minnix was happy to point out our new member was so proud of his VMI heritage that his e-mail address is vmirog@gmail.com.
- Emily Higgins was happy to thank our speaker for all he does to alleviate hunger especially because, growing up in a coal-mining family, she had personally benefitted directly from such programs; and Wahoo-Wah, she's right there with the program.
- Laura Evans was happy to welcome our new member and commend the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration – the fireworks were amazing..
- President Derek was happy on multiple counts: for his excellent joke (?); for our new member, Roger; and for our excellent speaker, Michael.

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### Program:

"Rockbridge Area Hospice (RAH) was founded by four ladies familiar to long-time residents of Lexington: Marion Brown, Charlotte Gunn, Helen Hodges and Barbara Tucker. It started at a kitchen table in 1983. Four women began what is now RAH. From one patient, and income from bake sales, their effort has grown to support all of Rockbridge County.

"Their mission is that RAH will treat, comfort, and provide supportive care for terminally ill patients and their families to enable them to live life fully.

"Their core values are six simple statements: patient and family center care; ethical behaviors; service excellence; holistic relief of suffering; interdisciplinary process; and continuous learning.

"Hospice is more than traditional healthcare. Hospice programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Hospice care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life. Through this specialized quality care, they see many patients and their families experience more meaningful moments together. Hospice helps them focus on living despite a terminal diagnosis.

"Over the last thirty years, RAH has grown from a grass roots mission with one patient to a full staff, 100+ volunteers, and the honor of being a part of the end-of-life journey for nearly 50% of the deaths per year in Rockbridge County and neighboring communities. When a patient goes into hospice it is not about dying, it is about quality of life for as long as they live."

Our own Michelle Jones arranged for our club to tour the local Hospice facility at 315 Myers Street and learn more about the program they provide. Various members of the staff discussed their responsibilities and answered our members questions. The evening ended with delicious snacks and beverages. Thanks, Michelle, for a very interesting and informative program.

### Council of Governor's Meeting on July 11, 2015:

Some interesting District data from the recent Council meeting: Our District has 82 clubs with a total membership of 3395 members as of June 30<sup>th</sup>; average club size is 41.4 members; 7

clubs have 100 or more members; the largest club is the Rotary Club of Winchester with 172 members; 4 clubs have less than 10 members; the smallest is the Rotary Club of Radford with 3 members; the Rotary Club of Radford has 100% attendance in this Rotary year; average District attendance for all clubs is 71.9%; average District compliance to e-mail messages is 98%; the average District compliance to requests for photo for directory is 77%.

The Rotary Club of Linden has been renamed the Rotary Club of Warren County.

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### **Baptist Cowboy:**

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Budweiser. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time.." The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is an Airborne Ranger, the other is a Navy Seal, both serving overseas somewhere. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking." "Hasn't affected my brothers though...."

### **Pot:**

No raffle tonight; the pot remains at \$389.50.

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3. Chair Max Ivankov reported that the upcoming Community Festival was 'on track' with sponsorships and registrations coming in nicely. A joint dinner meeting with our co-sponsors, the Jaycees, will be scheduled just prior to the August 29<sup>th</sup> event.
4. "We at the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group (AAMIG) are inspired by the work of Wheelchairs for Kids Inc and wanted to support them by raising money. To celebrate Wheelchairs for Kids 30,000th wheelchair, a team of nine people including Trish O'Reilly, CEO of AAMIG will be riding the 6,600km TransAmerica Trail starting in Florence, Oregon on 11 May 2015 and finishing the challenge in Yorktown, Virginia on 19 July 2015. This cycle challenge is about raising awareness of this inspiring charity and \$30,000 to support their work.

"Wheelchairs for Kids, Inc, is a registered charity based in Wangara, Perth, which produces rough terrain wheelchairs for distribution to disabled children in developing countries. WFK is a partnership between the Rotary Club of Scarborough, Christian Brothers and 150 workshop volunteers. In 2013 WFK produced and distributed 3200 wheelchairs. Production is by 150 retiree volunteers who work in a "men's shed" style environment, each working between 1 and 4 days per week. Other volunteers external to the workshops make cushion covers, rugs and knitted toys which each child receives with their wheelchair."

A 9-person team from Perth, Australia, passed through our area on day 65 of their journey (July 18<sup>th</sup>). Here's what they had to say about our two ambassadors: "Emily and Chuck from the nearby Rotary club of Lexington (Virginia not Kentucky!) popped over to say hello. They brought with them some local beers for us to sample believing for some reason we like beer. Good guess. They also brought a host of treats (beef jerky, fruit, energy bars, M&M's you name it) again thinking we might like a bit of sustenance. Another good guess. Thanks Emily and Chuck - thoroughly appreciated. We will visit the brewery as we pass through Lexington today. Four to go ..." Great work, Emily and Chuck.

To learn more about the Challenge and/or to donate, go to <http://aamig-challenge.weebly.com/>

### Program:

RoD Michelle Jones introduced Steve Funkhouser and Troop Leaders Cyndi Tower (Troop #1145 in Fairfield) and Jennifer Evans (Troop #87 in Buena Vista). They had brought five members of their troops with them and introduced three who presented an illustrated program:

Sydney Evans and Emma Funkhouser, both 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Maury River Middle School, and Mary LePere, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Parry McClellan Middle School.

These young women put together a proposal, submitted it to the Department of Agriculture, and were among only 17 units selected nationwide to be funded. They have chosen a name (1Million2Gether) and launched a campaign: "The Girl Scouts of the Rockbridge area believe that all citizens regardless of age or ability can lead physically active lives. Through 1Million2Gether, we encourage the Rockbridge community to move one million human powered miles. Join the cause by walking, biking, jogging, swimming, dancing, etc., keeping track of your miles and sending them to us at 1million2gether@gmail.com."

Although the program is funded, there are restrictions on how the funds may be used; e.g., they cannot use them to print a brochure to publicize their program. Not only is it an exciting program, the young women are learning useful skills in planning and carrying it out. Go to their web site if you would like to make a contribution to support their efforts.

#### **Brief Summary of Board of Directors Meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Old Business - None.
- By vote, the Board reaffirmed the list of officers for this Rotary year as published in the previous weekly club Bulletin.
- By vote, the Board endorsed the policy for this Rotary year that we would have one service project meeting and/or one business tour meeting with an optional meal after each such meeting every month in place of regular club dinner-meetings those weeks.
- The Board approved the following persons for submission to the membership for their approval: Latha Dawson (sponsored by Emily Higgins); Scott Jefferies (sponsored by Derek Carter); and William (Bill) Houff (sponsored by Rae Carpenter).
- It was announced that the annual visit by the District 7570 Governor will not occur until sometime in October of this year. With the weather and questionable temperatures for that time of year, a site other than the usual one at the double-decker pavilion in Glen Maury Park is being sought. The Center at Natural Bridge was one suggested site.
- To a question about our 501(c)3 status: we are awaiting action on our application for State of Virginia approval on incorporation of the Lexington Rotary Club Foundation as a tax exempt organization.
- Adjournment.

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#### **Happy Bucks:**

We usually record this segment of our program on an iPhone but, unfortunately, our technology failed us tonight. About the only item your editor recalls is that several members were very complimentary of the young women who presented our program tonight.

#### **Pot:**

Dot Fogo won the raffle tonight but NOT the big pot that now totals \$404.50.

**Two Jokes (?), with Apologies to Blondes:**

First: Bambi, a blonde in her fourth year as a UCLA Freshman, sat in her US government class. The professor asked Bambi if she knew what Roe vs. Wade was about. Bambi pondered the question; then, finally, said, 'That was the decision George Washington had to make before he crossed the Delaware.'

Last: Two blondes were sipping their Starbucks when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of sod. "I'm going to do that when I win the lottery," announced #1 Blonde. "Do what?" asked #2 Blonde. "Send my lawn out to be mowed."

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President Derek was in charge. Continuing our policy of carrying out a service project in lieu of a regular dinner meeting once per month, we met at RAOC (Rockbridge Area Occupational Center), located at 1913 Sycamore Avenue in Buena Vista. Guests: None. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 16 Members.

### Announcements and Business:

1. Chip Honsinger writes: "We regret that we will not be at Rotary meetings this month because two weeks ago in Nova Scotia Mary broke her leg when she jumped off a rock at Peggy's Cove Lighthouse near Halifax. It took us six days to drive 1,500 miles home as Mary hopped eight inches at a time behind her walker with her big plaster cast on her left leg. Dr. Hemphill installed a smaller, much lighter, waterproof cast, and Mary is healing comfortably. The cast will come off on August 25th. Until then Mary is housebound here at home because of our three steps above ground level. She would welcome any calls or visits."
2. President-Elect Skip responds: "Doggone it, Chip - you should have let her ride in the car! (OK, I'll owe at least a couple Happy Bucks for that one. :))"
3. Mary Honsinger presented our club's scholarship to its recipient at the RCHS graduation awards ceremony last month. She received a nice thank-you note: "Dear Mary: I want to thank you for coming to present the Lexington Rotary Club's scholarship on our Senior Night. I know that every dollar is appreciated and helps our students achieve their goal of a college education. Please convey my thanks to your members for their generous support of our students. Sincerely, Lisa van Ravenswaay." (Yes, two As it looks like.)
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### Program:

For our monthly service project, we met at RAOC (Rockbridge Area Occupational Center). Their facility is located at 1913 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista. We performed our service work at RAOC from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Emily Higgins sent out an earlier e-mail about meeting in the old K-Mart parking lot (behind Hardee's Restaurant) and carpooling over to Buena Vista. Willy Funkhouser, Executive Director at RAOC, prepared a list of tasks and projects he would like us to complete: sweeping, mopping, and general cleaning. Tables were carried outside and their tops scrubbed and rinsed. Many empty boxes were broken down and relegated to the dumpster. These tasks were expanded to include mowing the grass along the fence and then trimming with a WeedEater. Members were requested to bring brooms, dust pans, mops, and/or buckets. RAOC provided trash bags, paper towels, and other cleaning supplies.

An optional dinner was held following the service project at JJ's Meat Shak (1607 Magnolia Avenue, Buena Vista), a casual BBQ diner.

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#### **Six Little Stories That Say a Lot:**

1. Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **THAT'S FAITH**
2. When you throw a baby in the air, she/he laughs because she/he knows you will catch her/him. **THAT'S TRUST**
3. Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. **THAT'S HOPE**
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **THAT'S CONFIDENCE**
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **THAT'S LOVE**
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, 'I am not 80 years old....I am sweet 16 with 64 years experience.' **THAT'S ATTITUDE**

Have a Happy Day, and live your life like the six stories!

#### **Pot:**

No raffle tonight; the big pot remains at \$404.50.

#### **Future Programs & Activities:**

**Aug 05: Club Assembly, President Derek Carter**

**Aug 12: TBA**

**Aug 18: Joint Meeting with Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club: 7:00 PM at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church; RoD Derek Carter**

**Aug 19: NO MEETING; See Previous ENTRY**

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**August 05, 2015**

**Volume LXX, Number 06**

President Derek presided. Guests: Dot Fogo, Partner of Wally. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance 26 members and 1 guest for a total of 27. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### **Announcements and Business:**

1. Mary Honsinger presented our club's scholarship to Amanda Rochelle Tuchler at the RCHS graduation awards ceremony last month; Amanda was Salutatorian of her class. A very nice thank-you note was received: "Dear Mary: I want to thank you for coming to present the Lexington Rotary Club's scholarship on our Senior Night. I know that every dollar is appreciated and helps our students achieve their goal of a college education. Please convey my thanks to your members for their generous support of our students. Sincerely, Lisa van Ravenswaay." (Yes, two As it looks like.)
2. President Derek sent kudos to Julie Goyette and Joe Pagnam for their hard work on our web site. He received a note about the site from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.
3. Discussion is underway with Meals for Shut-Ins about a possible service project in the future.
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### **Minute for Rotary:**

President Derek visited the Watertown Rotary Club in upstate NY while on vacation. It was a noon meeting attended by over 100 members. He was warmly received and found the program very interesting. He also picked up several ideas which might be forthcoming in the future.

### **Installation of New Members:**

After asking (and answering) "What is a Rotarian?", Membership Chair Emily asked us "What can we do to strengthen our club and new members?" and then inducted our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> new members of this Rotary year:

**Latha (Latha) Dawson.** Classification: International Education. She is the Spring Term Abroad Coordinator, Office of International Education, at W&L. Originally from Chennai, India, she has worked for the US Department of State, having lived and worked in India, Indonesia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. She and Partner William live at 7 Grouse Run Road; they have two adult children. Latha may be contacted at 464-4456 (HP); her e-mail address is dawsonl@wlu.edu. Sponsor: Emily Higgins.

**William H. (Bill) Houff.** Classification: Retirement Community. A Navy veteran of more than ten years, Bill is Director of Operations at Kendal at Lexington. The father of three adult children, Bill makes his home at 174 Tanyard Path, Afton, VA 22920. He may be contacted at 540-241-6234 (HP); his e-mail address is whh01@yahoo.com. Sponsor: Rae Carpenter.

We look forward to many years of service and fellowship with Latha and Bill.

### **Program:**

President Derek conducted the first Club Assembly of his Rotary year. General comments from the membership were encouraged on what we are doing right and wrong:

- Linda recalled that her Club mentor always said that the international aspect was the sizzle on the Rotary steak.
- Mary urged us to continue to support CODENI, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the conditions of children living and/or working on the streets of Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Several members spoke in favor of developing a history (maybe oral) of local efforts on behalf of PolioPlus.
- Emily spoke of developing ways for us to encourage members to become engaged in Rotary as well as members.
- Several members were enthusiastic about our experimental policy of replacing one dinner meeting per month with a service project – some obviously want the policy to become permanent.
- Scott observed that the energy/enthusiasm of our Club was much higher since the service policy was adopted; several other benefits are: it gets Rotary out more into the community; other individuals/groups have applauded our efforts; and it has fostered more cooperation with the Sunrise Club.
- The final question was: “How can we make Rotary more of a team effort in the future?”

A very worthwhile brain-storming effort.

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### **Happy Bucks:**

- Julie Goyette was happy that Emily had returned safely from her recent trip.
- Dot Fogo had a joke, too long for inclusion here; but your editor will hang on to it for the future.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to contribute for a lesson in precision speaking: Last week Chip Honsinger wrote: “...It took us six days to drive 1,500 miles home as Mary hopped eight inches at a time behind her walker with her big plaster cast on her left leg.” PE Skip responded, “Doggone it, Chip - you should have let her ride in the car!”
- Mary Honsinger was happy to note that without Chip she would still be in Nova Scotia.
- Dick Minnix was happy to report an unusual situation; he took Partner Marian to her family reunion of the Junkin clan last Saturday and of the about 76 folks attending, not a single one carried the last name Junkin – probably testimony to a plethora of female children.
- Chip Honsinger was happy (again) to be back from his and Mary’s trip to NE Canada, eventhough they came back two weeks earlier than planned; the reason was that Mary fell and broke her knee – that story will be saved for another day -- but she has a newer, lighter cast and is mending well.
- Scott Risser was happy to thank his buddy Nick Cuzzimano for inviting him to join Rotary even after Nick mistakenly mistook his wife for his mother.

- Linda Krantz was happy to report that a cactus plant left by her deceased mother BLOOMED today – a beautiful yellow bloom.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries in August:**

Happy Birthday to: Wally Fogo on the 16<sup>th</sup>; Latha Dawson on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Mike Higgins on the 21<sup>st</sup>; and Melou Piegari on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to: June and Ed Jeffries on the 1<sup>st</sup>; Josie and Stephen McElroy on the 5<sup>th</sup>; Mary and Scott Sayre on the 9<sup>th</sup>; Susan and Chuck Barger and Nancy and Bill Lowe on the 12<sup>th</sup>; Rita and Skip Ravenhorst on the 20<sup>th</sup>; and Marian and Dick Minnix on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Pot:**

Laura Evans won the raffle AGAIN but NOT the big pot which now totals \$428.50.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

**Aug 12: Joint Meeting with Jaycees to Finalize Plans for the RCF, RoD Max Ivankov**

**Aug 18: Joint Meeting with Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club: 7:00 PM at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church; RoD Derek Carter**

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President Derek presided. Guests: Five Jaycees: Betsey Key, Jesse Lyons, Nicole Manley, Aaron Masey, and Lisa Rodocker; and Joe Williams, a prospective member, was the guest of Nick Cuzzimano. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 18 members and 6 guests for a total of 24. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### **Announcements and Business:**

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2. Word has been received that the Buchanan Rotary Club has changed their weekly meeting time to Wednesday morning at 7:30 am. They still meet at Community House as in the past.
3. President Derek received a very nice thank you note from CEO Michael McKee who spoke to us about the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank on July 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. Don't forget that we meet with the Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church next **TUESDAY at 7:00 pm**. Directions were sent earlier in a separate e-mail message.
5. "ShelterBox is used to being in the spotlight for its humanitarian work, but now it has been recognized for its business credibility in an award aimed at global corporations worldwide. Acquisition International is a UK-based magazine targeting corporate finance around the world. It has just awarded ShelterBox the title of 'Disaster Relief Charity of the Year' in its annual Business Excellence Awards."
6. Our Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting immediately following our regular meeting.

### **Minute for Rotary:**

The Presidents and Presidents-Elect of Area 6 Rotary Clubs (Buchanan, Buena Vista, Covington-Hot Springs, Lexington, and Lexington Sunrise) gathered at AG Emily Higgins home last Friday evening. Purpose was to get better acquainted and foster more team work. President Derek termed the hors d'oeuvres prepared by Emily so "amazing" he didn't eat dinner afterwards.

### **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 39th Annual RCF will be held on Saturday, August 29th, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. In the absence of RCF Chair Max Ivankov (R) who is out of the country, Vice Chair Jesse Lyons (J) reviewed preparations for this traditional joint venture. He reminded us that the RCF has a web site at [www.rockbridgecommunityfestival.org](http://www.rockbridgecommunityfestival.org) and also has Twitter and Facebook pages.

Chairs of the various organizing committees are listed below:

**Chair** – Max Ivankov (R)

**Vice-Chair** -- Jesse Lyons (J)

**Treasurer** -- Aaron Masey (J). Everything looking good; balance in account more than \$10K at present .

**Space Assignments** -- Mary Sayre, Chair (R); Vice Chair, Lisa Rodocker (J). Only 7 spaces remain unassigned so vendors should register ASAP.

**Operations** – Joe Pagnam (R).

**Sponsors** – Jim Slack (R). Sponsorships are coming in a little slow (~\$15K) but he thinks we'll be OK.

**Marketing** – Nicole Manley (J). Very attractive posters were distributed to post in prominent places around the city and county; have about 500 likes on Facebook.

**Entertainment** – Betsey Key (J). All but one slot filled. Stage will be in usual place next to old County Courthouse.

In view of our smaller bank of volunteers, Jesse has contacted the RCF Interact Club and some athletic teams to request their help on Saturday.

Expect to start marking streets about 5:00 am on Saturday morning. Adequate space will be provided between vendors and curbs to accommodate emergency vehicles. Vendors allowed in at 7:00 am.

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 we close. 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. This will be the first year in many that Captain Bucky Miller will not be around to encourage us all.

President Derek thanked the Jaycees for their long-time partnership with us in this event. This promises to be one of our largest and most outstanding RCFs. Thanks to Max and his Planning Committee for an excellent job; they will meet again on August 25<sup>th</sup> to finalize preparations.

#### **Some Highlights From The August District Newsletter:**

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### **Happy Bucks:**

- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to acknowledge Jesse Lyons for conscientiously answering his e-mails over the past months; and also to recognize future Rotarian Jesse Lyons; and finally to remind us of the 2015 Perseid meteor shower that will peak on August 11, 12 and 13 in the NW sky – a new moon on August 14 will create perfect conditions for watching it. (Someone remarked: “Who says there is no nightlife in Lexington.”)
- Jim Slack was happy to challenge everyone to spot the error in the 2015 poster for the RCF, but weaseled out by awarding only one drink to the first observer, immediately identified.
- Derek Carter was happy to thank the Jaycees for their hard work on behalf of the RCF and coming out tonight to bring us up to date on preparations; and to thank Emily again for that fantastic cocktail party.
- Scott Risser was happy to donate for the “nightlife” remark and to thank the RCF committee chairs for all their hard work.
- Joe Milo was happy to invite Skip (who sat at a table by himself) to have dinner with the rest of us; and to congratulate Julie Goyette who parlayed a flood at the Regional Library last Spring into a complete carpet placement..
- Allan Somerville Brown was happy to ask Skip, “Who the hell was Perseus?”
- Michelle Jones was sad to inform us that Charlotte Sibold was under the weather tonight.
- Jim Slack made some remark about the Hale-Tuttle comet but it didn’t answer the question.

### **A Little Humor:**

A young ventriloquist is touring Norway and puts on a show in a small fishing town. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

Suddenly, a blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting, “I’ve heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype Norwegian blonde women that way? What does the color of a woman’s hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It’s men like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as people. It’s people like you that make others think that all blondes are dumb! You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general, pathetically, all in the name of humor.”

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde yells, “You stay out of this – I’m talking to that little bastard on your lap!” (Thanks to Dot Fogo.)

### **Pot:**

Rae Carpenter won the raffle but NOT the big pot which now totals \$446.00.

### **Future Programs & Activities:**

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Our Annual Joint Meeting with the Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club was held at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00 pm. Presiding were Derek Carter, President of the Lexington Rotary Club, and Garrett Moore, Vice-President of the Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club. A very nice buffet dinner of pork roast, green beans, macaroni and cheese, homegrown tomatoes, Caesar salad, homemade bread, and various desserts was served. Several lady members of the host club led by Diane Swink prepared the delicious meal.

Attendance: 14 Rotarians, and Don Hasfurther, guest of Skip Ravenhorst. Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall of the New Monmouth Church.

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2. Don't forget that you may consult our club constitution and by-laws at any time on our web site whose address is given in the heading above.

### **Program:**

RoD Derek introduced our own Skip Ravenhorst who gave us a sneak preview of a new publication: *The Architecture of Historic Rockbridge* (AHR), to be published by Historic Lexington Foundation (HLF) in October 2015. Skip brought along Don Hasfurther, Executive Director of HLF, to answer any questions he was unable to handle.

Skip Ravenhorst, a native of Lexington, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1973. He is a licensed architect in the Commonwealth of Virginia, specializing in commercial projects, building code consultations, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings. He served on the board of directors of Historic Lexington Foundation from 2006 to 2014, and was President of that organization for the last two years of his term. Skip has also served several terms on the board of the Rockbridge Area Housing Corporation, and is currently president-elect of the Lexington Rotary Club.

Don Hasfurther graduated from UVA in 1971, and the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies in 1974. He then began a 25 year career in the field of trade and trade policy with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union/Russia. A career change in 2000 lead to a second career in historic preservation. He was Executive Director of the D.C. Preservation League and later of the Lexington Main Street Program. He served for 5 years as the director of the local branch of APVA before becoming Executive Director of Historic Lexington Foundation in December 2010.

Skip gave a power point presentation of selected photos from the upcoming publication. "The AHR reflects the wonderfully rich and diverse architectural history of Rockbridge County, VA, including Lexington and Buena Vista. Organized thematically, the book traces the area's architecture from the 18<sup>th</sup> century through the post-WWII period. The new volume, in a museum catalogue-quality hardbound edition, is abundantly illustrated with more than 300 images, about

half in full color. It's not only exhaustively researched but also that rare literary bird: a work of important scholarship that's engagingly written. Its 300 pages will captivate armchair readers and historians alike.

"The author, J. Daniel Pezzoni, is an architectural historian and preservation consultant who has written or edited more than ten county architectural histories since 1995."

Thanks, Skip, you did a great job – this was an outstanding program. Some of our "old guard" said even they learned something new from his presentation. This is a book you will all want to own!

Take advantage of a great pre-publication price of \$40.00. After October 15, the retail price will be \$49.95. But you must order and PAY before that deadline. The HLF office is located at 15 South Main Street, Suite 213, Lexington (463-6832) or their mailing address is HLF, P. O. Box 901, Lexington.

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### **Happy Bucks and Raffle:**

None tonight due to the location of our meeting.

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- Nov 18: NO MEETING; see entry below.**
- Nov 19: Chamber After Hours at Visitor's Center; NOTE: Thursday 5:30–7:30 pm**

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