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President Betty presided. Guests: None. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 14 members.

## Announcements and Business:

1. Our District Newsletter is called *The Rotary Informer*. It contains the latest happenings around the District, including a calendar of events. To access the latest issue: go online to [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org); click on **WHO WE ARE** near the top of the page; on the drop down list, choose **District Newsletters**; on the drop down list, choose **September Newsletter 2018**.
2. **WINNING NEW MEMBERS:** We can all agree that club membership is one of our major challenges. To learn some new approaches, see the article on page 26 of the August 2018 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine for "15 surefire, proven, no-nonsense, tried-and-true, foolproof, absolutely guaranteed tips."
3. **A NEW ONE:** There's a new acronym floating about: **DACdb** (read as dak-dee-bee). This is a new on-line members, club, committees, and district database – it has a wealth of information for Rotarians. Go on line at [www.rotary7570.org](http://www.rotary7570.org) and learn how to access it – you'll be glad you did!
4. **ELECTION FACTS FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS:**

A General and Special Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018 (first Tuesday in November). "Special" refers to local elections.

Absentee voting begins on September 21. Deadline to request absentee ballot by mail is October 30. In-person absentee voting is highly recommended. In this case, you present your application to the registrar in her office, any errors are corrected, and you vote electronically immediately in her office. Registrar's office will be open all day on two Saturdays prior to the election except for closure during lunch hour.

Note that in both regular and absentee cases, curbside voting is available for persons age 65 and older, or any person with a disability. Just send someone inside and announce you have a person who wishes to vote curbside.

October 15 (22 days before the election) is the deadline to register to vote in the November elections. And don't forget to notify your voter registrar of any change of address. For additional information, go to [info@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:info@sbe.virginia.gov) or call 1-800-552-9745.

Note that you must present a valid photo ID at the precinct in order to vote on election day.

## Minute for Rotary:

Bill Lowe reminisced about a trip through Arkansas. In returning from Kansas City they were on a scenic road and encountered a rest stop called the Rotary Ann Rest Stop. It was established by clubs in 1923 and is "still kicking."

Betty explained that, before women were admitted to Rotary, spouses were referred to as "Rotary Anns." Later, Barbara Hargroves, one of our first female DGs, was on an official trip to Australia and was met by an Aussie Rotarian who remarked he didn't know what to call her. She replied, "Call me a Rotarian." She was accompanied by her husband, Andrew. When he asked who was the gentleman with her, she said, "He's my Rotary Andy."

## Program:

President Betty conducted a Club Assembly:

- Julia Van de Water discussed our participation in the Kroger Community Awards Program. The company makes donations to our club for charitable purposes based on expenditures by our members in Kroger stores. This program has been changed in recent years. Julia reviewed some of the changes but is still working out the details. An outline of our procedures and details of the process for each member to sign up will be separately distributed when she has all the information.

- Julia also reported on changes to our members Rotary Foundation contributions. In the past, Treasurer John had added our contributions to our regular monthly bills and kept track of our annual total, but no more. These contributions will be contributed directly to RI henceforth. Watch for more information on how to contribute in the future. Members will have to go on line to track their annual contributions – our club treasurer will not do it.
- Joe Milo wrapped up the Leprechaun Leap project conducted last March 10<sup>th</sup>. Income is from two sources: sponsorships and runners. The former brought in \$2975 and the latter, \$1821, for a total of \$4796. Expenses were varied: radio spots, \$150; awards and ribbons, \$220; new date patch for street banner, \$1000; use of Central School building, \$75; bagpiper, \$100; T-shirts for participants, \$1300; and special participant event bags, \$500; for a total of \$3345. Thus, we realized a profit of \$1451 which will be donated to the Rockbridge Christmas Basket program. Joe commented that the project had grown to where it would require more leadership in the future. It has increased from 30 runners in its first year to 70 last year and there is no reason to believe it will not continue to grow as it becomes better known to runners in the area -- an avid runner in the area has already signed up 30 for next Spring. Joe made a plea for a volunteer to chair the project next March 7, 2019.
- President Betty made a plea for a club Youth Coordinator to work with the Interact Club at Rockbridge County High School.
- President Betty announced that DG George Karnes had negotiated a room rate at the Homestead Resort of \$137 per night plus taxes for our next District Conference. This is significantly lower than usual so she hopes more members will attend. Note that this rate does not include meals. One of the scheduled speakers sued Rotary (successfully) years ago to admit women to membership.
- President Betty also announced other upcoming district events (see calendar below) and urged our participation.

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Joe Milo commended whoever was responsible (possibly John Furgerson) for the fine weather at the Rockbridge Community Festival.
- Linda Krantz had a joke: A lawyer boarded a plane in New Orleans with a box of frozen Dungeness crabs. He handed them to the very attractive, blond attendant and haughtily informed her that he was holding her personally responsible to ensure the crabs did not thaw during flight. As the plane approached New York, the attendant announced over the intercom, "Would the lawyer who gave me the crabs in New Orleans please raise your hand." No hands went up!
- Dick Minnix repeated a favorite joke of John McCain's that he heard on one of the memorial services: Two convicts were standing in the serving line in the dining room at a prison. After looking over the offerings, the first convict remarked that the food had gotten terrible. The second convict agreed and added that it had been much better when he was governor. Joe Milo thought this was a WVA joke.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to have hosted a class of Grigg Mullen's VMI cadets for a tour of his restored Beechenbrook Chapel.
- Dick Minnix's oldest son, Jeff (VMI'79), attended a wake for a grad in the class of '59. He encountered another member of that class named Art Brandriff. After conversing for some time, Art asked his last name again and asked if his dad taught at VMI. When Jeff replied, "Only 40 years!" Art realized he had Major Minnix for physics class. Small world! Dick commented that Art was a member of the undefeated football team that went 9-0-1– the present team could certainly use him now – a halfback, he ran a 9.7 hundred.
- Linda Krantz offered to donate an old Rotary T-shirt to anyone interested. She was preparing to throw it out at home and husband David admonished her to bring it to a meeting and give it to a member.

No raffle chances were sold at the beginning of the meeting, so there was no drawing or rolling of the dice to claim the BIG pot!

**Current Rotary Statistics:**

**Worldwide:** Members: 1,166,076  
Clubs: 36,033

**District:** Members: 3267  
Clubs: 82

**Hear What You Want:**

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

**Future Programs & Activities:**

- Sep 19:** RARA update by John Trudgeon, RoD Betty McMichael
- Sep 21:** World Alzheimer's Day
- Sep 29:** Rotary Leadership Institute in Lynchburg; Registration: \$90
- Oct 03:** Annual Cookout; Mulberry Hill
- Oct 13-14:** District Interact Conference at SML, William H. Skelton 4-H Center
- Oct 17:** RI Convention by Mary & Chip Hjonsinger, RoD Betty McMichael
- Oct 24:** Highway Clean-up, Route 11S
- Dec 07:** District Foundation Dinner at VA TECH; cost \$85/person; speaker: RI President
- Dec 07:** Rotary District Four-Way Test Speech Contest
- Dec 07-09:** RYLA, Inn at VA Tech
- Mar 15-17:** District Conference at The Homestead Resort

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