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President Scott presided. Guest: Mary Ellena Ward, our speaker. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 25 members and 1 guest for a total attendance of 26. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. The 66th Annual Christmas Basket packing and delivery was held on Saturday, December 20th. RCHS students and other volunteers packed all of the small baskets on the day before and some were even delivered that day. The remainder of the packing began about 8:00am in the Virginia Horse Center (VHC) on Saturday; your editor estimates there were about 200 packers during the peak activity; deliveries began about 10:00am. As has been her custom, Julia Van de Water coordinated our club's delivery of about 80 baskets in the Lexington South area – the area of the city that lies South of Nelson Street. Julia thanked the following members (and others) who assisted in this task: Chuck Barger, Ed Claiborn, Josie McElroy, Kent McMichael and Family, Joe Milo, Joe Pagnam, Scott and Barbara Risser, Mary Sayre, Jim Slack and Mary Elena Ward, and Allan Somerville-Brown. Assisting Julia in organizing deliveries were Ed Jeffries and Dick Minnix. Thanks to all who contributed to another successful year of helping our less-fortunate neighbors. Speaking of contributing, please send your contribution to Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program, P. O. Box 1030, Lexington, if you haven't already done so.
2. Joe Milo reminded us to save our "junk" for the Annual Bazaar scheduled for February 21st. Joe will be assisted by Bill Stearns who will coordinate vendors and Heather Branstetter who will handle publicity.
3. PE Derek Carter once again requested our suggestions for future programs.
4. Treasurer John Tucker announced receipt of a check for \$3750 as our club's share of the net proceeds from the Rockbridge Community Festival.
5. President Scott thanked Bill Lowe and Julia Van de Water for their continuing efforts on behalf of the Rockbridge Christmas Baskets Program (RCBP), the Toys for Tots Program for thier asstance with providing toys for the RCBP, and Charlotte Sibold for arranging to hold our club's Annual Christmas Party at Sunnyside House on the Kendal Campus.

Minute for Rotary:

PP Emily Higgins gave us a heads up on a fundraiser for PolioPlus planned for the 2015 District Conference at The Homestead Resort. DG Vivian Crymble, a member of the Tri-Cities Rotary Club that meets at Bristol Motor Speedway, is planning an effort based on a NASCAR race. AGs will "speed" around the conference in mock race cars to emphasize the event. Emily will provide more details in an e-mail message to all club members.

Program:

RoD Jim Slack introduced Partner Mary Ellena Ward who completed her presentation begun in August of an overview of their trip to Russia this past summer entitled **Mysteries of the Far North – Part II**.

Jim Slack and Mary Ellena Ward went on a three week trip to Russia in July and August. It was more of an expedition than a tourist trip. Mary Ellena presented the trip as a series of topics rather than a chronology. The chronology was: start in St. Petersburg, Russia, visit the Karelia region north

of there, fly further north to Archangel to get on the ship Island Sky, and travel north through the White Sea to the Barents Sea finally and Murmansk. Then around the top to Norway and home again.

The final topics Mary Ellena presented were:

People: weddings, “love locks”, and children (generally excited to see tourists).

Monuments: Mery Ellena feels that monuments erected tell us much about the people; every city had monuments of Peter the Great and Lenin, although the people were not nostalgic about Lenin; WWII Memorials (millions of Russians died in it); a nuclear-powered Ice Breaker; the Murmansk Run, vital in supplying the Russians during the Nazi siege; and the Kursk submarine disaster. Several unusual monuments were one to the Gulag (to all who died there), “for everyone who died in WWII”, and a monument to “the women who wait for their men to come home from the sea.”

Not the usual travel tour but more interesting for that reason.

Happy Bucks:

- Julie Goyette was happy to thank our speaker for completing her interesting presentation.
- Joe Milo was so happy with the price of gasolene being below \$2/gallon that he is thinking of buying a larger automobile.
- Nick Cuzzimano was happy to be here eventhough he can't drive yet or ride a horse.
- Linda Krantz was happy to announce her next music party and offer to add others to her mailing list if interested folks would just contact her.
- Bill Lowe was happy to praise our holiday Christmas party and commend all who worked on the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program.
- Dick Minnix was happy to report that Willie Nelson, a bag-boy at the local Kroger who tells all to “have a nice day,” was recognized by Kroger as their “friendliest employee;” he was awarded earlier a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Sunrise Club.
- Scott Risser was happy to thank all Rotarians for their hard work this past year and urged us to make 2015 our best year yet..
- John Furgerson was happy (?) to announce that he would celebrate his 84th birthday this upcoming weekend.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to report the birth of his first grandson on December 30th which explains his recent propensity for wearing suspenders to enhance his grandfather image.

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.

Pot:

No raffle tickets were sold tonight so the BIG pot remains at \$82.50.

Future Programs & Activities:

Jan 14: “The Community Table” by Nancy Tippens, RoD Joe Pagnam

Jan 21: Club Assembly, RoD Scott Risser

Jan 28: TBA

Feb 04: TBA

Feb 11: Annual Awards Dinner, RoD Chuck Barger

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President Scott presided. Guest: Nancy Tippens and David Faulds, our speakers. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 24 members and 2 guests for a total attendance of 26. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. Joe Milo reminded us to save our "junk" for the Annual Bazaar scheduled for February 21st. Joe will be assisted by Bill Stearns who will coordinate vendors and Heather Branstetter who will handle publicity.
2. PE Derek Carter once again requested our suggestions for future programs.
3. Our regular monthly Board of Directors meeting was held immediately following our regular meeting.

Program:

RoD Joe Pagnam introduced Nancy Tippens who spoke about the Community Table project. Ms. Tippens is a native of Roanoke Rapids, NC. She attended Bob Jones University. A committed social activist, since arriving in Lexington in 2010 she has served in RARA, Meals for Shit-Ins, is a trained member of the Citizens Emergency Response Team for Rockbridge County and Search and Rescue Rockbridge County, a board member of the Shenandoah Preschool located at Trinity United Methodist Church, and has tutored children at Waddell Elementary School in English as a second language. She became involved with the Community Table from its earliest days and remains an active volunteer each Monday evening and Wednesday noon when meals are served. Named to the organization's board of directors in 2011, she has served as Chair since 2012.

Married to Norman Tippens who is pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, they have two children: Trey, who is a Captain in the military with a doctorate in psychology stationed at Fort Bragg, and Mary who works at Williamsburg's Sentara Hospital as a mammographer.

Nancy was accompanied by David Faulds who volunteers as chef for the program. David is currently working at Kendal at Lexington but has worked as a chef in the area for more than 10 years, including Mary Baldwin College, House Mountain Inn, and running his own restaurant in Buena Vista.

Begun in March 2012, the Community Table seeks to relieve the hunger of those residing in Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County. Based on a model out of WI, Russell and Jaime Thompkins organized the first board of directors to get the organization moving. They work in close association with the local governments, social service organizations, and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank as a member agency. The Community Table depends on multi-denominational groups and individuals willing to volunteer their time and resources. The Community Table is a United Way approved agency.

Lunch is served on Wednesday's from 11:00 am to 1:30 PM and Dinner is served on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm. They typically serve 150-200 on Monday and 75-100 on Wednesday. The Community Table is located on the ground floor of the Rockbridge Area Relief Association building at 350 Spotswood Drive, Lexington, next to the hospital.

Guests will find a "restaurant" without a cash register, to serve all who enter. Tables have white table cloths, cloth napkins, regular plates, glasses, and silverware, complete with candles. And live music is provided by local volunteers. The idea is to produce an upscale restaurant atmosphere which many clients have never experienced before. Their aim is to treat clients as "kings and queens." If you choose to donate \$5.00 for your meal, you provide up to three meals for your neighbors in need. Every dollar counts. But contributions are voluntary.

They are gratified with the community support, e.g., University Cleaners launders all the linens without charge, a local farmer donates organic produce he grows; Kendal at Lexington allows them to attach their protein purchases to their orders so they benefit from lower pricing; the Food Bank in Verona donates food; and local churches provide the homemade desserts for each meal.

Future plans call for a cooking class to teach clients how to prepare healthy meals, and W&L's Campus Kitchen plans to provide bags of groceries for families in need. W&L is also planning a credit course for students to learn how to plan menus and operate such a service.

Happy Bucks:

- Chip Honsinger was happy to commend our speakers and the Community Table for the wonderful work they do and gave three cheers for the planned cooking class because he and RARA are aware that many recipients of food don't know how to prepare it.
- Emily Higgins was thankful for her daughter's recovery from a bad case of influenza; and was happy to point out that the Community Table was chosen Non-Profit Volunteer Organization of the Year and Nancy Tippens was chosen Citizen of the Year by the 2014 People's Choice Awards.
- Charlotte Sibold was happy to commend the Community Table – she knows their clients eat well because David Faulds feeds us well at Kendal.
- Scott Risser wondered, "What's wrong with broccoli?"
- Josie McElroy was happy for the Buckeye's national football championship; Scott pointed out the buckeye was a poisonous, inedible nut with no useful purpose.
- Allan Somerville Brown was happy to report that his operation to remove melanoma was successful.
- Mary Sayre was happy to point out that VPI&SU was the only team to beat Ohio State this year.
- Derek Carter was happy to donate just for being himself.
- Linda Krantz was happy to tout her music party on Friday night and urge people to remain for the dance and ball drop at midnight.
- John Tucker was happy to read a thank-you note from our scholarship recipient Kelie Nicely.

Pot:

Joe Milo won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now totals \$99.00.

The Boss:

If you've ever worked for a boss who reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you will love this!

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business. He asked the guy, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make \$400 a week. Why?" The CEO said, "Wait right here." He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes, and handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and said, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?" From across the room a voice said, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's." (Thanks to President Scott.)

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- Jan 21:** Club Assembly, RoD Scott Risser
- Jan 28:** TBA
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President Scott presided. Guests: None. Visiting Rotarians: George Moore of the Lexington Sunrise Club. Attendance: 30 members and 1 guest for a total attendance of 31. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

Announcements and Business:

1. Joe Milo reminded us to save our "junk" for the Annual Bazaar scheduled for February 21st. Joe will be assisted by Bill Stearns who will coordinate vendors and Heather Branstetter who will handle publicity.
2. Our Annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, at LGCC. DG Vivian Crymble and Partner Al will be our guests. President Scott will circulate sign-up sheets at our next two meetings; so consult your better half now and be prepared to sign up at our next meeting. President Scott must notify LGCC of our attendance count on February 4th.
3. You may remember that AG Emily asked our members to donate used books to the Friends of the Rockbridge Regional Library to use in their monthly book sale. Money made at the Book Sale is given 100% to the Library, and is used to buy new books, equipment, and helps pay for children's programs. Emily reported that she collected five cases of books and took them to the Friends. She was so encouraged by our response that she plans to continue the project so gather your old books and bring them to a future meeting.
4. Joe Pagnam announced that arrangements had been made for our club to meet at Devil's Backbone Brewery on Route 11N on **TUESDAY, February 24**. A guided tour will start at 6:00 pm; pizza will be delivered after the tour for consumption in the Taproom. Beverages will be available. Joe asks that you e-mail him at joepagnam@comcast.net if you plan on attending; also indicate if you plan to bring a guest. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY.**
5. Copy of an e-mail message to Secretary/Treasurer John: "Members of the Lexington Rotary Club, Thank you for the Lexington Club's 2014 scholarship award. It has helped me with my college expenses. I have completed my first semester at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. The classes I took were challenging, but by working hard I received all As. I have attached a printed version of my grades. I am also creating artwork regularly. I have a Facebook page for my artwork www.facebook.com/Kellienart. Please check it out to see what I am doing." Signed by Kellie Nicely.

Program:

President Scott conducted a club assembly. AG Emily reviewed the results of several exit interviews with former members. They specifically mentioned interest in more service projects and flexibility in meeting times and dates and less in meet and eat. Their best memories of Rotary were "when we worked together on service projects."

The consensus of members present was to ratchet up the service component of our program. One proposal was to hold conventional meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and conduct a service project or hold committee meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

There was obvious interest among the members as this topic was the only one addressed in the entire club assembly. Our Board of Directors was asked to study this proposal, come up with definite recommendations, and bring them back to the membership for final action. If approved, the new format would be given a trial (no definite period specified).

Summary of Meeting of Board of Directors on January 14:

- **501(c)3 tax exempt status** – PP Jim Slack updated his collaboration with the Lexington Sunrise Rotary club. He forwarded board members recommended changes to our by-laws and a draft document for board approval to establish the needed non-profit organization for us to do this; this mirrors actions already taken by the Sunrise club. Skip Ravenhorst will coordinate a pro bono review of this draft by an attorney.
- **Potential new members** – PP Nick Cuzzimano recommended three gentlemen as potential new members; he will provide membership chair Emily with background information on these gentlemen. Kent McMichael earlier recommended Brad Hastings, formerly a Jaycee who aged out of that organization, for membership.
- **Service to the Club** – Chuck Barger informed the board that the nominating committee recommends 5 Paul Harris Fellowship awards and one Skelton award at our February 11 awards dinner. Scott invited DG Vivian Crymbal and her husband to this event.
- **Service to Rotary International and District 7570** – Josie McElroy asked the board if our club would host the GSE team from Canada the second week of March, dates to be confirmed. The board decided we should once again host the visiting GSE team during their time in Lexington.
- **Service to the Community** – Kent McMichael informed the board that he's heard several times from Deva Lilliheart, the YSE student we're sponsoring in Japan.
- **Vocational Services and Plans** – Joe Pagnam and Scott are working to organize the February 11 awards dinner. Emily passed Scott planning information she used last year.
- **Sergeant-at-Arms** – Joe Milo updated the board on our winter bazaar, recommending the club establish a Rotary table in that forum. The board approved this action.
- **President Elect** – Derek and Scott will represent our club at an Area 6 meeting on Thursday, January 15, hosted by AG Emily
- **Past President / Membership** – Emily proposed changes to the club constitution and bylaws she plans to discuss with members at our January 21 club assembly. She informed the board that Michelle Jones would be joining us as a new member, and that she'd arrange her briefing by Chip Honsinger and mentoring as a new member. The board approved April as membership month, PP Emily will provide details.
- **President** – Scott thanked directors and club officers for the great work done in 2014, with hopes that we make 2015 the best year yet. He asked board members about past practices for the awards dinner; the board agreed to a buffet meal with enhanced décor (centerpieces, tasteful decorations and door prizes).

Happy Bucks:

- Julia Van de Water was happy to thank Emily Higgins and John Tucker for helping pack and deliver Christmas baskets on Friday and Saturday, December 19th and 20th, respectively.
- Julie Goyette was happy to donate in honor of the undefeated Cavalier (UVA) basketball team.
- Bill Lowe misplaced a bag at our January 7th meeting that contained donated toys for the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program; please contact Bill if you have knowledge of the missing bag.
- President Scott praised PP Emily for her dedicated and enthusiastic work as AG for our Rotary District 6; he also had kind words for the VMI basketball team who lost their best recruit before the season and their best player recently but said "we're not quitting" and won their game against ETSU last Saturday.
- Stuart Fleming was happy to agree with our PE that "Derek is Derek."
- Nick Cuzzimano was happy that Bill Lowe gave him a ride to our meeting tonight.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy because his grandson came for a visit this past weekend and saw his great-grandparents.
- Linda Krantz derived much pleasure in observing Bill Stearns watching his grandson play at the concert of the MRMS.

- Bill Stearns was “happy” that Joe Milo shanghaied him as vendor coordinator for the Community Bazaar.

A Bit of Nostalgia:

A friend loaned me a book entitled: “The Verse by the Side of the Road: The Story of the Burma Shave Signs” by Frank Rowsome, Jr. Here are a few of my favorites (just add Burma Shave to the end of each):

- He had the ring / he had the flat / but she felt his chin / and that was that.
- He saw the train / And tried to duck it / Kicked first the gas / And then the bucket.
- Is he lonesome / Or just blind / This guy who drives / So close behind.
- We’ve made Grandpa / Look so trim / The local Draft Board / Is after him.
- Does your husband misbehave / Grunt and grumble / Rant and rave / Shoot the brute some Burma Shave.
- He played a Sax / Had no BO / But his whiskers scratched / So she let him go.
- The happy golfer / Finds with glee / The shave that suits him / To a tee.
- He’s the boy / The gals forgot / His line was smooth / His chin was not.
- Remember this / If you’d be spared / Trains don’t whistle / Because they’re scared.
- She kissed the hairbrush / By mistake / She thought it was / Her husband Jake.
- Life is sweet / But oh how bitter / To love a gal / And then not git her.
- Drove too long / Driver snoozing / What happened next / Is not amusing.
- We’re widely read / And often quoted / But it’s shaves, not signs / For which we’re noted.
- The big blue tube / Is like Louise / You get a thrill / From every squeeze.
- Says Farmer Brown / Who’s bald on top / Wish I could / Rotate the crop.
- The whale put Jonah / Down the hatch / But coughed him up / Because he scratched.
- No lady likes / To dance or dine / Accompanied by / A porcupine.
- With glamour girls / You’ll never click / Bewiskered / Like a Bolshevik.
- This will never / Come to pass / A back-seat driver / Out of gas. (My friend’s favorite.)

Pot:

Josie McElroy won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now totals \$121.00.

Future Programs & Activities:

Jan 28: TBA

Feb 04: TBA

Feb 11: Annual Awards Dinner, RoD Chuck Barger

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Announcements and Business:

1. Joe Milo reminded us to save our "junk" for the Annual Bazaar scheduled for February 21st. He announced that the banner on Main Street will be hung on February 9th; the Yellow Box Truck for dropping off donations will be in place behind the pavillion on February 13th.
2. Our Annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, at LGCC. DG Vivian Crymble and Partner Al will be our guests. President Scott sent an e-mail message this week to all members who had either signed up to attend or will be unable to do so. Please contact Scott regarding your attendance if you have not done so yet. He needs your intentions before February 4th so he can provide an attendance count to LGCC.
3. AG Emily urged all members to consider attending the Annual District Conference scheduled to be held on March 13-15 at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, at least as a day-tripper. DG Vivian Crymble, a member of the Tri-Cities Rotary Club that meets at Bristol Motor Speedway, is planning a race type fund-raiser for PolioPlus. Each AG will compete in a card board race car – the winner will be the AG who raises the most money. Emily has recruited club members as car builder and crew chief but still needs crew members. She announced the following early commitments: Lexington Sunrise Club - \$1000; Covington-Hot Springs Club - \$150. She hopes to surpass all other areas in funds raised.
4. Nick Cuzzimano introduced Tim Ogden as a prospective member. Tim is a neighbor of Nick's and is employed by Med Saver + Direct.

Program:

RoD Joe Milo introduced member Heather Branstetter who reported on her research topic: "A Century of Brothels in Wallace, ID: Memory and Mythology." A native of Wallace and graduate of Wallace High School (1999), she went on to graduate from the University of Idaho (UI). Heather is a recent addition to the faculty at VMI having previously taught at UNC, Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest University. She was President of the UI Rotaract Club (2001-2003) and participated in a Youth Exchange with India through the Moscow, ID, Rotary Club in 2003.

"I grew up in the town of Wallace, a place where rumors about my friend's grandmother being a madam went around school when I was eight years old. Today, if you take a trip into the mountains of northern Idaho and drop into the geographically isolated valley that once produced more silver than any place on the planet, you will find the town of Wallace. If you linger in this town, which is home to fewer than 1,000 people and subsisting through continued mining operations and tourism, you might find yourself drawn to the "Oasis Bordello Museum," where you can tour one of the town's historic brothels. This voyeuristic journey into the not-so-distant past will take you up a long narrow staircase, past an old jukebox, down a dark hallway, and into rooms preserved since the Oasis's last working girls abandoned town in the late 1980s. The women, warned that the FBI would be coming, likely planned to retrieve their belongings later. But the federal agents continued to stick around instead, launching a two-year undercover investigation, so the women moved on permanently. Occasionally, some of the women now return to take the tour, pausing to share their experiences with the museum proprietor and perhaps grab a five-dollar bill left beneath the Pegasus figurine on a bedside stand. Or so the story goes..."

Initially, I considered working on a project about Wallace's brothels for my dissertation, but luckily my co-directors discouraged me from such a huge and risky project located on the other side of the country, when it was unclear whether or not I would even be able to find any substantial evidence.

"In the meantime, as I worked on another project, I couldn't help but visit the Wallace District Mining Museum to see if there was anything about the brothels in their archives. Jim McReynolds, the museum director, felt urgency about the project and encouraged me to begin as soon as possible, explaining that he'd been waiting for someone like me (a community insider with a graduate education), to come along and conduct credible work on the subject. He worried that unless someone documented and accounted for the influence of the brothels, an important part of the town's history, constitutive of its culture, would be lost. At this point there is some limited published material available, but its texture is flat. Dick Caron, a local brothel historian, not-so-affectionately calls it "soiled doves literature"; it romanticizes the profession, exploits the "whore with the heart of gold" angle, or sensationalizes the topic without much attention to detail or considered nuance. .

"I have a deep commitment to Wallace and its history and I would like to see our past preserved and understood by tourists and outsiders or people who have adopted Wallace as their new home, some of the locals, and rising generations who wouldn't otherwise be aware of the historic context or cultural roots that gave rise to our contemporary realities or future possibilities. I think that Wallace's "live and let live" attitude and the situations that attitude created would be instructive to many others.

"My own personal investment in the subject is in part motivated by curiosity about answers to questions we could ask of many underground economies: If X will always exist, regardless of laws against it, can we figure out an ideal situation for X to cause the least amount of harm to the people affected? Can we legislate morality or influence it through the circulation of discourse? And where is the boundary between labor/professions that are "freely chosen" as opposed to economically coerced? Growing up in Wallace probably influenced my fascination with such questions, but they are generally interesting, I think, because they address issues where conceptions of freedom intersect with what it means to be human."

Although brothels were illegal, the town of Wallace "sanctioned" such activity. As a result there are extensive records especially dating from WWII until the brothels were finally closed in 1991. Heather has photographs of more than 400 "ladies" who staffed the brothels during that period. She hopes to interview some of the survivors, especially the madams, but, as you can imagine, most are reluctant to participate.

For more information, go to findheatherlee.com.

Happy Bucks:

- Chip Honsinger was happy to commend Heather for emphasizing miners and NOT sailors in her program.
- Ed Claiborn was happy to point out that he and Heather are both alumni of the University of Idaho; and that the University was founded in 1889, the year before Idaho became a state.
- Charlotte Sibold was happy to commend all the folks at Kendal and local EMS people who helped safely find a Kendal resident in the middle of the night who had wandered away from his regular residence.
- Scott Risser was happily wondering how your editor was going to write this program up; and felt it just reinforced how varied behavior can be unearthed in our society if we just look.
- Jim Slack was happy to thank our speaker "for a very interesting topic, one we don't often hear."
- Linda Krantz was happy to share a joke (?) which is far too lengthy to include here.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February:

Happy Birthday to Skip Ravenhorst on the 21st.

Happy Anniversary to: Mary and Chip Honsinger on the 18th; and Maryann and Stewart Fleming on the 28th.

Pot:

Chip Honsinger won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now totals \$144.00.

Things to Ponder:

- At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
- A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
- Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
- You mean the world to someone.
- If not for you, someone may not be living.
- You are special and unique.
- When you think you have no chance of getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you wait, sooner or later, you will get it or something better.
- When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.
- When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.
- Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
- Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
- Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy.
- If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

(From the Internet, author unknown.)

Future Programs & Activities:

Feb 04: *Our Founding Fathers' Constitution Made for Us* by Nancy Cuzzimano, RoD Nick

Feb 11: Annual Awards Dinner, RoD Chuck Barger

Feb 18: "Life as a Roadie" by Al Tucker, RoD Mary Sayre

Feb 24: Devil's Backbone Brewery Tour, RoD Joe Pagnam

Feb 25: NO MEETING, PREVIOUS LISTING REPLACES

Mar 04: "W&L Campus Development Plan" by Brian Eckert, RoD Chip Honsinger

Mar 11: "Outlook for the Future" by City Manager Noah Simon, RoD Linda Krantz

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Announcements and Business:

1. Joe Milo reminded us of the Annual Community Bazaar scheduled for February 21st at the W&L Pavilion. He announced that vendor applications were coming in slowly so we should "talk up" the event to our friends and associates. Also, please contact Joe if you have or know of a large coffee pot that can be used in the food concession booth.
2. 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. Lexington Golf and Country Club is the venue for the event. In honor of the occasion, the menu will be upgraded and wine will be served. Appropriate attire is jacket and tie for men and the equivalent for ladies. DG Vivian Crymble and Partner Al will be our guests. A good crowd is expected; contact President Scott ASAP if you haven't signed up already.
3. Nancy, our speaker tonight, offered a free copy of the US Constitution to any interested member. Please notify your editor of this newsletter if interested and he will send a list to Nancy.
4. Answers to the list of questions distributed by our speaker are contained in an addendum to this newsletter.
5. A short meeting of our Board of Directors was held immediately following our regular meeting.

Program:

Nancy Cuzzimano, Partner of member Nick, spoke on the US Constitution. RoD Nick introduced her simply as a grandmother, author, and equestrian. She is the author of ***Our Founding Fathers Constitution Made For Us***.

"The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America. The Constitution, originally comprising seven articles, delineates the national frame of government. Its first three articles entrench the doctrine of the separation of powers, whereby the federal government is divided into three branches: the legislative, consisting of the bicameral Congress; the executive, consisting of the President; and the judicial, consisting of the Supreme Court and other federal courts. Articles Four, Five and Six entrench concepts of federalism, describing the rights and responsibilities of state governments and of the states in relationship to the federal government. Article Seven establishes the procedure subsequently used by the thirteen States to ratify it.

"Since the Constitution came into force in 1789, it has been amended twenty-seven times. In general, the first ten amendments, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, offer specific protections of individual liberty and justice and place restrictions on the powers of government. The majority of the seventeen later amendments expand individual civil rights. Others address issues related to federal authority or modify government processes and procedures. Amendments to the United States Constitution, unlike ones made to many constitutions world-wide, are appended to the end of the document. At seven articles and twenty-seven amendments, it is the shortest written constitution in force. All five pages of the U.S. Constitution are written on parchment.

"The Constitution is interpreted, supplemented, and implemented by a large body of constitutional law. The Constitution of the United States is the first constitution of its kind, and has influenced the constitutions of other nations." (From Wikipedia.)

The main reasons societies have laws are to provide: freedom, fairness, and protection. Governments of all the countries, including the United States of America, have five purposes. They are defense, national identity, representation, and social welfare and infrastructure.

Nancy concluded her presentation with this quotation from the German atheist and philosopher Fredrich Nietzsche: "The ideas that define Western Civilization are based on Christianity. Because these ideas seem to have taken on a life of their own we might have the illusion that we can abandon Christianity. This is an illusion. Remove Christianity and the ideas fail too."

Happy Bucks:

1. Joe Milo was happy to report that he saw a dandelion blooming in his yard and thought it must have been suffering from over exuberance.
2. Joe Pagnam was happy to put in a plug for the new skating center at Stonebridge at Natural Bridge Station; it is open on Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday, has both light and sound systems and seems to be popular, giving local youth a wholesome activity in the area; and it costs only \$3.
3. Julie Goyette was happy to report that her son had volunteered at the Smithsonian for a month and now they have offered him a contract.
4. PE Derek Carter was happy with our membership for stepping up with speaker ideas and filling out the program for the next six weeks.

Birthdays in February:

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Sibold on the 22nd. (Omitted from last week's listing – sorry.)

Pot:

No tickets sold so the BIG pot remains at \$144.00.

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Addendum

A series of questions distributed by Nancy Cuzzimano to test our knowledge.

WHO SAID THIS?

1. The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. (Thomas Jefferson)
2. Think what you do when you run in debt. You give to another power over your liberty. (Benjamin Franklin)
3. Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness. (Samuel Adams)
4. A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. (Thomas Jefferson)
5. A nation that forgets its past does not know where it is or where it is headed. (George Washington)
6. All men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion according to the dictates of conscience. (James Madison)
7. The longer I live the more convicting proof I see that God governs the affairs of men. (Benjamin Franklin)
8. If we cherish what is distinctive about Western Civilization we should respect rather than denigrate its Christian roots. (Dinesh D'Souza)
9. The reason we need government is also the reason why government must be limited. (James Madison)
10. But now if you have a purse, take it and also a bag and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. (Jesus)
11. Give me liberty or give me death. (Patrick Henry)
12. To disarm the people is the best and most effective way to enslave them. (George Mason)
13. "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Where is this quote found? (Leviticus 25:10) What is it written on? (The Liberty Bell)
14. When the same man or set of men holds the sword and the purse, there is an end of liberty. (George Mason)

WHERE DO YOU FIND THESE QUOTES?

1. Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another. For he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)
2. Live as free men but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, live as servants of God. (1 Peter 2:16-17)

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President Scott presided. This was our Annual Awards and Partner's Night which was held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club and included nicely decorated tables and attractive Partners. A very nice buffet dinner featuring Caesar salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, mixed vegetables, rice, several varieties of homemade cookies, iced tea and coffee was served. Bottles of both red and white wines were placed on each table.

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 Barbara Risser who helped Scott select the table decorations and Nick Cuzzimano who helped Scott place them – they definitely added to the festive atmosphere for the evening.

Guests: Award recipient Collette Barry-Rec and her husband; award recipient Maryann Fleming; and Partners Connie Carter, Alice Furgerson, Mike Higgins, Nancy Lowe, Sue Milo, Marian Minnix, Melou Piegari, Barbara Risser, Laura Stearns, and Anne Tucker. Visiting Rotarians: DG Vivian Crymble of the Tri-Cities Rotary Club at Bristol Motor Speedway; and Partner Al Crymble, of the Kingsport Rotary Club. Attendance: 22 club members, 2 visiting Rotarians, and 13 guests for a total attendance of 37.

Announcements:

1. Joe Milo reminded us to sign up to help with the Annual Winter Bazaar scheduled for next Saturday, February 21st, at the W&L Pavilion. Hours are from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our banner announcing the event should already be in place across Main Street; the Yellow Box Truck for dropping off donations early will be in place behind the pavilion on Valentine's Day. The dial lock combination on the truck is 0221. (To open, set the combination, press the lock closed and then pull it open.) Coordinator Bill Stearns asks that we all spread the word to prospective vendors because sign-ups by vendors are coming in very slowly. All Rotarians should be prepared to sign up to help out at our meeting next Wednesday. Call Joe to offer your services if you are unable to be present at that meeting.
2. Please notify Dick Minnix if you want a free copy of the US Constitution from Nancy Cuzzimano.

Program:

Opening remarks by President Scott:

History of Rotary -- On February 23, 1905, Chicago lawyer Paul Harris met with three clients to promote friendship and fellowship amongst professionals, forming the first Rotary club. Seeking a purpose greater than themselves, these first Rotarians in 1907 saw a need in their community and worked to meet it by constructing the first public toilets in Chicago. This small first step made Rotary the world's first civic service club. When Paul Harris died at age 79, the organization he and three colleagues founded in 1905 had grown to more than 200,000 members in 75 nations. Rotary International today numbers some 1.2 million members worldwide, serving under the motto "Service above self." We gather this evening to celebrate Rotary by recognizing three of our own, and two Rockbridge County residents, who exemplify Paul Harris' vision.

History of the Rotary Foundation – Rotary International established the Rotary Foundation as a not-for-profit corporation that supports its efforts to achieve world peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs while funding global Rotary campaigns such as the eradication of polio worldwide. The Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities ranging from local service projects to global initiatives; our club or district can apply for grants from the

Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. Rotarians and friends of Rotary just like us support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions. The Foundation helps us to team with thousands of others to make a real difference in our community, our district, nationally and worldwide.

Named in honor of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris Fellowships represent one of Rotary's most prestigious awards. Rotarians recognize with Paul Harris Fellowships those who donate \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, or by a sponsor who has done so in their name in recognition of the extraordinary service they render to our community. This evening, the Lexington Rotary Club feels privileged to honor three of our own members and two Rockbridge County residents by presenting them with Paul Harris Fellowships.

Before the end of last year, President Scott appointed a committee to select tonight's awardees: Chuck Barger (Ch), Derek Carter, Emily Higgins, Mary Sayre, and John Tucker. Tonight, different club members presented the selected candidates along with comments on their backgrounds and reasons for their selection.

DG Vivian Crymble assisted by presenting each candidate a certificate, pin, and sincere congratulations.

Non-Rotarians Being Honored for Outstanding Community Service:

Collette Barry-Rec (Presented by Chuck Barger): It is our pleasure to honor a most worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow Award. While researching for tonight's introduction, in true selfless fashion there was little to describe the personal background, just the many nonprofit programs passionately supported and shared for the benefit of our Community.

In Spring of 2004, our recipient was inspired by a thank-you letter in the News-Gazette from a mother of a local serviceman deployed in Iraq. She thanked the Rockbridge County High School history classes for sending care-boxes to her son.

What started out as a small high school activity sending letters of encouragement and bags of cookies and chips to members of the military stationed overseas has now become a 501(c)3 non-profit organization supporting soldiers in Afganistan, Iraq, Africa, and Japan. The Care Box Project reminds those who serve overseas, particularly in combat, that they are remembered and appreciated by their hometown. Our Paul Harris Recipient has organized all volunteer organizations supported by donations and promoted by word-of-mouth. Several other programs have evolved from the Care Box Project:

- The Adopt a Local Service Member Program allows churches, clubs, school classes ,and families to adopt one of the men or women deployed. This program has presented a strong message to children and adults alike that freedom is not free.
- The Military Child Program was developed with the Kiwanis club to provide gifts to children of deployed service men and women.
- The Military Appreciation Quilters work alongside Care Box and have completed 119 quilts over the past 5 years. In the future, they hope to have a Quilt Show to display their many hours dedicated to supporting those men and women who risk their lives to protect us.

The list of organizations springing from that humble high school project goes on and on, even Care Boxes for combat dogs! However, one theme rings true throughout: these programs are all about giving, not receiving, and above all, the epitome of **Service Above Self**.

The Lexington Rotary Club takes great pride in awarding a PHF to Collette Barry-Rec.

Maryann Fleming (Presented by Stewart Fleming): Stewart honored his Partner with a PHF. In characteristic brevity, he credited her for straightening him out and setting him on the right path. It is with pleasure that the Lexington Rotary Club recognizes Maryann Fleming with a PHF.

Rotarians Honored:

J. Stewart Fleming (Presented by Scott Risser): I'm proud to introduce J. Stewart Fleming, my Brother Rat from the VMI class of 1975. Hailing from the other Virginia, he matriculated from Portsmouth to major in biology. Thankfully for us he fell in love with Maryann and the valley of Virginia. A Ruritan stalwart as well as a Rotarian, you'll find Stew freely giving his time supporting Effinger's annual ice cream supper, in addition to our club's many community service projects. We who know him appreciate his quiet competence and his dedication to his family, friends and community. Stew sacrifices of himself for others when he knows few others will notice; I've learned that this defines a person of true character. He doesn't seek the limelight; he can be depended on to be there and to contribute. Stew – your fellow Rotarians treasure you and your friendship; we extend to you our admiration and our thanks. The Lexington Rotary Club takes pride in presenting a PHF to Stewart Fleming.

E. Kent McMichael (Presented by Betty McMichael): Born in Texas, Kent holds a BS from Northwestern State College in LA and and an MS from Baylor University in TX, both in history. His spent 32 years on active duty in the US

Army attaining the rank of Sergeant Major (SGM).

One of his significant accomplishments was serving with the Long Range Recon Patrol (LRRP). These units, or LRRPs (pronounced "Lurps"), are small, heavily armed long-range reconnaissance teams that patrol deep in enemy-held territory often entering hostile territory by parachuting. This service included being stationed in Bad Kissigen, in the Bavarian region of Germany, Laos in SE Asia, and Cuba.

Other notable service was as a First Sergeant with the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment, readily identified by its nickname, "The Old Guard." Their most recognizable duty is to conduct memorial affairs to honor fallen comrades, including guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

Other stations included service with NATO in Turkey, teaching ROTC at VMI, and culminating by being named Commandant (?) of an airfield at Ft. Ord, CA.

Returning to Lexington after separation from the Army, Kent worked as Director of the Marshall Foundation Museum, owner and operator of the Lexington Carriage Company for almost 10 years, and, in his present employment, Archivist for the national office of Kappa Alpha Order.

Kent joined our Club in 1991, and was awarded his first PHF in 2001. He led a GSE team to Turkey in the Spring of 1996 and was named club president for the 2007-08 Rotary year. In addition to arranging schedules and hosts for GSE teams, he and Partner Betty have hosted personally four Rotary Exchange scholars and numerous GSE team members over the years. But he is probably best known for his devotion to recognition of deceased veterans by placing miniature flags on their graves in Evergreen and Stonewall Jackson Cemeteries in observance of Memorial and Veteran's Days. And he recently oversaw the restoration of veteran's tombstones in Evergreen Cemetery.

For his dedication to our ideals, the Lexington Rotary Club takes pride in presenting his second PHF to E. Kent McMichael.

Richard B. Minnix (Presenter PDG D. Rae Carpenter, Jr.): The Heart of Rotary is Service - Service to the community and its people but broader still - to our profession, our employer, our family, our nation - and the list goes on and on. Tonight we are here to honor some of our own which includes recounting their service recognized by the club's appreciation for the examples they set for our community.

One of our honorees tonight was born and raised in Roanoke County in sight of the Roanoke River and worked first in a neighborhood grocery where he learned to serve customers. He attended Andrew Lewis High School in Salem followed by Roanoke College where he received his B.S. degree in Physics in 1954. His older sister, Shirley, jerked sodas in a local drug store with me. He married Marian Chapman, another Salem native, who was a member of the Roanoke College Class of 1955 with a degree in Mathematics. Marian's father was also a Roanoke College graduate who, as a student, went bird hunting with my father who was a Rotarian and a math professor for all of us. And I carried papers to three of Marian's uncles. So, by now you have figured out we are honoring Dick Minnix.

Come 1954 when I was at UVA working on a Ph.D., Dick was there working on his Master's degree under the same professor. So it was natural that I recruited Dick for the VMI faculty when he graduated in Charlottesville. After several years on the VMI faculty he went off to UNC - Chapel Hill - for his Ph.D. On his return we both had an interest in physics demonstrations which were then a standard part of the VMI course in General Physics for Science and Engineering majors.

In the early seventies the Naval Academy held a series of summer physics demonstration workshops on an invitational basis to which we were both invited in succeeding years. And thus the "Dick and Rae Show" began, resulting in 25 years of two-week summer workshops for teachers from grade school to graduate school plus museum demonstrators and Native American teachers - over 600 total from 48 states and some foreign countries. **Service to his Profession.**

Dick was "Mr. Christmas Basket Program" handling much of the organizational details for a number of years and became the role model for his three children to help pack baskets. **Service to the Community.**

He became Head of the VMI Physics Dept. which included service on the VMI Academic Board and on its Tenure Committee. **Service to his Employer.**

He regularly attended the Virginia Academy of Science annual meetings and spent many of his Spring breaks visiting high schools in various areas of Virginia presenting physics demos under the Academy's Visiting Scientist Program. He was regularly seen at the American Physical Society sessions sharing his talents in physics demonstrations and specializing in ones exemplifying applications in math. These took him to the West Coast and to summer workshops for Canadian teachers. **International Service.**

For a number of years he researched the physics of clock mechanisms funded by grants from the Department of the Army through the VMI Research Laboratories. **Service to his Nation and to Science.**

As a member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church he was elected to serve on its Session and the Session members subsequently elected him as Clerk of the Session, a position he held for about a decade. **Service to the Church.**

He has now moved to Kendal where he has been involved with the Facilities Committee, the Food Committee, and a group providing transportation for residents who no longer have automobiles. **Service to the Disabled.**

And even closer to home, his wife now with some personal disability, benefits from his daily food preparation and laundry service and out-of-town medical visits. **Service to Family.**

And in Rotary he was a regular at the refreshment stand at Brewbaker Field serving hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks for the summer baseball program and the Fall football games. Now he is our weekly bulletin editor. **Service to Rotary.**

This leads us to the present where we recognize these nine examples as representative of even more service in support of this multiple Paul Harris Fellow Award. In recognition of these many avenues of service, the Lexington Rotary Club is proud to award another PHF to **Richard B. Minnix.**

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."

Emily D. Higgins (Presenter Chuck Barger): Our Skelton Scholarship winner this year is a vivacious and active member of the Lexington Rotary Club. In 1978 our recipient began teaching in West Virginia and came to Rockbridge County in 1995. While raising a family, our Rotarian began substitute teaching, served in leadership capacities for Parent Teacher Associations, and transitioned to full-time teaching Government and World History at Rockbridge County High School in 2002. Upon retirement in 2012, our recipient started a new career at Boxerwood as its Communication Specialist. The Lexington Rotary Club has benefited in particular from the so-called retirement because the recipient has served as our President last year, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and presently serves as Assistant Governor for area 6 of District 7570. It is our honor to present Emily Higgins for our 2015 Skelton Fellowship.

Rotary International News:

K. R. (Ravi) Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbo, Sri Lanka, is President-Elect of Rotary International. He announced his theme for 2015-16 at the International Assembly held in San Diego for District Governors-Elect in late January: "Be a Gift to the World." Below is the logo adopted to convey his theme in publications.



Be a gift to the world

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Our meeting took place at the Devils Backbone Brewery Company located on US Route 11 North of Lexington. Arrangements were made by RoD Joe Pagnam. Guests: Steve Metzler was the guest of Linda Krantz; and Kevin Potter was the guest of Nick Cuzzimano. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 26 members, 7 Partners, and 2 guests for a total of 35.

Announcements:

1. Because of the heavy snowfall during the week, icy condition of the roads, and weather forecast, Chair Joe Milo postponed our Annual Winter Bazaar from Saturday, February 21st, to Saturday, March 7th. Due to the unavailability of the W&L Pavilion anytime soon, he also shifted the location to the former K-Mart building on US Route 60 East. Our thanks to PP Chuck Barger who owns the building for allowing us to use this alternative site. Joe is trying to rent warehouse heaters to provide some heat in the building on the 7th. Hours will still be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Yellow Box Truck for dropping off donations early has already been moved to the K-Mart parking lot. The dial lock combination on the truck is 0221. (To open, set the combination, press the lock closed and then pull it open.) Coordinator Bill Stearns asks that we all spread the word to prospective vendors because sign-ups by vendors have been disappointing. All Rotarians should be prepared to sign up to help out at our meeting next Wednesday. Call Joe to offer your services if you are unable to be present at that meeting.
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Program:

The brewery located North of Lexington is called the Outpost and is the newest addition to the Devils Backbone family (they don't place an apostrophe in Devils). Located on a beautiful hillside of Virginia's heartland is their new 15,000 sq. ft. custom built brewery featuring a 30bbl Rolec Brewing system (?), a SBC bottling line (?) and Tap Room. Currently, they are brewing two flagship beers, Eight Point IPA and Vienna Lager. Actually, they have many seasonal varieties – your editor purchased a sampler of four, although a sampler of eight was also available.

A member of the staff took us on a tour and regaled us with details of the chemistry and microbiology that was above our heads. The huge stainless steel vessels connected by stainless piping were impressive but the most impressive were the final products sampled in the Tap Room. They also had souvenir T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and caps available for purchase.

RoD Joe Pagnam had arranged delivery of pizzas for the group after the tour so we concluded the visit with pizza and beer in the Tap Room. Who could ask for anything more??? Great work, Joe!

Redneck Vacation:

Skeeter and Bubba were talking one afternoon: Bubba, "Ya know, I reckon I'm 'bout ready for another vacation. Only this year I'm gonna do it a little different.

"The last few years, I took your advice about where to go. Three years ago, you said to go to Myrtle Beach. I went to Myrtle Beach, and Earlene got pregnant.

"Two years ago, you told me to go to Daytona Beach, and Earlene got pregnant again.

"Last year, you suggested Richmond, VA, the Capitol of the Confederacy and darned if Earlene didn't get pregnant again."

Bubba asks, "So, what you gonna do different this year?"

Skeeter sez, "I'm gonna take Earlene with me."

Coollest Headstone:

Here are the five rules for men to follow for a happy life that Russell J. Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan, UT. He died not knowing that he would someday win the ... "Coollest Headstone" contest.

FIVE RULES FOR MEN TO FOLLOW FOR A HAPPY LIFE.

1. It's important to have a women who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed, and likes to be with you.
5. It is very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March:

Happy Birthday to: Gabriella Somerville Brown on the 4th; Alice Furgerson on the 11th; Ken Van de Water on the 12th; Laura Stearns and Jerry Plante on the 23rd; and Sam Sibold on the 25th.

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

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President Scott presided. Guests: Ian Treger, candidate for a Youth Exchange Scholarship, and his parents, Michelle and Neil; and Mike Higgins, Partner of Emily. Visiting Rotarians: our speaker, Brian Eckert and Mike White, both of the Lexington Sunrise Club. Attendance: 28 members, two visiting Rotarians, and 4 guests for a total of 34.

Announcements:

1. Our Annual Winter Bazaar will take place this Saturday, March 7th, in the former K-Mart Building located in the Stonewall Shopping Plaza on US Route 60 East of Lexington. Hours will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Warehouse heaters will be rented to provide some warmth. The Yellow Box Truck for dropping off donations early has already been moved to the K-Mart parking lot. The dial lock combination on the truck is 0221. (To open, set the combination, press the lock closed and then pull it open.) Coordinator Bill Stearns says that more vendors have signed up than were scheduled on our earlier date that was cancelled because of the snow storm. Come on out and help even if you have not signed up to do so. Remember, many hands make light work. **LATEST UPDATE: EVERYTHING IS STILL GO FOR SATURDAY. Chuck Barger will have his crew plow the parking lot and entrance on Thursday evening. (Thanks Chuck.)**
2. All Area 6 Rotary Clubs have been invited to attend our meeting next week when we will host the GSE Inbound Team from District 7790 in Quebec, Canada. A bit different this year, the exchange will be only 2 weeks long. The Team will arrive in Roanoke on March 7, and be hosted by Blacksburg, Lexington, Harrisonburg, and Timberville and depart on March 21, 2015. They will also be attending the district conference on the weekend of March 14 and presenting details about their vocation and district.
3. Mary Sayre attended a Rotary meeting while traveling in Costa Rica. She presented the Club Rotaria, Punta Cana - Bavaro one of our club flags and they, in turn, gave her one of theirs which she presented tonight to President Scott.
4. Ian Treger, a candidate for Youth Study Exchange next year, spoke briefly to us about himself. He is presently a senior student at Saint James, a private school in Hagerstown, MD, where he has been very active, playing trumpet and participating in tennis, wrestling, and soccer. He hopes to study in Germany for which he has held a fascination since childhood. (By the way, he attended elementary school with Deva Lillaheart whom we are currently sponsoring during her year of study in Japan.) An attractive young man, he conducted himself well and will well-represent Rotary and our country.
5. Our Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting following our regular meeting.

Minute for Rotary:

What do these numbers mean to you: 33,000; 200; 12%? There are 33,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide, representing 200 countries. With all of that, only 12% of active Rotarians have ever sponsored a new member. That's a very low percentage. How are we to grow and help our communities with a number like that? We will be having a membership drive in the month of April and hope everyone will participate and change that last number. (AG Emily Higgins)

Program:

Brian Eckert joined W&L as Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs in November 2013. During more than 20 years of public relations work, Eckert has represented three top-tier private universities, a 45,000-student public school district, and a major airline. Before that he worked

14 years as a newspaper reporter, travel writer, magazine editor, and radio-TV anchor, producer and news director. He was a high school and college basketball official for 28 years and twice refereed ACC all-star games. He is also a long-distance cyclist who has competed in numerous long distance races. A graduate of Wake Forest University, he was a Visiting Journalist Fellow at the University of Oxford, which he attended in 1988-89 on a Rotary Foundation scholarship. He is currently a member of the Lexington Sunrise Rotary Club.

Brian brought us up to date on the W&L Development Plan, concentrating on external improvements that we will all see rather than internal renovations. His topics included:

- new Washington park
- Warner Center renovations
- natatorium
- Du Pont Center for Global Learning
- Tucker Hall
- upper division housing
- new pedestrian bridge

Brian emphasized that universities needed continuous improvement of facilities in order to remain competitive in the quest for student enrollment.

Induction of New Member:

Membership Chair Emily inducted our newest member:

Michelle K. (MJ) Jones. Classification: Hospice and Palliative Care. Her business address is 315 Myers Street in Lexington. She and Partner Joshua make their home at 2014 Birch Avenue in Buena Vista, 24416. She may be contacted at 463-1848 (BP) or 461-1056 (HP) or michelle.jones@rahospice.org. Sponsor: Jim Slack.

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

GSE Team News:

“GSE stands for Group Study Exchange. It is an international exchange program for young professionals. Rotary districts in different countries are paired to send and receive professional study groups of four to six non-Rotarian team members and one Rotarian team leader to travel for four to six weeks, staying in the homes of Rotarians when possible. Launched in 1965, this dynamic program has built a successful track record at the personal, community, and international level. With good planning, a goal-driven itinerary, and active participation of dedicated Rotarians, a GSE can be an exceptional educational experience for both the visiting GSE team and local Rotarians.”

Our Inbound GSE Team from District 7790 Quebec, Canada, will arrive on Tuesday, March 10 and depart on Friday, March 13. A bit different this year, the exchange will be only 2 weeks long. Local Chair Josie McElroy has arranged host families and a schedule for their visit. One day each Team member will have a schedule based on his vocation and/or interests.

Everything is in pretty good shape except Josie still **needs some drivers** to transport Team members on some days or half-days. Contact Josie if you can help out.

Happy Bucks:

- Julie Goyette was happy to thank Joe Milo for racing to the Rockbridge Regional Library (RRL) with his shop vacuum to prevent further damage when a pipe burst recently during a snow storm.
- Joe Milo was happy to be able to respond when the Lex Fire Department contacted him when a pipe burst in the RRL (his wife Sue works there and had a key); and also commended W&L for preserving the old Courthouse on the corner of Main and Washington Streets.
- Skip Ravenhorst felt blessed to live in Lexington with two institutions of higher education where one has students who all dress alike and then there's VMI.
- Chip Honsinger was happy to be back from Guatemala and Costa Rica where he and Mary had many and varied experiences.
- Emily Higgins was happy to welcome new member MJ and her Partner Josh and son Thomas.
- Julia Van de Water was happy to announce that Papa Ken would turn 95 on March 12th; please send cards to Julia at 22 Sixty West Drive in Lexington and she will them take to him on the 12th;

Ken was in the class of 1941 at W&L and joined Rotary in 1946 so has been a Rotarian for 69 years.

- Derek Carter was happy to welcome our newest member; to commend our speaker for informing him about the construction he sees ongoing at W&L; he was also happy with his team's second place finish in his 5th year of coaching RARO basketball.
- Ian Treger was happy to recall his years as an Eagle Scout, one of which he was the top seller of pop corn in his troop because MJ bought \$200 worth!

Future Programs & Activities:

Mar 11: GSE Team Visit, RoD Kent McMichael

Mar 18: "Occupation for People with Disabilities" by Willy Funkhouser, RoD Allan Somerville-Brown

Mar 25: "RARA" by Kitty Brown, RoD Scott Risser

Apr 01: "Keydets Without Borders" by LTC Tim Moore, VMI, RoD Heather Branstetter

Apr 08: Rotary Membership by AG Emily, RoD Derek Carter

Apr 15: "Life as a Roadie" by Al Tucker, RoD Mary Sayre

Apr 22: TBA

Apr 29: "Relationship Between Personality and Entrepreneurship" by Bing Jiang of the VMI Business Faculty, RoD Heather Branstetter

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President Scott presided. This was a joint meeting of all Area 6 Rotary Clubs in order to receive the visiting Rotary Exchange Team from District 7790 in Quebec, Canada and Maine. Guests: some Partners (unidentified). Visiting Rotarians: 4 members of the Rotary Exchange Team; 29 members of the Lexington Sunrise and Buena Vista Rotary Clubs (includes a few Partners). Attendance: 29 LRC members and 3 Partners, and 33 other guests for a total attendance of 65 .

Announcements:

1. Our Annual Winter Bazaar was successfully held on Saturday, March 7th, in the former K-Mart Building located in the Stonewall Shopping Plaza on US Route 60 East of Lexington. Hours were 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Chair Joe Milo will give a full report at our next meeting.

Program:

Our Club hosted the Inbound Team from District 7790 in Quebec, Canada and Maine during March 10th through 13th. A bit different this year, the exchange will only last 2 weeks and includes only Rotarians. The Team arrived in Roanoke on March 7, and were scheduled to be hosted by Blacksburg, Lexington, Harrisonburg, and Timberville and depart on March 21, 2015. They will also be attending the district conference on the weekend of March 14 and presenting details about their vocation and district. Members of the team are as follows; all are fluent in French and English:

Gilbert Chevalier: Team Leader, born in Montreal in 1947, and a graduate of Montreal University. He and Partner Lise are the parents of eight children and proud grandparents of eleven. Operated, with Lise as chef, a unique Belgian restaurant for 25 years. Since 1989, has been a private importer of Belgian beers for restaurants, bars, and beer fans throughout Quebec and Manitoba provinces. Gilbert has been a Rotarian since 2004, is Past President of L'Ancienne-Lorette Quebec Club, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) in 2013. He has overseen GSE exchanges for the last eight years, actually leading an exchange with South Korea in 2007.

Mario Duchesneau: Team member, Graduate of Universite Laval (Quebec), member of the Quebec City Rotary Club since 2009. Has been a sales and operation manager for numerous organizations in food and beverage industries, including Campbell Soup and Labatt Breweries. He and Partner Chantal have a 13-year old daughter. Mario was a co-founder of the Funeraweb company in 2005 after the passing of a friend, who had fought a long and valiant battle against cancer. The founders, who wanted to pay tribute to her and leave her loved ones with invaluable memories, produced a video montage of her life, which was played on a big-screen television during her wake at the funeral home as well as on the web. Mario is seeking to expand these custom funeral memories to other markets.

Yves Fecteau: Team member, born in Quebec City in 1947, member of the Quebec City Rotary Club for over 20 years, serving as Club President in 2001-02, On the District level, he has been Assistant Governor and District Governor (2008-09); is now responsible for the Peace Center and Conflict Resolution Commission. Has been honored three times with a PHF by his own club and once by a club in France. Has been Chair of the Board of a summer camp for handicapped children owned by Club Rotary de Quebec for almost ten years. He and Partner Claire have been married over 40 years. They have two children and 7 grandchildren. Yves is now retired from the Place Laurier Shopping Center where he worked for 24 years as Operations Manager. Currently, he serves as a shopping center consultant.

Richard Leblanc: Team Member, born on Magdalen Island, Quebec, in 1954. Graduate of the Universite Laval (Quebec). He and Partner Helene have been married for 36 years, have two children, and three grandchildren. Richard has been a member of the Quebec City Rotary Club since 2001, serving as president in 2010-11. Currently, he serves as Senior Trust Officer in the Estate and Trust Services Department (over 250 team members) of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

An excellent program – it is always interesting to see and hear these teams speak about their families and work “back home.”

Our thanks to Josie McElroy for arranging the itinerary for their visit and thanks to PDG Woody and Lori Sadler, Chip and Mary Honsinger, Scott and Barbara Risser, and Stephen and Josie McElroy for hosting them in their homes.

A Little Humor – Very Little, But Timely:

Three blonds died and found themselves standing before Sr. Peter. He told them that before they could enter the Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter represented.

The first blonde said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey." St. Peter said, "Noooooo," and he banished her to Hell.

The second blonde said, "Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' birth and exchange gifts." St. Peter said, "Noooooo," and he banished her to Hell.

The third blonde said she knew what Easter was, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me,." She said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus was having Passover feast with his disciples when He was betrayed by Judas, and the Romans arrested him and hung him on the cross and eventually He died. Then they buried Him in a tomb behind a very large boulder. St. Peter said, Veeerry good." Then the blonde continued, "Now, every year, the Jews roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of basketball." St. Peter fainted.

Future Programs & Activities:

- Mar 13-15:** Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA
- Mar 18:** "Occupation for People with Disabilities" by Willy Funkhouser, RoD Allan Somerville-Brown
- Mar 25:** "RARA" by Kitty Brown, RoD Scott Risser
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President Scott presided. Guests: Laura Evans was the guest of Bill Stearns; and our speaker, Roy (Willie) Funkhouser, was the guest of Allan Somerville Brown. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 25 members and 2 guests for a total attendance of 27.

Announcements and Business:

1. Chair Joe Milo reported on our Annual Winter Bazaar held on Saturday, March 7th, in the former K-Mart Building located in the Stonewall Shopping Plaza on US Route 60 East of Lexington. Joe thanked the entire club for their participation in this event. Special thanks to Laura Evans, Bill Stearns' Office Manager, who coordinated the vendors, and to Chuck Barger, whose crew came in on Thursday evening and cleaned the building for us. Joe presented the "cold award" to Mary Honsinger and John Tucker. With huge sales of hot chocolate, we ended up with a profit of about \$700. Great job, Joe, Bill, and Heather.
2. AG Emily Higgins reported on the "Race for PolioPlus" held at the Annual District Conference at The Homestead Resort last weekend. Each AG competed in a cardboard race car – the winner was the AG who raised the most money. Emily dressed in tight pants, leather jacket, and 6-inch red heels but soon abandoned the heels as she raced around the circuit. She was delighted to report raising \$2800 in Area 6, good enough for 5th place among 14 total areas – an outstanding result when you realize our area has no major city as most others do. The total for the District was \$49K which was double-matched by the Bill Gates Foundation resulting in a \$147K donation to PolioPlus. WOW!!!!
3. President Scott thanked all for their support of the visiting Rpotary Exchange Team from District 7790 in Quebec, Canada, and Maine last week. He singled out Josie McElroy who coordinated their visit and arranged the schedule and the families who hosted our guests.

Program:

RoD Allan Somerville Brown introduced our speaker, Roy (Willie) Funkhouser, a native of Rockbridge County and 1982 graduate of VMI. Following a twenty-two year career in the Army, Willy became an Assistant Commandant at VMI for about 10 years before retiring. When asked to comment on his military experience, he said he served as a demolition expert and "What young man would not love being paid to blow things up?"

About two years ago he joined the Rockbridge Area Occupational Center (RAOC) as Executive Director. RAOC was established in Buena Vista over 40 years ago. Their vision is to: "Provide people with disabilities the opportunity to experience employment in a quality-controlled business setting that emphasizes economic, social, and cultural fulfillment." Their mission is to: "Create a safe workplace where people with disabilities can provide high quality products and services in a timely manner."

They have about 35 employees, all of whom have been diagnosed with a disability. Two of their employees have been with them more than 40 years. The organization was incorporated in 1986 and now has 501(c)3 status. They serve Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County. Last year they paid out about \$250K in wages. More than half of their income comes from contracting work. The majority of their work involves hand assembly. They focus on what their clients abilities are rather than what their disabilities are.

Contracting work has been harder to come by since the economic downturn in 2008. As a result, they are seeking work in neighboring areas where they have not sought before. Also, they have started new activity in woodworking and jewelry. They even have a mobile work crew that provides

lawncare and landscaping labor. A recent innovation has been the introduction of student volunteers from Parry McCluer High School.

Not to be overlooked is the benefit of RAOC in helping workers acquire socializing skills and their enhanced sense of worth as an employee and contributor to society.

In the future, RAOC hopes to acquire new customers, produce new products, and increase the diversity of their work force.

(This organization is doing a wonderful job with an underappreciated portion of our community. Please thank Willie and members of their Board of Directors when you see them. Also, do all you can to promote their program and products with your businesses and friends. Editor)

Update on PolioPlus (From the Annual Report of RI and the Rotary Foundation 2013-14)

“From helping achieve milestone victories to rapidly quelling outbreaks, Rotary enabled the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to gain crucial ground in the fight to finish the disease. Rotary is a leading partner in the GPEI, along with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.”

“The WHO’s 11-country Southeast Asia region was certified polio-free in March. Representing more than 25 percent of the world’s population, the region includes India, which just five years ago accounted for nearly half of all polio cases worldwide.”

“Relentless efforts by Rotary and its GPEI partners helped reduce the number of polio cases in Nigeria almost 90 percent as of 30 June, compared to the same time last year. The Nigeria PolioPlus Committee supported health camps that provided free checkups, immunization against polio and other diseases, and medications.”

“Only three countries are polio-endemic: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. The number of new polio cases has dropped more than 99% since the launch of the GPEI, to just over 400 in 2013 from 350,000 in 1988.”

“The remaining 1% of polio cases is the most difficult to prevent because the virus persists in the hardest-to-reach areas.”

“A five-year-old boy asked me with fear in his eyes, ‘Is it a needle?’ When I showed him the vaccine’s bottle, he smiled, opened his mouth with confidence, swallowed the two drops, looked at me, and said ‘Thank you.’” (Michael Jazzar, member, Rotary Club of Kesrouan, Lebanon.)

Happy Bucks:

- Julia Van de Water was happy to thank all who helped father Ken celebrate his 95th birthday by sending him a card; she opened all of his cards and placed them in front of him to admire; the day was complete when Havenwood provided cake and ice cream for a sugar-fix for all.
- Mary Sayre was happy to relate a highlight of the Bazaar: PE Derek asked Betty and Mary as they were standing at the entrance collecting the \$1 admission if they felt like “strippers” (they had a handful of dollars) – Betty responded, “What are you – a Chipmunk?” (What she really meant was a Chippendale!); she was also happy to discover that her plant manager spoke French when she took one GSE Team member on a guided tour; was happy to take the Team to Kroger’s to load up on some wine (cheaper than Quebec); and she was happy to transport three Team members to the McMichael’s cabin in Bath County where Betty served a wonderful lunch on their last day in Area 6.
- Jim Slack was very happy to be back after spending 4 weeks in New Zealand; and was happy to show us a photo of a plaque he saw there commemorating the planting of a tree in front of a national history museum by Paul Harris – apparently, every RI president who visits does the same.
- Julie Goyette was happy to point out that there was no way a script could have been developed to cover what went on at the Bazaar; and was happy to commend Emily for representing us at District Conference.
- Linda Krantz was happy to announce she would present a joke at our next meeting; but primarily wanted to call our attention to the music program scheduled in her home on Friday evening
- Derek Carter was happy to commend Emily for doing a great job in the “Race for PolioPlus” at District Conference.
- Joe Milo was happy to announce that “The Bazaar is over!”

- Emily Higgins was happy to commend our speaker, Willy Funkhouser, and his work with RAOC -- she also commented that she enjoyed teaching severely handicapped kids more than advanced placement kids; she was also happy to report that the visiting GSE Team said we were the friendliest group they encountered (this, after hard partying in the Tower at The Homestead).

What is Success?:

- At age 4 success is not peeing in your pants.
- At age 12 success is having friends.
- At age 16 success is having a drivers license.
- At age 20 success is having sex.
- At age 35 success is having money.
- At age 50 success is having money.
- At age 60 success is having sex.
- At age 70 success is having a drivers license.
- At age 75 success is having friends.
- At age 80 success is not peeing in your pants.

It all comes full circle, whether you like it or not.

May you always have Love to Share, Health to Spare, and Friends who Care.

Pot:

Julia Van de Water won the raffle but not the big pot that now totals \$186.00.

Future Programs & Activities:

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President Scott presided. Guests: Our speaker, Kitty Brown, was the guest of President Scott. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 26 members and 1 guest for a total attendance of 27.

Announcements and Business:

1. Mary Sayre announced that a Coalition of Concerned Citizens is forming to address the counties' litter problem. This group has the cooperation and approval of the County Administrator, Spencer Suter, County Sheriff, Chris Blaylock, a couple of members of the Board of Supervisors, the county VDOT Representative, and other concerned citizens and organizations. If interested in becoming a part of this coalition or attending the inaugural kick-off meeting to be held in the next few weeks, please contact Scott Sayre.
2. **Roadside Clean-up:** Our next Roadside Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. As usual, there will be two teams and they will start work at 9:00 am.
PAG Betty McMichael will lead Team North. They will pick up trash on all 4 ramps at the intersection of Route 11N and I-81 at Timber Ridge.
PN Skip Ravenhorst will lead Team South. They will pick up trash along Route 11S from the intersection of Route 11S and Possum Hollow Road back towards Lexington to a point about 1 mile from the end of the Lexington Bypass.
The event will be rescheduled if it is raining hard enough that you need to activate your windshield wipers. Remember to wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves. Skip reminds us that our club policy is "Finders, Keepers." **Sign-up sheets will be circulated at our next meeting.**
3. Kent McMichael, Chair of Youth Study Exchange (YSE), reported that our candidate was not selected because he exceeded the 18.5 year age limit by about 3 months. So we will not have a YSE student going out this Fall. He announced a new policy now in effect: If you send a student out, you **MUST** host a student during the same period, not necessarily from the same country.
4. PAG Betty McMichael shared some highlights from the recent District Conference at The Homestead Resort:
 - RI President's Representative was a fantastic speaker.
 - Race for PolioPlus raised \$49K and was hilarious.
 - Awards luncheon held on Saturday at noon.
 - No banquet on Saturday evening, but there was a fireworks display at 9:00 pm with champagne and s'mores served.
 - Disappointed in attendance of members from both Lexington Clubs.
5. President Scott again thanked all for their support of the visiting Rotary Exchange Team and the Annual Community Bazaar.
6. Please send critical dates in the Rotary year to Joe Pagnam for inclusion in the calendar.

Program:

"RoD Scott Risser introduced Kitty Brown, Executive Director of the Rockbridge Area Relief Association (RARA). RARA is an emergency relief agency, providing local households with aid in times of emergency, when other community or personal resources have been exhausted. They serve a variety of clients, including single parents, low income working people, the elderly, and those who may require aid due to the transitional loss of a job, or medical hardship.

"Direct assistance is prioritized in the following categories: food, heat, non-heat utilities, rent, mortgage, transportation, and they can even refer clients who need help to other agencies such as social services, crisis fuel, heating and cooling assistance.

“RARA does not cover assistance for purchase of clothing, over-the-counter medications or phone bills. Money is not paid directly to a client. Anyone who has encountered an emergency should contact the RARA HELPLINE (463-6642) Monday through Thursday, by phone. An application will be filled out to determine if the applicant qualifies for assistance. RARA can also help clients explore additional community resources, such as the Valley Program for the Aging, Social Services, Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) , and the Rockbridge Area Transportation System.

“RARA has a 15-member governing board serving 3-year terms. It has 3 part-time, paid positions — an Executive Director, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Clerk, plus many volunteer positions. Approximately 70 Pantry volunteers put in a total of over 4,000 hours in serving clients, restocking shelves to make client boxes, doing inventory , picking up goods at stores and churches, plus purchasing, loading and transporting large pallets of food from USDA at the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in Verona. There are also many hours of maintenance to be done at the pantry.

“In 2014, RARA provided over 353K pounds of donated and purchased food to an average of 600 households per month with a total value of approximately \$500K.”

One of their newest programs is a cooking workshop in which they plan to teach clients how to prepare healthy meals using the food RARA provides. In response to a question, Ms. Brown said RARA will accept surplus garden produce.

Happy Bucks:

- Michelle Jones was happy because she just sold her home that had been on the market for 6 years.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy (?) on multiple counts: on a recent trip to Roanoke, trouble lights began to flash (right after inspection said everything was OK) -- a message next day from Magic City Ford indicated a hole in the radiator and evidence of a collision, so an earlier, inconsequential (?) rear-ending on a snow-covered Lexington Street resulted in more damage than expected but Stewart Fleming’s insurance came to the (partial) rescue; on a recent visit home, his daughter and her husband went through the canned goods on his kitchen shelves and threw out all beyond expiration – his cupboards are now practically bare; and, finally, he is so proud of his graphic-artist daughter who designed the fantastic poster for this year’s Road and River Relay.
- Bill Lowe was happy to donate in honor of our speaker and everybody who volunteers for RARA and/or the Christmas Basket Program.
- Allan Somerville Brown was happy for his 30-year-old, live-in daughter who has had trouble finding a full-time job because of the economic recession but now has a full-time position at W&L with full benefits; he thinks maybe she will move out now.
- Linda Krantz was happy to tell the joke included below.
- Derek Carter was happy to thank PAG Betty for bringing him a button from District Conference; it reads, “DON’T BE AFRAID TO FAIL, BE AFRAID NOT TO TRY.”
- Nick Cuzzimano was happy to donate in honor of all the veterans in our group, especially Wally Fogo who fought in three wars; as you know, our right to free speech comes from veterans, not from preachers.
- Mary Sayre was happy to relate a funny story about her Controller at work: after washing his car in preparation for a trip, he fell in behind a cattle truck on I-81; a cow sprayed urine all over his car so he got off, and went through a car wash; getting back on I-81, he later fell in behind the same cattle truck with the same result; so he ended up washing the car three times in one day! (Probably not funny for the Controller.)
- Heather Branstetter was happy to report that her work (“The Madame Next Door”) was featured at at recent academic conference; she later posted a podcast on her blog and received 2008 hits in two days!; she also recommended we come to hear Tim Morissey discuss his project on April 1.
- Kent McMichael was happy to remind us that timber framers are in town to assist in erecting the superstructure of the Lisa’s House expansion; they are staying at the W&L Pavilion; while trimming one of the timbers, one of them caught his very long beard in an electric planer that pulled out a large section of his beard; he looks like he’s been in a prize fight.

- John Furgerson was happy to reminisce about the early days of RARA when their work was carried out in the kitchens of volunteers.
- Scott Risser was happy to recommend a concert tonight on “American Song” at VMI featuring tenor Don Bernardini (Class of 1975) at the VMI Center for Leadership & Ethics.

Pot:

Scott Risser won the raffle but not the big pot that now totals \$206.50.

The Irish:

Flynn staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Mary.

He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Flynn sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.

He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Flynn woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Mary staring at him from across the room.

She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you?"

Flynn said, "Why you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Mary said, "it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly.....it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror." (Supplied by Linda Krantz.)

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- May 09:** “Stamp Out Hunger,” Food Drive by U. S. Postal Workers
- May 20:** Cemetery Flags Project
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