



# THE LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN

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**April 05, 2017**

**Volume LXXI, Number 31**

President Skip presided. Visiting Rotarians: PDG Woody Sadler; and DG-Elect Dick Ray of the Johnson City Club. Guests: Hazle Gonsalves, mother of Shane; and our speakers, Skip Perry and Lynn Harris of the local Habitat for Humanity Chapter. Attendance: 23 members and 5 guests for a total of 28. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## **Announcements and Business:**

1. With great pleasure, President Skip announced that Betty McMichael has volunteered to serve as President-Elect next year. That means she will serve as club president in the 2018-19 Rotary year. Betty joined our club in July of 1988 and earlier served as president in 1998-99.
2. President Elect Joe and Betty will attend the Presidents-Elect Training Conference at Hotel Roanoke this weekend even though she will not officially become President-Elect until approved by vote in a club assembly.
3. Roadside Clean-up on March 25<sup>th</sup>: The McMichael duo arrived at the North Team location to discover that the ramps there had already been cleaned up (probably by VDOT). Kent, Betty, and Bill Lowe drove to the South Team location to assist with the pickup there. Joe Pagnam, George Piegari, Linda Krantz, and Skip were already on location. There they had seven people who worked a total of 16 person hours and collected 18 bags of litter. The weather conditions were optimal and the entire stretch of highway was cleaned up.
4. Our program for the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a club assembly.
5. A regular meeting of our Board of Directors was held immediately following our club meeting.

## **Minute for Rotary:**

DG-Elect Dick Ray brought us greetings from his home club, Johnson City. He reminded us that PETS training begins in two days at Hotel Roanoke. And he especially thanked us for sponsoring the other two clubs in Lexington, the Sunrise and Lexington Lunch Clubs.

He reminisced about his trip with wife and children to Bogota, Columbia, to assist in the distribution of some of the 1800 wheelchairs to the disabled in the Caribbean carried out during Woody Sadler's tenure as DG. He offered our club the opportunity to participate in the development of a community center for children in Bogota. He is looking forward to working with children next year.

He concluded his remarks by thanking our club for what we do in Lexington.

## **Leprechaun Leap Wrap-Up:**

The Leprechaun Leap 5K run/walk held on Saturday, March 18th, was a fun-filled experience. A total of 74 participants and 1 dog completed the challenging 5K course.

At the halfway point outside of the main barracks entrance at VMI, they were greeted by a piper in full regalia playing inspirational music. Kent McMichael was in charge of the water station.

As the runners came in to the finish outside of Central Elementary School they were happy to see the clock. They received further inspiration from the Lexington rock band Spacecase

The first male finisher was John Robertson of Lexington in the time of 21:22. The first female to finish was Nicole Jordan of Amherst in the time of 28:44.

All participants received a T-shirt, customized Tote bag (filled with goodies from various sponsors) and the top three in age groups received gold, silver and bronze medals with the race logo.

Thanks to Shane Gonsalves and Sheetz there were the promised refreshments after the event. Shane provided delicious home-made bagels and cream cheese. Sheetz provided muffins, cookies, water and Arizona tea.

About half of the Club served as volunteers and marshals. Additionally Lexington City Police marshaled at the major intersections.

At time of writing, approximately \$3,000 was raised for the Rockbridge Christmas Baskets Program. Although Race Director Joe Pagnam had been disappointed with a smaller turnout than he had hoped for, the enthusiasm of those who ran made up for it. Plans are already underway for next year and a bigger event. The date is March 17, 2018. This is even better as it is actually on St. Patrick's Day and on a Saturday.

Finally, Joe would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this a success. Betty and Kent McMichael must be singled out for enlisting numerous sponsors. Donna Pagnam did a lot behind the scenes and may be persuaded to become a Rotarian!

### **Program:**

RoD Joe Pagnam introduced Skip Perry, Chair of the BoD of Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity and Lynn Harris, Director of Marketing, who assisted with the Power Point presentation..

Skip is originally from the Iron Range of Minnesota. He taught school for a while but then spent 25 years in the Navy as a P-3 pilot. Following service, he consulted for 10 years with Northrop Grumman. With wife Copper, he moved to Rockbridge Baths in 2010. His is a member of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club and has been a Habitat volunteer since 2011.

"Habitat envisions a world in which everyone has a decent place to live.

"About Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity (RAHfH): Putting faith into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. They seek to eliminate substandard housing in Rockbridge County by partnering with the community to make safe, decent, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action.

"Founded in 1989, Rockridge Area Habitat offers partnership housing solutions to local low-income Rockbridge County residents through its new home build and critical home repair programs. To qualify for either program, applicants must demonstrate need, ability to pay either a mortgage (for a new home) or up-front payment (for critical repairs), and be willing to contribute sweat equity to help carry out their build or repair.

"RAHfH builds and repairs are affordable because Habitat uses volunteer labor and does not charge a profit for its work. New home loans are subsidized, low-interest loans through USDA/RD; critical home repair payments are based on a sliding scale.

"Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity has an open-door policy: All who believe that everyone needs a decent, affordable place to live are welcome to help with the work, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that too often divide people. In short, Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race or religion. As a matter of policy, Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organizations do not proselytize. This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must either adhere to or convert to a particular faith, or listen and respond to messaging designed to include conversion to a particular faith.

"The concept that grew into Habitat for Humanity International began at Koinonia Farm, a small interracial Christian community founded near Americus, Georgia in 1942 by farmer and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan. Leaving a successful business and affluent lifestyle in Montgomery, Alabama to begin a new life of Christian service, Millard Fuller and his wife Linda visited Koinonia in 1965. With Fuller, they developed the concept of "partnership housing" to address the problem of substandard housing. The concept centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build simple, decent homes. The Fullers founded what we know today as Habitat for Humanity International in 1976.

"The personal involvement of Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn in Habitat's ministry brought the organization national visibility and sparked interest in Habitat's work across the nation.

"Today, more than 5 million low-income families all over the world are living in safe, decent, affordable Habitat homes." (From [www.RockbridgeAreaHabitatforHumanity.org](http://www.RockbridgeAreaHabitatforHumanity.org).)

**Birthdays and Anniversaries in April:**

Happy Birthday to: Sue Milo on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ed Jeffries on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Robert Sayre on the 5<sup>th</sup>; Julie Goyette on the 6<sup>th</sup>; Susan Barger on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Rae Carpenter on the 15<sup>th</sup>; Nick Cuzzimano on the 18<sup>th</sup>; John Tucker on the 19<sup>th</sup>; Joe Williams on the 26<sup>th</sup>; and Chip Honsinger on the 27<sup>th</sup>. WOW! July is a busy month.

Happy Anniversary to: Nancy and Nick Cuzzimano on the 6<sup>th</sup>; Donna and Joe Pagnam on the 7<sup>th</sup>; and Anne and Jerry Plante on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Bucks:**

- Betty McMichael endorsed Habitat: she didn't want to fool with all the "stuff" in the house when her mother died so she called Habitat; they hauled two truckloads to their rehab store; Betty said it was the best thing she ever did.
- Julia Van de Water thanked Joe and Donna for all their hard work on the Leprechaun Leap.
- Joe Milo had two happy bucks: first for the pavilion built recently by the VMI timber framers at Parry McCluer High School; and he commended Joe for the meticulous planning that made the Leap run so smoothly - unheard of for the first year of a project.
- Scott Risser also had two commendations: for the excellent planning that went into the Leap; and urged members to get involved in Habitat if you "want to get involved in something that changes the community and somebody's life."
- Chip Honsinger briefly reviewed his and Mary's globe trotting recently: Morocco (tree-climbing goats - really), Rome, and Sicily; they also plan to take in the RI Convention in Atlanta.
- Bill Lowe presented a "treasure" found during Roadside Clean-up to Joe Pagnam; he swore he washed and sterilized it before hand.
- Dick Minnix remarked how lucky our club could get – two years of McMichaels in the driver's seat: Betty as president in 2018-19, and Kent in 2019-20; Betty hopes their marriage can survive.
- President Skip was happy to return after his recent illness; he thanked Joe Pagnam for conducting the meetings in his absence and for running an excellent Leap project; and proudly announced he had recently doubled his grandsons with the birth of Aden Campbell.

**POT:**

Julia Van de Water won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now stands at \$67.50.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

**Apr 12: Club Assembly – President Skip**

**END**



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President Skip presided. Visiting Rotarians: None. Guests: None. Attendance: 17 members. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## **Announcements and Business:**

1. President Skip reported that member Allan Somerville Brown had a minor stroke but was recovering nicely with minimal lingering effects. Hurry back, Allan, we miss you.
2. Preliminary results from the Leprechaun Leap project show a net profit of about \$2800 which will go to the Rockbridge Christmas Baskets Program.
3. PP Julia Van de Water presented our club a check for \$75.29 as our 5% share of purchases made at Kroger this quarter using Kroger Gift Cards. The amount is small because many of our members have not registered under Kroger's new scheme. Please go online and register if you have not done so – this is such a painless way of raising club funds that it is a shame for us not to do better.

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

Because some might have missed it, the procedure for registering our club for the Kroger Community Rewards Program is repeated from an earlier Bulletin. Once you complete this procedure, anything you purchase with your Kroger card will be credited to our club and we will receive a contribution from the Kroger Company based on our member's total purchases. This is an effortless way for us to raise money to support our projects so please register your Kroger Plus Card right away.

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 store.)

- 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.

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4. PE Joe Pegnam needs your suggestions for programs.

### **Minute for Rotary:**

PP Chip Honsinger related a typical, small-town story. He received a letter recently from Sandra Tucker, an employee in the local Commissioner of Revenue's office. She pointed out that she noticed he made an error on his Virginia tax return. The unusual aspect was that the error was in his favor – that is,

he qualified for a larger tax refund. He went by the office later to personally thank her. Chip felt this was a good example of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

**Program:**

President Skip conducted a club assembly:

1. Betty McMichael volunteered last week to serve as President-Elect in the upcoming Rotary year 2017-18. She was duly nominated, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote. Congratulations, Betty. (She said last week that she hoped her marriage could survive with her being president in 2018-19 and husband Kent in 2019-2020.)
2. Several members voiced the opinion that we needed to get back on schedule of at least one service project or tour each month.
3. Linda Krantz volunteered to take charge of arrangements for service projects.
4. President Skip pointed out that we had lost 10 members since the beginning of this Rotary year for various reasons: business pressures (4), health reasons (2), relocation of residence (2), and unknown (2). (Note: we currently have 29 active members, and one of them is contemplating resignation.)
5. A long discussion of membership followed with the consensus that we needed a membership campaign. Some felt resumption of our service project/tour schedule would make our club more attractive to new members. Linda suggested the Newcomer's Club as a possible source of new members.

**Happy Bucks:**

- President Skip was proud of the FitBit his daughter and son-in-law gave him for Christmas; he has been walking regularly but made a startling discovery last week: he registered his best day ever when he mowed his lawn on his riding mower – who knew?
- Mary Honsinger said she loved this club and was thrilled that those of us here were still here.
- Joe Pegram said he was all fired up after the PETS training last weekend, learned a lot, and is ready to bring about some change in our club.
- Linda Krantz told another of her stories but, upon reflection, your editor decided not to publish it; it was funny though.

**POT:**

Jim Slack won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now stands at \$80.00.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

**Apr 19: TBA**

**Apr 26: TBA**

**May 03: TBA**

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## Announcements and Business:

1. President Skip and the membership were delighted to welcome Allan Somerville Brown back from his recent health bout.
2. Our own Kent McMichael is the overall chair of the 2017 version of the Rockbridge Community Festival (RCF). He announced a meeting of the Board of Directors of the RCF will be held in May. More volunteers from our club are needed to staff the positions we are obligated to fill for the upcoming event. Please contact Kent to help.
3. With great sadness, the death of former member Wally Fogo was announced. Wally joined our club in 1981 and remained an active member until earlier this year when he resigned due to poor health. A memorial service is scheduled at 12:00 noon on May 6<sup>th</sup> at R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. That will be followed by a reception and light lunch at the Lexington Golf and Country Club from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

## Minute for Rotary:

Bill Lowe was struck by an article from the May 2016 edition of *the Rotarian* magazine and brought it to our attention: "For more than half a century, one of the first Ferris wheels ever made has been spinning in Jacksonville, IL. Owned by the city but operated and maintained by the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, the 12-seat, 45-foot wheel has undergone several renovations in recent years, thanks to private donations and funds from The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians such as David Fisher keep the fun rolling every Sunday afternoon from Memorial Day well into October." (For more information, see the complete article.)

## Program:

President Skip, subbing for RoD Joe Pagnam, introduced our speaker, Mary Honsinger. Her topic was, "What's In the Rotary Magazine?"

Mary had placed copies of old Rotarian magazines on each of the three occupied tables. She gave each table a separate assignment: interesting things about the magazine; interesting articles or ideas mentioned, and interesting projects featured. After 5 minutes, each table reported and a discussion followed.

A brief history of the magazine:

- 1911 The National Rotarian (6 years after founding)
- 1976 Regional magazine approved
- 2005 Rotary World Press: 31 regional magazines  
129 countries  
24 languages
- 2006 Rotarian Monthly in China
- 2017 Digital edition

Mary said the Rotarian magazine was wonderful, well-done, and interesting.

## Happy Bucks:

- Rae Carpenter wished John Tucker "Happy Birthday" today.
- Bill Stearns recognized a great Rotarian: Wally Fogo.

- Allan Somerville Brown was happy to be back after being out of commission for the past 4-5 weeks; he related the details of his experience, most of which he did not personally remember; collapsing between autos on Lee Avenue, he was assisted by W&L law students, a passing VMI doctor, W&L Security, and EMS people and awoke in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital after a helicopter ride; his conclusion: we are indeed fortunate to live in this vibrant community and enjoy its caring, competence, and compassion.
- Chip Honsinger was fooled by the latest roster when he tried to locate Allan under "B", later finding him listed under "S"; he recommended a Rotary tour of South Africa which is particularly attractive now due to the current favorable exchange rate; and finally, he noted that his birthday is only 8 days after John Tucker's so he led us in singing Happy Birthday to John.
- After that, John Tucker said he was just happy to be here to hear us.
- Dick Minnix pointed out that we just experienced one occasion where the phrase "Dear John" was a happy one.
- Mary Honsinger had a happy buck for Allan.
- Betty McMichael reported that she and Kent took a camping trip to Roanoke, WV; stayed at the Stonewall Resort, north of Beckley; spent one day touring the Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum (official name), largest hand-cut stone building (quarter-mile long) in the world outside of the Kremlin; not operated now for mental patients - privately owned to prevent demolition; she highly recommended the tour.

**POT:**

Kent McMichael won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now stands at \$92.50.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

**Apr 26: Rockbridge Area Health Center, RoD Joe Pegram**  
**May 03: TBA**  
**May 10: TBA**  
**May 17: TBA**  
**May 24: Tour of VMI Museum, RoD Joe Pegram**  
**May 31: TBA**

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## **Announcements and Business:**

1. Chair Kent McMichael reminded us that the next version of the Rockbridge Community Festival (RCF) will occur on the last Saturday in August, the 26<sup>th</sup>. He announced that our club needed to provide members to fill positions on the planning committee. Members who volunteered are: Entertainment - Stewart Fleming; Operations - Scott Risser; Space Assignment - Joe Pagnam; Sponsors - Derek Carter; and Treasurer - Betty McMichael. Thanks, guys and gals, for stepping up.
2. The first meeting of the RCF Planning Committee will take place in the Conference Room of the KA National Headquarters starting at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Please plan to be there.

## **Program:**

RoD Joe Pagram introduced our speaker, Kelly Balthaser. She joined the Rockbridge Area Health Center in November 2014. Her initial role was as Outreach and Enrollment Supervisor, overseeing the team that offered assistance with enrollment through the Affordable Care Act, as well as the program that offers financial assistance through the Sliding Fee Discount Program. Recently, Kelly began overseeing all enabling services (non-clinical services) offered through the Health Center. Originally from New York State, Kelly enjoys the laid back atmosphere and landscape of Rockbridge County. She lives here locally with her four-legged children, Lilly Belle and Spikey.

"In 1992 a group of concerned citizens began to develop the concept of a free clinic in Rockbridge County. They were able to organize interested medical and non-medical community volunteers in a project that became the Rockbridge Area Free Clinic. The first clinic was located in the local public health department and continued to grow with the patients it served and the services it provided.

"The Rockbridge Area Free Clinic, recognizing the need to further develop a sustainable system of care for the medically underserved in the Rockbridge area, applied for and was awarded an \$80,000 Health Center Planning Grant by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This grant was used to fund a 12-month project to broadly define and assess the health of our community and to develop a community health improvement plan.

"Data from the community health needs assessment concluded that Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County areas are designated as low-income and are therefore considered to be a 'Medically Underserved Population' and a 'Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area'. "Low-income" is defined by HRSA as an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. In the Rockbridge area, 38 % of residents are low-income.

"As a result of the community health needs assessment, RAHC was designated as a federally-qualified Community Health Center and expanded its services to provide medical, dental and behavioral health care to everyone. As a Community Health Center, RAHC provides comprehensive, high-quality, accessible and affordable healthcare that is coordinated, culturally competent and community directed for the insured, underinsured and uninsured."

"Selected historical highlights:

1992 Incorporated. Began patient care.

1995 Hired executive director. Applied for United Way member agency status. Held first annual fundraising campaign.

2000 Completed strategic plan. Received additional state funding for pharmacy.

2001 Started dental clinic

- 2003 Moved into new clinic at 25 Northridge Lane in July.
  - 2004 Received pledges of \$1,080,000 of the \$1.1 Million capital campaign goal.
  - 2005 Completed a needs assessment for the Rockbridge area.
  - 2008 Grand opening of the dental suite.
  - 2010 Received a collaborative VHCF grant with RACSB to provide mental health services.
  - 2011 Opened on-site vision center
  - 2013 Changed name to Rockbridge Area Health Center. Received a New Access Point Grant to become a Federally Qualified Health Center. Hired a medical director.
  - 2014 Began construction and renovation project.
- For more information, go to the RAHC website: [www.rockahc.org](http://www.rockahc.org).  
Thanks to Kelly for a very informative program.

### **Happy Bucks:**

1. Robert Sayre thanked our speaker for a wonderful program.
2. Scott Risser was happy on multiple counts: today is Nick's birthday (APPLAUSE); Tex Benton, Scott's neighbor and a prolific local volunteer passed away – celebration of his life on Friday at the Virginia Horse Center; Wally Fogo - a great Marine and even better man; "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive on May 13<sup>th</sup> - largest in nation, contributions collected by postal workers; and a Cambodian-American cadet he and Barbara have sponsored at VMI will begin her training to become a Marine Corps officer in July.
3. Kent McMichael reminded us of the annual distribution of flags on veteran's graves in our local cemeteries on Memorial Day; be sure to sign up to assist in this effort when sign-up sheets are circulated in May.
4. Linda Krantz had another joke: "We had a power outage at my home this morning. And my PC, Laptop, TV, DVD, IPAD, and my new Surround-Sound music system were all shut down. Then I found that the mobile phone battery was dead. To top it off, I discovered it was raining and I couldn't go play golf. I went into the kitchen to make coffee and then remembered this also requires power. So I sat with my wife and talked for a couple of hours. She seems like a nice person."
5. Skip Ravenhorst reminded folks of the schedule for Wally Fogo's memorial service and reception on May 6<sup>th</sup>; and was delighted to finally experience a power outage at home that caused his emergency generator to switch on for the first time.

### **POT:**

President Skip won the raffle but not the BIG pot which now stands at \$104.50.

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

- May 03: CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates by Hannah Adams, RoD Joe Pagnam**
- May 10: Tour of W&L Special Collections by Tom Camden and Seth Goodheart, RoD Joe Pagnam**
- May 17: Kate Smith and "God Bless America" by Dick Minnix, RoD Joe Pagnam**
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## Announcements and Business:

1. John Tucker reported receipt of a "thank-you" note from Habitat for Humanity for our assistance with moving tables and chairs both before and after their Chili Cook-off held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Spencer Home Center.
2. Scott Risser reminded us of the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Contributions will be collected by US Postal workers in this, the largest food drive in the nation.

## Program:

RoD Joe Pagnam introduced Juan Pablo Molina, Executive Director of CASA. Mr. Molina emigrated (legally) from Venezuela in 2010. He took over as head of CASA in 2013. Our local CASA office (located in Staunton) serves: Harrisonburg and Rockingham County; Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County; and Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County.

"Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a non-profit organization serving our county's most severely abused, abandoned and neglected children through the recruitment, training, and supervision of community volunteers who advocate for their best interests.

"Every year, children are reported abused or neglected. Some of them must be removed from their homes because it isn't safe for them to remain. Many enter foster care and wait for the complex process in which a judge will determine where they may safely and permanently live. During this time they may move from one temporary home to another.

"CASA volunteers are voices for abused and neglected children in court. CASA volunteers are trained and supervised to gather information that helps judges decide the best possible outcome for children in foster care.

"CASA volunteers get to know the children, review records, research information and talk to everyone involved in a child's life — social workers, attorneys, judges, parents, teachers and family members. The volunteers then submit a report to the court that helps judges decide the best permanent home for the children.

"For CASA volunteers, the ultimate goal is to help ensure that children in protective care find safe, permanent homes where they can thrive. Some children reunite with parents or relatives, while others make a connection with adoptive parents.

"A CASA volunteer is a constant during a frightening, uncertain time. Few volunteer roles have such a critical and immediate impact on the life of a child as that of a CASA volunteer."

In fiscal year 2016, our local CASA had 49 volunteers and served 106 children. Their goal is to triple the size of their organization in order to serve 300 children per year with the help of 150 volunteers.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer your services, go to their web site at [www.casa4children.com](http://www.casa4children.com).

## Happy Bucks:

- Bill Lowe reported that he experienced a tightness in his chest last night but, after spending three hours in the ER, he was still upright and feeling good; overall, he said it was a good experience and praised the ER Staff; Partner Nancy wasn't happy that he got up this am and spread fertilizer for an hour.

- Kent McMichael reminded us that Memorial Day is just around the corner when we place flags on graves of veterans in local cemeteries; dates are still uncertain because, to avoid damage to flags, we have to work around the staff's mowing schedule.
- George Piegari was happy to report successful disc replacement surgery yesterday on Partner Melou; she's home and doing well; members applauded.
- Betty McMichael was proud that our club was placing flags on veterans' graves as a service and not selling them.
- Scott Risser communicated his displeasure at their using Memorial Day flags as a fund raising project to a member of our sister club.
- Chip Honsinger contacted the president of our sister club to condemn the same project; we shouldn't be raising funds on the backs of persons who gave their lives in defense of our nation..
- Joe Milo commended our speaker as a very articulate spokesman for a very important program in our community.
- Mary Ellena Ward was happy that the concert by the Rockbridge Symphony last weekend was a sellout; a lot of good music was heard.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries in May:**

Happy Birthday to: Kent McMichael on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Rita Ravenhorst on the 20<sup>th</sup>; and Stewart Fleming on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

No wedding anniversaries for members this month.

### **Female Wisdom:**

"When I married Mr. Right, I had no idea his first name was Always."

### **Male Response:**

"Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep."

### **OH WELL ! ... Let's Offend Everyone!**

Q. Where does an Irish family go on vacation ?

A. To a different bar.

Q. What's the difference between a southern zoo and a northern zoo?

A. The southern zoo has a description of the animal along with a recipe.

Q. What's the difference between a northern fairytale and a southern fairytale?

A. A northern fairytale begins, ...'Once upon a time...'

A southern fairytale begins,... 'Y'all ain't gonna believe this s\_\_t.'

### **POT:**

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

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President Skip presided. Visiting Rotarians: None. Guests: None. Attendance: 18 members. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## Announcements and Business:

1. President Skip announced that a regular monthly board meeting would be held immediately following our regular meeting.

## A Minute for Rotary:

Dick Minnix demonstrated a Bose Wave System as a means to increase your musical enjoyment. This device is an AM/FM radio and CD player.

A major problem with reproducing sound is the efficient conversion of electrical to sound or acoustic energy. Coupling the motion of the loudspeaker to the free air is especially important. You must place the speaker in some sort of enclosure because forward speaker motion moves air molecules closer together while the backward motion moves them further apart and these tend to cancel one another. The most efficient way to do that is to use an exponential horn to provide that transition. Think of trumpets and tubas, for example. Their shape is not for looks – it follows a very precise mathematical formula called the exponential function.

The Bose Wave System is special because it employs a "folded" exponential horn, difficult to manufacture and therefore expensive. The horn need not have a circular cross section as in a trumpet, so this unit employs a constant height maze connected to the loud speaker. The cross section of the maze increases in approximation to the exponential function.

Dick used a demo CD to illustrate the big sound and clarity of its reproduction.

## Program:

Dick Minnix presented a program on "Kate Smith and 'God Bless America.'" He played "God Bless America" on the Bose Wave System at the start of our meeting.

Dick has been a long term fan, influenced by his deceased mother-in-law, "Billie" Chapman, herself a fan and a miniature Kate Smith, about 4'10" tall and (maybe) 170 pounds. She also had a contralto voice good enough to sing on the radio and at other social events.

Billie never allowed Dick to forget that Kate Smith was born in Greenville, VA, in 1907. Kate Smith never had a singing lesson. Her earliest performances were during amateur nights at vaudeville theaters in Washington, D.C., where she grew up.

Her professional career began in 1930 when she was discovered by Ted Collins, a Columbia Records artists-and-repertoire executive. She had a radio, TV, and recording career that spanned five decades, reaching its pinnacle in the 1940s when she became known as "The Songbird of the South."

The Philadelphia Flyers hockey team seemed to play better when "God Bless America" was played before their games. That resulted in the often heard expression, "It ain't BEGUN 'til the fat lady sings."

In 2001 our Club was meeting at the VA Horse Center. After 9/11, Chip Honsinger suggested to President Gordie Valentine that we sing a patriotic song at the beginning of each meeting. We began to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" shortly thereafter. The following year, President Chip substituted "God Bless America" which he felt more appropriate. That practice has continued to this day.

In 1938, Irving Berlin was having difficulty writing a patriotic song until he pulled out an old attempt from 20 years earlier. He made a few minor changes in the lyric and melody and "God Bless America" was born. He chose Kate Smith to introduce it on her Armistice Day radio broadcast in 1938. It was an immediate hit – some even wanted to make it our national anthem. Realizing that it would look improper to collect royalties on a patriotic ode, Berlin established the God Bless America Fund, which distributed

all proceeds to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. That arrangement remains in effect to this day.

If you simply read the lyrics, you will come to realize that it is a prayer. His daughter said, "I came to realize that this song was my father's "thank you" to the country that had taken him in. It was the song of an immigrant boy who made good." Many regard "God Bless America" as Irving Berlin's most outstanding achievement.

Back to Kate Smith. She was impaired by diabetes in her later years, suffering brain damage and losing a leg to the disease, A U. S. commemorative stamp was issued in her honor in 2010. And her version of "God Bless America" was played as NASA's final wake-up call for the space shuttle Atlantis in 2011, ending the 30-year shuttle program. But her highest honor occurred when President Ronald Reagan bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom on her in 1982. He said: "The voice of Kate Smith is known and loved by millions of Americans, young and old. In war and peace, it has been an inspiration. Those simple but deeply moving words, "God Bless America," have taken on added meaning for all of us because of the way Kate Smith sang them. Thanks to her they have become a cherished part of all our lives, an undying reminder of the beauty, the courage and the heart of this great land of ours. In giving us a magnificent, selfless talent like Kate Smith, God has truly blessed America."

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Betty McMichael praised the roommate of their adopted cadet who graduated from VMI yesterday; Cadet Drew Borinstein, class valedictorian, was "tested by tragedy" through the loss of his father to unexpected death several years ago and loss of his mother, sister, and brother in a plane crash last August while on their way to see him graduate from an officer training program.
- Julia Van de Water complimented President Skip on his opening of his almost completed renovation of Beechenbrook Chapel to the public last Sunday.
- Skip Ravenhorst was happy to see so many Rotarians in the group who came last Sunday.
- Chip Honsinger said that Dick, our Club Historian, really shone tonight in his history lesson.
- Kent McMichael reported that Cadet Drew Borinstein was initiated into Kappa Alpha last weekend (only after graduation, since VMI cadets may not join a fraternity) and called him today to alert Kent that some of his friends graduating from West Point soon were interested in KA; Kent said the Marines were getting an outstanding young man much to the Army's sorrow.
- Dick Minnix gave another endorsement to small-town Lexington: a "gravel" in his mouth upon awakening this morning turned out to be a cap off one of his front teeth; a visit to his dentist this afternoon resulted in getting the cap cemented back in place; it wasn't cheap, but where else can you get such emergency service?
- Betty McMichael announced that today was the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kent's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday; Kent said he had a salute for her but couldn't deliver it in present company.
- Chip Honsinger said to Dick that he had the same thing happen with a tooth recently and was having a root canal tomorrow morning!
- Skip Ravenhorst noted that root canals had gotten a lousy press and weren't as bad as most people believed.
- Joe Milo had not been aware that Irving Berlin was an immigrant; also two weeks ago we heard from Juan Pablo Marina from Venezuela who is caring for foster children in our area, and then there is our own Allan and Joe Pagnam – Joe Milo wanted to honor immigrants.

### **Another Joke From Linda:**

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph 's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number?" The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said "Noreen, Room 302"

The operator replied, "Let me place you on hold while I check with her nurse." After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "Oh, I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Noreen is doing very well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back as normal, and her physician, Dr.Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged on Tuesday."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful! I was so worried God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Noreen your daughter?" The grandmother said, "No, I'm Noreen in 302. No one tells me s\_\_t."

**Raffle:**

Kent McMichael won the raffle but not the BIG pot that now totals \$135.

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This meeting was held on Post at VMI in the Museum. Visiting Rotarians: None. Guests: Mary Ellena Ward, Partner of Jim Slack; Lynn Williams, Partner of Joe; and our speaker, Colonel Keith Gibson of VMI. Attendance: 13 members and 3 guests for a total of 16.

## Business and Announcements:

1. There will be no Bulletin published next week since we will not have a dinner meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Program:

PE Joe Pagnam arranged for a tour of the VMI Museum. We were hosted by Colonel Keith Gibson, Executive Director of the VMI Museum System. This system is made up of the on-Post Museum, the Virginia Museum of the Civil War and Battlefield located in New Market, and the Stonewall Jackson House on Washington Street in Lexington. We toured the facility located on two floors immediately below the ground level of Jackson Memorial Hall near the barracks on the VMI Post.

"With the acceptance of a Revolutionary War musket in 1856, Superintendent Smith created the VMI Museum, the first public museum in the Commonwealth.

"The VMI Museum collects, preserves, interprets and exhibits the heritage of VMI as recorded in the 20,000 artifact collection.

"From the mounted hide of "Little Sorrel," "Stonewall" Jackson's favorite horse, to seven Medals of Honor awarded to VMI alumni, the museum's 20,000 chronicles the story of the nation's first state-sponsored military college. (Notice it is no longer termed state-supported since the Commonwealth only supplies about 30% of the annual budget.)

"Many items in the collection have been presented over the past 140 years by the individuals who used them ("One of my VMI web belts Mama kept" reads a handwritten note penned by WWII General George Patton, VMI Class of 1907).

"Since 1839, VMI alumni have helped mold the history of America. The museum traces the amazing civilian and military careers of many alumni. Among the ranks of the alumni are Nobel Prize recipients, Pulitzer Prize winners, explorers, film stars, national, state and local political and civic leaders."

## Rotary Collaboration Honored by PBS:

A Rotary collaboration that transformed into a school devoted to educating hundreds of the most vulnerable youth – homeless and transient children – in San Diego was celebrated by PBS, which selected the project as a leading innovator of mentorships in the U.S. last fall. For the full story, see page 57 in the June 2017 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine.

## Don't Forget:

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have. Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in June:

Happy Birthday to: Bill Stearns on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Jane McCoy on the 6<sup>th</sup>; Laura Evans on the 7<sup>th</sup>; June Jeffries on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Linda Krantz on the 19<sup>th</sup>; Dick Minnix and Scott Risser on the 20<sup>th</sup>; Lynn Williams on the 21<sup>st</sup>; and Margaret Sayre on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to: Gabriella and Allan Somerville Brown on the 6<sup>th</sup>; and Melou and George Piegari on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Bucks and Raffle:**

Neither, since we were off site.

**A Little Wit:**

People's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. This means if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy. (Jerry Seinfeld)

**Retirees Lament:**

My wild oats have turned into prunes and All-Bran.

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President Skip presided. Guests: Megan and David Ryan and their one-year-old daughter, Anna (she is a new veterinarian taking over for Cheryl Carls, both parents are interested in Rotary), Berdie Evans, mother of Laura, and Partners Susan Barger, Connie Carter and daughter, Ainsley, Melissa Gonsalves, Donna Pagnam, Barbara Risser, Margaret Sayre, Laura Stearns, Mary Ellena Ward, and Laura Williams. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 21 members, 9 Partners, and 4 guests for a total of 34.

## Announcements and Business:

1. The 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Rockbridge Community Festival (RCF) is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> in downtown Lexington. Kent reported that the Planning Committee met last night and things are coming along well. PN Betty will be in charge of the Food Booth this year. Put the RCF on your calendar now – it will be here before you know it.
2. Ab Hammond, Co-Chair of the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program, will attend our meeting next week to accept our check for \$5,000 derived from the proceeds of the RCF and Leprechaun Leap projects.
3. PE Joe Pagnam brought back a banner from the Rotary Club of Cowes on the Isle of Wight, a club he attended during his recent visit to the UK.
4. Chip Honsinger will report next week on the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta. He noted that the closing ceremonies were attended by about 40,000 persons, roughly half from foreign countries.
5. Meet the new RI President, Australian Ian Riseley and wife Juliet, in the July, 2017 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine. Reputedly a "social networker," his theme for the year is "Rotary: Making a Difference."
6. Dick Minnix reported that Rae Carpenter was in the hospital in Roanoke for tests. Doctors are trying to determine the optimum medication to eliminate tremors he has been experiencing. He entered on Tuesday morning and will be discharged on Friday.
6. Club officers for Rotary Year 2017-18 will be installed at our meeting next week at LGCC.

## Program:

Our Annual Family Picnic was held in the Rotary Pavilion at Jordon's Point Park in East Lexington. Effie Wallace and her crew provided a wonderful outdoor meal. It consisted of pork barbecue, fried chicken (!), 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.

There was no formal program – just good food, fun, and fellowship.

## Happy Bucks (Abbreviated):

- Betty had both happy and sad bucks: sad that today was her last day at HDT Global and happy that today was her last day at HDT Global.
- Kent was happy (?) that Betty had retired but was unsure what it was going to cost him.
- Joe Milo was happy to see the dam across the Maury River again, but sadly, maybe one of the last few times.

## Pot:

No raffle tonight since the meeting was off-site. Pot remains at \$162.00.

**A Cowboy Tombstone: Five Rules To Follow For A Happy Life:**

1. It's important to have a woman 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's very, very important that these 4 women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.

(Actually inscribed on tombstone of Russell J. Larsen in Logan, UT. Won "Coolest Headstone" contest.)

**Future Programs & Activities:**

- Jun 28: Installation of Club Officers for 2017-18, RoD Henry Ravenhorst**
- Jul 05: NO MEETING; HOLIDAY**
- Jul 12: RI International Convention in Atlanta by Chip Honsinger, RoD Betty McMichael**
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President Skip presided. Guests: Audrey Hawkins and Dr. Ab Hammond, representing the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program. Visiting Rotarians: Dr. Marc Hudson, Assistant Governor of Area 6 of District 7570 and member of the Lexington Sunrise Club. Attendance: 20 members, one Visiting Rotarian, and 2 guests for a total of 23.

## Announcements and Business:

1. President Skip reminded us to place our pocket change in the blue buckets on each table to support CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust).
2. Scott Risser reported that Nick Cuzzimano came home from the hospital yesterday. Recall that he had an operation to repair a hip broken in a fall. Scott says he is the same old Nick once you get him to talking, telling the same two jokes. Give him a call on his cell (540-460-4552) or send him a card at 602 Falling Spring Road, Glasgow 24555. Glad you are home, Nick!
3. Derek Carter substituted for President Skip at the charter meeting of the new Botetourt County Rotary Club held on June 28th. It replaces the old Buchanan Club. Buchanan did not give up its charter, so this amounts to a renaming of the club which will meet at the Glebe in Daleville. They reorganized into the new club with 20 members after Buchanan got down to only three. Joe Obenshain is President and Jeff Stritsesky is PE. Recall that we sponsored the Buchanan Club in 1938; by rechartering, we are still their official sponsor.
4. Joe Pagnam was father and guiding force behind the initial Leprechaun Leap last March. Because it was so successful, our club decided to make it an annual event, however, Joe is moving out of town very soon. So Joe Milo stepped up and volunteered to chair the 2018 version of the Leap.

## Minute for Rotary:

Our Board of Directors decided to donate \$5000 from the net proceeds of the Rockbridge Community Festival and the Leprechaun Leap projects to the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program (RCBP), President Skip and Joe Pagnam presented an (oversized) check to Dr. Ab Hammond and Audrey Hawkins, Co-Chairs of the RCBP, who attended our meeting to accept the donation. They both thanked our club for its continuing support of the program over many years, both in volunteers and money. A photo was taken of the presentation; it may appear soon in our local papers.

(Note: Our Club voted in 1986 to become the official sponsor of the RCBP. What that really means is that we are responsible for any financial shortfalls (there have been none even though their annual budget now exceeds \$70K). Our role has not been publicized in order to keep the RCBP a community project.)

## Program:

President Skip called on PE Joe Pagnam to make an announcement. Joe announced he had accepted a new job in Hillsboro, NC. He and Donna will move next Thursday; his first day at work there as an IT for Orange County will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Joe said he had always wanted to be president of Rotary, but Skip wouldn't agree to a term of one day! He apologized for the situation but feels this is a significant career move.

Assistant Governor Marc Hudson installed officers for the coming year and issued a charge to them:

**Officers:**

President:	Henry (Skip) Ravenhorst	President-Nominee:	Kent McMichael
Past-President:	Henry Ravenhorst	Secretary:	Julie Goyette
VP/President-Elect:	Betty McMichael	Treasurer:	John Tucker

**Board of Directors:** Stewart Fleming, Shane Gonsalves, Linda Krantz, Jim McCoy (in absentia), and Kent McMichael.

Marc 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 President for 2017-18. Congratulations again, Skip. All members pledge their continued cooperation and support in the coming year.

Skip then reviewed his past year's service in general terms. He pointed out that details could be found in the past year's Bulletins which may be accessed on the our club's web site. Skip thanked all members for their hard work and fine cooperation given to him throughout the year.

Given, the circumstances, the tradition of pinning the new president and past-president with appropriate pins had to be abandoned.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries in July:**

Happy Birthday to: Julia Van de Water on the 11<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:**

- Joe Milo had a happy buck for Skip who very gracefully avoided a crisis for our club.
- Joe Pagnam was happy to be able to work out arrangements for driving to Hillsboro next week: a friend drives the U-Haul truck, Donna drives the family auto, and Joe rides his motorcycle.
- Scott Risser was happy for the opportunity to get to know Joe Pagnam, wished him well, and said Lexington's loss was Hillsboro's gain.
- Betty McMichael was happy on multiple counts: she thanked Skip for the past year and upcoming year; gave best wishes to Joe Pagnam; and thanked Joe Milo for volunteering to chair the next Leprechaun Leap.
- Chip Honsinger was happy to report that he will meet with Megan and David Ryan, guests at our picnic last week, to discuss Rotary; he hopes they will attend our meeting next week; Chip urged us to greet them warmly and encourage them to join us.
- Kent McMichael reported that he had several thoughts about Joe Pagnam after receiving a call from Betty that warned him to start thinking about Rotary programs as he was now President-Elect; his second call warned him to sit down first – but Skip worked it out beautifully; he wished Joe success but didn't want any more calls.
- Marc Hudson informed us that his most difficult task as AG was working with a new president who didn't know what was going on; thankfully, that won't be the case with Skip this year.
- Dr. Hammond commended our club for its continuing dedication to the RCBP.
- President Skip donated because he was happy (?) to have this job again.

**Another Joke From Linda:**

A couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is sex after death. Their biggest fear was that there was no after-life at all.

After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact: "Marion ... Marion " "Is that you, Bob?" "Yes, I've come back like we agreed." "That's wonderful! What's it like?"

"Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch

(you'd be proud - lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to golf course again. Then it's more sex until late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again"

"Oh, Bob! Are you in Heaven?" "No -- I'm a rabbit somewhere in North Carolina."

**Pot:**

Betty McMichael won the raffle and rolled a 7 with the dice to win the BIG pot of \$177. (Explanation: The date was 6/28; add the two to get 34; since you can't roll that, add again to get a 7 – that's what she needed to roll.)

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**Aug 27: Rockbridge Community Festival; Chair: Kent McMichael**

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