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President Skip presided. Guests: Rebecca Taylor, spouse of our speaker, and Lee Taylor, our speaker, both of Rockbridge County. Visiting Rotarian: John Taber of the Las Cruces, NM, Club, and sometimes the Cody, WY, Club. Attendance: 20 LRC members and 3 guests for a total attendance of 23.

Announcements and Business:

- 1. Our Roadside Clean-Up project was rescheduled from April 25th because of rain. It will occur next Wednesday, May 9th, 2018. Because of our reduced number of members, our Board earlier decided to limit this project to the Route 11S area. So we will have only one team and 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 plan is to meet and begin at 6:00 pm so the task can be completed before dark. The event will be rescheduled again 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."**
2. With the assistance of President Skip, Treasurer John, and Chip, Dick Minnix has updated our Orientation Booklet. This recruitment aid was first prepared in 2003; it has been updated periodically since that time. Dick presented Chip, Membership Chair, with more than 20 hard copies; he will transmit copies to all members as an attachment in an email message. Please contact Dick if you require a hard copy of the Booklet.
3. President Skip reminded us to contribute generously to the "Blue Buckets" to support Alzheimers research.
4. In preparation for the retirement of our long-time treasurer on July 1, our Club has acquired a mailing address: Lexington Rotary Club, Post Office Box 1557, Lexington, VA 24450-1557. Our internet address remains: www.lexingtonvarotary.org.
- 5. Don't forget placing flags on veterans' graves on Friday, May 25th, and pickup of same on Wednesday, May 30th.**
6. Our Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting immediately following our club meeting.

Minute for Rotary:

Chip Honsinger delivered our Minute: A 67 year-old Australian tourist was hit in Lexington by a pick-up truck on Thursday, April 19th. Her son Justin Wibrow, a Rotarian PP in Melbourne, sent an e-mail to our club asking for help. Dick sent his message on to all members of our club and District leaders. Numerous Rotarians responded, including DG Dick Ray, AG Marc Hudson, by messages, and PDG Woody Sadler and Lori Sadler of the Lexington Lunch Club with hospital visits. From our Club, members who visited "mum" Susan at Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital, some numerous times, were Betty, Rae, Bill, Nancy, Mary, and Chip. They learned that she was touring the U.S. alone and had survived New York City only to be struck at our "busy!" intersection of Main and Nelson. (The 81 year-old driver of the pickup truck has been charged with reckless driving.) Her injuries included broken bones, but none were life-threatening. Justin arrived on Wednesday, April 25th, spent the night with Mary and Chip, and flew home with his mum on Thursday, April 26th. We have not received further word. President Skip thanked all who helped out.

As an aside, Chip learned the following about the Melbourne Club: Justin is a Past President of the Melbourne Rotary Club in Australia. This club was the first in Australia (April 1921), has always been and is the largest in Australia, and thrives in rarified atmosphere very unlike Lexington. It has 350 members, who meet weekly. They have 15 satellite "clubs" or social groups based upon localities. The club has six full-time employees in a business office and a multi-million dollar annual budget. Their financial resources come from donations including benefactors and several very wealthy members, investment

for Susan, the delightful Australian lady in Stonewall Jackson Hospital; earnings (mostly from hosting the RI Convention in Melbourne in 1993), grants from RI and their District 9800 and elsewhere, fund raising activities, and partnerships with other funding bodies. Among many other charitable uses of their funds are grants to other Rotary clubs in the Melbourne area, an example of which was 3/4 of a million dollars.

Program:

P-E Betty introduced our speaker. Lee Taylor spoke to us about the Buffalo Creek Boys School. He holds a B. A. In psychology and a law degree from Mercer University. He was a principal at a law firm in Georgia and Virginia. He is a craftsman, wood-fire potter, musician, outdoorsman, horseman, and has great enthusiasm for science, grammar, bluegrass music, nature, and critters of all kinds.

Boys develop and learn differently than girls. Small, single-sex schools and experiential, inquiry-based learning maximize boys response to teaching. Middle school years are a critical transition period in a boy's life. Providing a supportive space that celebrates and cultivates their energy allows them freedom to be a boy as they learn, play, and mature.

Mystery of the core subjects is vital, but extracurricular and interdisciplinary studies enhance boy's development in other areas and add interest and enthusiasm into the learning process. Character is key to the educational success. Boys who are inspired to be inquisitive, take initiative, use ingenuity, have integrity, and be servant leaders will become fruitful members of their communities.

Our learning approach: trains boys, provides spiritual foundations, encourages love and acceptance, incorporates nature, offers hands-on learning, allows emotional and energy release, and gives boys a voice.

Buffalo Creek Boys School has only one student at the present time but has great plans for the future. Tuition is \$7200/year; several scholarships are available. Their goal is to have 10 students/class for a total of 40. The camp is operated as part of Camp Grey Fox.

Happy Bucks:

- Dick Minnix was gratified at the response of our Rotarians to the Australian Rotarian's request "to look in" on his mother in Stonewall Jackson Hospital – he said it gave him a "warm heart."
- President Skip put in a dollar for his photo in the News-Gazette today.
- Betty McMichael had multiple bucks: for Lee Taylor, our speaker tonight;; for those who showed up in the rain last Wednesday for Highway Clean-Up; for Susan, the delightful Australian lady in Stonewall Jackson Hospital; it's nice to know that Rotarians care enough to visit patients; there will probably be an article in the District Newsletter.
- As a life-long scouter, Chip Honsinger is disappointed that the Boy Scouts of America have removed the Boy from their name; he feels the effort should have been made to beef up the Girl Scouts.
- Joe Milo pointed out a photo in the Roanoke Times this week about girls in Boy Scout Troops: 6 girls and 1 boy.

Raffle:

Nick Cuzzimano won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now totals \$138.00.

Did You Know?

Line dancing was started by women waiting to use the bathroom.

Future Programs & Activities:

May 09: Roadside Cleanup on Route 11S, RoD Skip Ravenhorst

May 16: Blue Ridge Autism & Achievement Center by Meagan Harding, RoD Betty McMichael

May 25: (Friday) Place Flags on Veterans Graves in Two Cemeteries for Memorial Day, RoD Kent McMichael

May 30: (Wednesday) Take Up Flags in Cemeteries; RoD Kent McMichael

Jun 06: Rockbridge Area Health Center by Suzanne Sheridan, RoD Dick Minnix

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