



# THE LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN

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Charter Night for the Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch was held in Pavilion #2 at McKethan Park on the Old Buena Vista Road. As the sponsoring Club, our club was well represented by 27 members and two Partners: Jane McCoy and Mary Ellena Ward. Overall attendance was estimated to be about 100.

ARA Catering served a meal of barbecue, hamburgers, all the fixings with buns, baked beans, potato salad, brownies and cookies. Wine, beer, and sodas were also provided.

There were a number of dignitaries present, led by DG Alex Wilkins and Partner Janice of the Stuart Rotary Club, and DG-Elect Dick Ray of the Johnson City Rotary Club. Other PDGs attending included: our own Rae Carpenter (1997-98), Ron Ferrell (1998-99) and Partner Elaine of Martinsville Rotary, Joe Ferguson (2000-01) and Partner Maryann of Salem Rotary, Ned Lester (2006-07) and Partner Rosalyn of Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary, and Woody Sadler (2012-13) and Partner Lori of Lexington Sunrise Rotary,

## Announcements:

1. The committee (Mary Honsinger, Jerry Plante, and Jim Slack - chair) to select this years recipient of our annual \$2000 scholarship chose Rosa Dixon out of 14 applicants. Jim presented the award to Ms. Dixon at Senior Night on 2 June 2016. She will attend Virginia Tech.
2. Don't forget to contact Mary Sayre to sign up to serve at the Community Table on either or both June 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. President Derek is trying to locate our Club's projector. It has been kept in a grey carrying case in the storage closet at the back of the banquet room at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. Please contact him if you know of its whereabouts. It is essential that we locate our projector because it is an expensive piece of equipment, and we use it regularly for speakers and presentations.

## Program:

Elaine Nelson, President, welcomed everyone to Charter Night for the Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch, whose motto is: "It's More than Just Lunch." Then club member Michael Lonergan led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance following which, AG Marc Hudson offered the Invocation. Next, club member Joanne Robblee read a Lexington City Proclamation signed by Mayor Mimi Elrod acknowledging formation of the new club and welcoming it to serving the community.

PDG Woody presented each of the new Club's officers and charter members and DG Alex pinned on their Rotary pin and "capped" them with a Rotary cap: Paul J. Ackerman, Jerry Bogacz, Audrey Boobar, John N. Campbell, Patti Cook, R. James Cook, Thomas Crittenden (Treas), Katherine Datz, Donald J. Ellis, Patricia D. Hardin, Shelia A. Hatmaker, Emily Higgins (Mbrshp), Ernestine Hockaday, Maxim Ivankov, Roger A. Jarrell, Michael Lonergan, Nicholas J. Martino, Elaine S. Nelson (President), Ruth A. Parsons (PR), Joanne Robblee (Sec'y), Paul Robblee, Lorraine M. Sadler (VP & PE), Suzanne Sheridan, and Lori Turner.

DG Alex made brief remarks in which he urged all to remember this evening because few have had the opportunity to attend a Charter Night for a new Rotary club. He concluded his remarks by presenting President Elaine with the Charter signed by him and dated May 19, 2016.

PE Lori announced gifts from various individuals and clubs of an American flag, a Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch felt banner, a Four-Way Test banner, an Object of Rotary felt banner and two banner support standards.

President Elaine closed the proceedings by thanking all for coming.

### **Beer Drinkers:**

This is a conversation between a man and his girlfriend. Please note that she asks 5 or 6 questions which he answered quite simply and she is speechless after answering only one question.

Woman: Do you drink beer? Man: Yes

Woman: How many beers a day? Man: Usually about 3

Woman: How much do you pay per beer? Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip.

Woman: And how long have you been drinking? Man: About 20 years, I suppose.

Woman: So a beer costs \$5.00 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450.00. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400.00 correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5400.00, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000.00 correct? Man: Correct.

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No.

Man: Where's your Ferrari?

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

**Jun 15: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children**

**Jun 20: Community Table Project; 1:00 – 9:00 pm at various times**

**Jun 22: Community Table Project; 9:30 – 2:30 pm at various times**

**Jun 22: Annual Club Picnic; Jordans Point Park, 6:00 pm**

**Jun 29: Installation of Club Officers for 2016-17**

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President Derek presided. Guests: Mary Ellena Ward, Partner of Jim Slack; and our speaker, Juan Pablo Malino. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 21 members and 2 guests for a total of 23. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## **Announcements and Business:**

1. Don't forget to contact Mary Sayre to sign up to serve at the Community Table on either or both June 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. President Derek was very pleased with our club's turnout at the Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch Charter Night and thanked all who attended. He pointed out that this was our club's fourth sponsorship: Buena Vista (1922) , Buchanan (1938), Lexington Sunrise (1994), and Lexington Lunch (2016).
3. Our Annual Club Picnic will be held next Wednesday, June 22, in the Rotary Pavilion at Jordans Point Park beginning at 6:00 pm. Effie Wallace and her crew will provide the food.
4. PDG Janet Johnson (2011-12) recently had surgery to remove a bowel obstruction. Following surgery she developed pneumonia and was moved to ICU. At last report, she was in room 631 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. All Rotarians are praying for her swift recovery.
5. The 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Rockbridge Community Festival is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. Put it on your calendar now – it will be here before you know it.
6. Our Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting immediately following our regular meeting.

## **Program:**

RoD Skip Ravenhorst introduced Juan Pablo (JP) Malino, Executive Director of CASA for Children, a local non-profit that advocates for children who have been victims of abuse and neglect.

JP's career has been in social justice. A native of Venezuela, he graduated from law school there. He also has two master's degrees in Law; one from Harvard Law School, the other from Warwick University, England, and a diploma in International Development from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Holland. He was able to do all that studying because he was awarded Fulbright, O.A.S. and Chevening scholarships. While studying in Holland, he met his wife Cristina.

Before his job at CASA, he worked mostly as an independent consultant in justice, development and innovation. His clients included the World Bank, the United Nations, the Pan American Development Foundation and the Supreme Court of Venezuela. Fun fact: during 2014 JP was a member of the GrooveCat Improv comedy group in Staunton, which he misses very much. He loves watching Mythbusters with his 9 year old son, Santiago.

"CASA is a national organization committed to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the security of a loving family. CASA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization accepting tax-deductible donations.

"How Did the CASA Movement Begin? In 1977, a Seattle juvenile court judge, concerned about making drastic decisions with insufficient information, conceived the idea of citizen volunteers speaking up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom. From that first program has grown a network of nearly 1,000 CASA and guardian ad litem (GAL) programs that are recruiting, training and supporting volunteers in 49 states and the District of Columbia.

"A CASA volunteer is an advocate, sworn in as an officer of the court to serve as an official participant in judicial proceedings.

“The CASA volunteer thoroughly researches the issues within their case to identify areas for facilitation and advocacy. Research includes working with a network of attorneys, social workers, service providers, the child’s extended family, and others who play a role in the child’s life.

“The CASA volunteer also actively monitors the elements of the case. This ensures that all parties are effectively engaged to secure a safe, permanent home for the child, and that court-ordered services are provided to the child and family.”

Our local CASA organization is headquartered in Staunton at 119 West Frederick Street (24401); it serves Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, and Lexington and Rockbridge County. (Email address is [www.casa4children.com](http://www.casa4children.com).) There are also branch offices in Harrisonburg and Lexington (461-2788). “Since 1995, our 281 local CASA Volunteers have served nearly 800 children in our communities. Over the past three years, we have served an average of 96 abused and neglected children in the foster care system, with the help of approximately 42 dedicated volunteers. However, at any time there are 30-40 children in our local court systems waiting for a CASA Volunteer. More volunteers are badly needed to act as an advocate on behalf of these children. Results for children with a CASA/GAL volunteer: more likely to find a safe, permanent home; half as likely to re-enter the foster-care system; and more likely to succeed in school and less likely to spend three or more years in care.”

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Nick Cuzzimano donated a \$2 bill for an unintelligible purpose.
- Betty McMichael was happy to report that she attended her 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion last weekend and urged all to swallow their pride and attend their own reunions because they are fun and it is very “refreshing and enlightening” to learn what happened to those with which you grew up; when asked, she admitted she unfortunately took Kent with her.
- Kent McMichael had to respond to that: there were a lot of “old people” at the reunion and I and other guests were unable to figure out what all the giggling was about.
- Julia Van de Water was happy to report that she and 55 classmates attended her reunion at Skidmore College, liked the women they have become, and it was worth the 11.5 hour drive to get there.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy that the club’s projector had turned up.
- Mary Sayre was happy to report that she registered today for the 2017 International Rotary Convention in Atlanta.
- Mary Honsinger noted that she and Chip had registered last week.
- Dick Minnix couldn’t let the young folks get all the praise: he attended his 60<sup>th</sup> high school reunion 6 years ago.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to have JP speak to us tonight; complications prevented his earlier scheduled appearance so he was delighted with his very interesting and informative presentation.
- Robert Sayre was particularly interested in our program tonight because his sister and her husband are active in the Cancer Society in Charlottesville and involved in activities with children there similar to those of CASA.

### **Pot:**

Chuck Barger won the raffle but NOT the BIG pot that now totals \$435.

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President Derek presided. Guests: in the spirit of the evening, we had 13 Partners and children present. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 23 members and 13 guests for a total of 36.

This meeting was our Annual Family Picnic and was held in the Rotary Pavilion at Jordans Point Park in East Lexington. Effie Wallace and her crew provided a wonderful outdoor meal. It consisted of pork barbecue, chicken filets, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, green beans, chopped mixed fruit, and homemade rolls with lemonade and iced tea to drink. This was topped off with homemade yellow cake with white frosting dotted with sliced strawberries and brownies – a delicious meal.

## Announcements and Business:

1. A very successful service project to assist with set-up, serving, and clean-up at the Community Table was conducted at the evening meal on June 20<sup>th</sup> and the luncheon meal on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to Mary Sayre for coordinating our involvement.
2. The 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Rockbridge Community Festival is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> in downtown Lexington. Put it on your calendar now – it will be here before you know it.
3. Club officers for Rotary Year 2016-17 will be installed at our meeting next week at LGCC.
4. Go to our club web site at [www.lexingtonvarotary.org](http://www.lexingtonvarotary.org) to see a group of photos made at the Charter Night for the Lexington Lunch Club. Thanks to Julie Goyette for keeping it interesting and current.
5. Meet the new RI President, John Germ and wife Judy, in the July, 2016 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine. Called the "Champion of Chattanooga," his theme for the year is "Rotary Serving Humanity."

## Program:

President Derek briefly reviewed his year as our club leader:

Rotary is about people. It's each of you who make our club, and Rotary International as a whole, the vibrant service organization that it is. Each of you adds to our club in different ways – your service, your fellowship, your Happy Bucks, your humor, and your friendship. I would like to personally thank each club member as well as the family members who are part of the Rotary family.

It has been a real pleasure to serve as the President of the Lexington Rotary Club for the past year! I have enjoyed the time spent with each of you, and I swell with pride when I think about all we have accomplished together this past year. If I had time, I would thank every person individually tonight, but we don't want to be here for hours and hours, so I will single out a few individuals who I want to give a special thanks to. If I unintentionally omit someone, the fault is mine.

One of the most significant changes our club fully integrated into our approach this year is to have one service project and one business tour meeting every month in place of regular club dinner meetings those weeks. We began this experiment back in the Spring of 2015, and our club has seen tremendous results from this approach – increased energy, increased community visibility, and increased membership. I commend you all for embracing this "boots on the ground" approach to our club's activities. I want to underscore the importance of this change because it has had and will have huge impacts on our club as well as our community.

We couldn't achieve this new approach without those individuals who kept us organized and informed of upcoming events. Thank you to Skip Ravenhorst, President-Elect, for scheduling the program calendar this year -- that includes scheduling speakers as well as coordinating on service projects and business tours. Thank you to Joe Pagnam, President-Nominee, for keeping the Rotary Google calendar up to date – this tool is a wonderful source of up to date information at all times. Thank you to Julie Goyette, Secretary, for the fantastic club website that she has kept updated with

photos and other information. Thank you to Mary Sayre, Director of Club Service Projects, who planned and coordinated our club's service projects this year. Thank you to Michelle Jones, Director of Public Relations, for creating our club's Facebook page and keeping it updated with photos and content; MJ also puts together our club's press releases for service projects and significant events. All of them do a great job!

All of those individuals I just mentioned serve on our club's Board of Directors. The club members who serve on the Board are a special group. They give a lot of time and energy to our club, and I want to recognize each of them and say thank you for your service on the Board!! I greatly appreciate all that you have done for our club over the past year. And you helped me a tremendous amount. I can't say it enough, Thank You!!

President-Elect: Skip Ravenhorst

Secretary: Julie Goyette

President-Nominee: Joe Pagnam

Treasurer: John Tucker

Past-President: Scott Risser

Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Milo

Board of Directors:

Director of Club Service (Public Relations): Michelle Jones

Director of Community Service (Service Projects): Mary Sayre

Director of Vocational Service and Plans (Rotary Foundation): Betty McMichael

Director of Membership: Chip Honsinger

Director of Rotary International and District Service: Chuck Barger

Director of Youth Services (formerly called New Horizons): Jim Slack

A special thank you goes to Dick Minnix for publishing our club's Bulletin each and every week! Dick does a great job of putting the bulletin together and keeping us all informed.

Lexington Rotary Club added several new members during the year:

Jul 08 -- Roger Jarrell

Feb 17 -- Jim McCoy

Aug 05 -- Latha Dawson and Bill Houff

Feb 24 -- Shane Gonsalves

Oct 07 -- Joe Williams

Jun 29 -- Ed Claiborn

Nov 04 -- Denny Garvis

During this year, our club inducted eight new members. Our first new member of the year joined our club on July 8, 2015, and our last new member of this year will be inducted next week on June 29, 2015. We lost one member who resigned from the club, and we had three other club members join another Rotary Club. By my count, that's a net increase of four members this year! Awesome accomplishment! Let's keep that trend going in this direction!

Our club conducted monthly service projects throughout the year, and in some months, we actually did more than one service project. I have highlighted the main service project we did each month and the individual(s) who helped to organize them, but by no means is this a complete list:

Jul 29 -- Rockbridge Area Occupational Center in Buena Vista

Aug 29 -- Rockbridge Community Festival -- This was the first year the festival was organized by two civic clubs, instead of three -- this was a group effort by our club

Sep 19 -- our club assisted with the Hospice Hustle -- coordinated by Michelle Jones

Oct 17 -- Roadside cleanup -- thank you to Skip Ravenhorst and Betty McMichael

Nov 10 & 14 -- flag placement and removal -- again thank you to the McMichaels

Dec 19 -- Christmas Basket Program -- thanks to Julia Van de Water and Bill Lowe

Jan 20 -- Weekend Backpack Snack Program for local schools in Rockbridge County; this program is part of Campus Kitchens at W&L

Mar 20 -- Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-off at Spencer Home Center -- thank you to Mary Sayre

Apr 16 -- Roadside Cleanup -- thank you to the McMichaels

May 25 -- Boxerwood -- Our Club received a District Grant to support "Buzz at Boxerwood -- An Accessible Pollinator Garden."

Jun 20 and 22 -- Community Table -- thank you to Mary Sayre

A couple of other service-related items that I want to give attention to: Thank you to Joe Pagnam for volunteering to drive the two Rockbridge County RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) students back home to Lexington from Blacksburg on Sunday, December 6. December 17 -- Linda Krantz and

President Derek attended the Christmas party at The Manor of Natural Bridge, an assisted living facility. Our club was co-sponsor of this organization's Christmas celebration.

Other noteworthy accomplishments this year:

On March 16, our club presented 6 Paul Harris Fellow awards and one Skelton/Jones Fellow award; the winners were four non-Rotarians and three Rotarians. This is great recognition of those individuals who make our community a better place!

March 18-20 -- our Club received an award at the District Conference for support of the Polio NOW Program

Thank you to the Planning Committee for the upcoming Rockbridge Community Festival: Space Assignment Vice Chair – Mary Sayre; Marketing Chair – Denny Garvis; and Entertainment Chair – Joe Pagnam; and Vice Chair of the entire event – Kent McMichael

Collaboration with other area Rotary Clubs – meeting with DG Alex Wilkins in Low Moor in October, Jointly hosted Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours along with Buena Vista and Sunrise Rotary Clubs in November

On October 19, the IRS granted the Lexington Rotary Club Foundation 501(c)3 non-profit status – thanks goes to Jim Slack and Skip Ravenhorst for getting this accomplished!!

Our club sponsored the Rotary Club of Lexington Lunch (approved our sponsorship in April); this is the fourth new Rotary club that our club has sponsored in its history. As sponsors, we saw this new club through the necessary steps to become an official Rotary club, and we celebrated their Charter Night with them earlier this month. Thank you to Mary Honsinger and Chip Honsinger who served as mentors to the new Rotary club.

#### **Happy Bucks:**

- Joe Milo had a warm feeling about returning to the Pavilion our Club was instrumental in building 15 years ago while Chip Honsinger was president.
- Rae Carpenter recalled that our own Chuck Barger stepped up and donated trees from his land when more timbers were needed in construction of the pavilion.
- Ship Ravenhorst was pleased to inform us that the Commonwealth of Virginia has recognized the Jordans Point area as an Historic District; he expects the Federal Government to do likewise soon. He also urged us to visit the new Miller Museum on the site.

#### **Pot:**

No raffle tonight since the meeting was off-site. Pot remains at \$435.

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

**Jun 29: Installation of Club Officers for 2016-17**

**Jul 06: NO MEETING**

**Jul 13: Tour of W&L's Lenfest Center with Rob Mish; Meet in Lobby; RoD Mary Sayre**

**Jul 20: TBA**

**Jul 27: TBA**

**Aug 03: TBA**

**Aug 09: Joint Meeting with Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club; STARTS AT 7:00 PM**

**Aug 10: NO MEETING; See entry above.**

**Aug 17: Joint Meeting with DG Chris Runion and Area 6 Rotary Clubs; Upper Pavilion at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista**

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President Derek presided. Guests: former member Suzanne Keen was the guest of Julia Van de Water; Donna Pagnam was the guest of Partner Joe; Rita Ravenhorst was the guest of Partner Skip; and Carol Tuck, Manager of Food Service and Rooms, and Kevin Worthy, General Manager, both of Natural Bridge Hotel, were guests of Chip Honsinger. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 27 members and 5 guests for a total attendance of 32. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## Announcements and Business:

1. **BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY, WE WILL NOT MEET THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th.**
2. All things Rotary are contained in the Manual of Procedure (MOP) revised every three years following the Council on Legislation, which met this year. We have not received the new MOP reflecting new procedures but you may contact Secretary John to inspect the 2013 edition to answer any Rotary question you might have.
3. PDG Rae provided copies of our Club By-Laws to new officers desiring one. Secretary John has some extra copies for any club member who would like one. (They will be revised shortly to bring them into compliance with the latest Council on Legislation.)
4. President Derek announced that Jacki Berkshire plans to become an active member again in two weeks.
5. New President Skip read portions of a letter from our neighboring district: "District 7550 in West Virginia has established a Flood Relief Fund (you may recall that our own Robert Sayre is a past District Governor of District 7550). At least seven clubs in District 7550 are being directly affected by the unprecedented flooding. In this situation, 'Rotary Serving Humanity' for us is just beyond the setting sun. Funds are flowing through the Lewisburg Rotary Club Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) entity. President Skip suggests that each Rotarian simply send a check, of whatever magnitude you feel is appropriate and feasible, to: John Powell, District Governor, 2526 Spring Street, South Charleston, WV 25303-2501. Please make your check payable to "Lewisburg Rotary Foundation, Inc." and designate your check for 'flood relief'. Thank you for your generosity."
6. President Skip read a letter of resignation from Josie McElroy. She plead the press of other responsibilities, but said she might come back when things lighten up.

## Program:

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

## Officers:

President:	Henry Ravenhorst	Past-President:	Derek Carter
VP/President-Elec:	Joe Pagnam	Secretary:	Julie Goyette
Treasurer:	John Tucker		

**Board of Directors:** Chuck Barger, Michelle Jones, Betty McMichael, Mary Sayre (in absentia) and Jim Slack.

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

In conclusion, Derek pinned the President's pin on Skip; in turn, Skip pinned the Past-President's pin on Derek. Derek thanked all members for their hard work and fine cooperation given to him throughout the year. Skip thanked Derek for the excellent year he led and presented him a set of Rotary cuff links in appreciation from our Club.

### **Induction of New Member:**

Membership Chair Chip Honsinger inducted our newest member:

**Edward L. (Ed) Claiborn.** Classification: College Economics. Ed first joined our club in 1990, but resigned in 2015. He served as Club President in 1996-97. Now retired from the USAF, he taught at the USAF Academy before joining the faculty at VMI. He and Partner Shirley make their home at 7 Coe Place (he can walk to our meetings). He may be contacted at 463-5446(HP) or 319-5446(CP); his e-mail address is edclaiborn55@gmail.com. Sponsor: John Tucker.

Welcome back, Ed and Shirley.

### **To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:**

Organization Name: Lexington Rotary Club Foundation NPO number 82191

Members should register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). (Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, these cards are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.)

- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. The Lexington Rotary Club Foundation. Contact Julia Van de Water at [vandewaterj@comcast.net](mailto:vandewaterj@comcast.net) OR 540-460-0093.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries in July:**

Happy Birthday to: Julia Van de Water on the 11<sup>th</sup>; William Dawson on the 14<sup>th</sup>; and Nancy Lowe on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to: Connie and Derek Carter on the 12<sup>th</sup>; and Linda and David Krantz on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Happy Bucks:**

- New President Skip had a happy buck for his lovely bride, First Lady Rita, who came tonight to back him up.
- Linda Krantz gave Skip a choice and he chose the following joke from her Mother: An attorney arrives home late after a very tough day attempting to secure a stay of execution for an imprisoned client named James Wright. His wife berates him unmercifully for being late, again. He escaped as soon as possible for a long, hot bath. The phone rang shortly thereafter and the wife was informed that the Governor had issued a stay of execution after all. Realizing how bad his day had been, she decided to give him the news forthwith and climbed the stairs. As she entered the bathroom, her husband was facing away from her, bent over in the nude, and drying his legs and feet. "They are not hanging Wright tonight," she said. He blurted out, "For the love of God woman, don't you ever give up!"

- Dick Minnix reported that the Pfizer Corporation and Pepsi Cola might merge leading to this thought of the day: “There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer’s research. This means that by 2025, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs, huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.”
- Allan Somerville Brown pointed out how fortunate we were last week in comparison to WV.
- Skip Ravenhorst (again) noted for our visitors that they should not be misled by Allan’s accent – he is a naturalized American citizen.
- Scott Risser suggested that, rather than stifling the aforementioned jokes as recommended by some, we should publish them.
- Ed Claiborn brought to our attention the Virginia Veterans Care Center, an assisted living/nursing home facility located in Salem, VA: He learned about this 240-bed facility at a meeting of the Military Officers Association (MOA) last evening. He noted that no one would be turned away – substantial financial assistance is available depending on a veteran’s individual circumstances. Ed said the facility had already proven invaluable to him. For more information, contact Chip Honsinger who is a director of the MOA.
- Julia Van de Water commended Derek for his terrific job as president this past year.
- Rita Ravenhorst also thanked Derek for a wonderful year.
- Mary Honsinger noted that there was a rich source of Rotary history among the members of this club.
- Dick Minnix (again) remarked on the improved appearance even tonight: President Skip was commended for wearing a jacket and tie to the meeting where he was inaugurated! Applause followed.

**Pot:**

Joe Pagnam won the raffle but not the BIG pot that now totals \$455.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

- Jul 06: NO MEETING**
- Jul 13: Tour of W&L’s Lenfest Center with Rob Mish; Meet in Lobby; RoD Mary Sayre**
- Jul 20: TBA**
- Jul 27: Travelog on European Trip by Mary Sayre, RoD Mary Sayre**
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