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All clubs in Area 6 (Botetourt County, Buena Vista, Covington-Hot Springs, Lexington, Lexington Lunch, and Lexington Sunrise) met with District Governor (DG) in at the double-decker pavilion in Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fellowship began at 5:45 pm followed by the meal at 6:30 pm.

A very nice buffet meal was served: fried chicken, beef tips in gravy, green beans, boiled potatoes, macaroni and cheese, roasted carrots, tossed salad and dressings, homemade rolls and butter, iced tea and pink lemonade, and three desserts: chocolate cake, yellow cake with sliced strawberries in the frosting, and a banana pudding. Aren't you sorry you missed it? Representing our club were members, and Rotary Partner Nancy Lowe. And we can't omit two-year old Anna Ryan and younger brother Danny who captivated the gathering. Plus several large appetites. A rough estimate of total attendance is 60.

## **Announcements and Business:**

1. See the article on Hamburg, Germany, host of the 2019 RI International Convention on page 28 of the September 2018 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine. Hamburg has a lot to offer for world travelers.
2. The annual Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards are listed in the article on page 62 of the September 2018 issue of *the Rotarian* magazine. The Rotaract Club of New Kingston, Jamaica (U.S., Canada, and Caribbean region), was recognized for its Back to School Medical Project, which provided medical exams, dental cleanings, and eye screenings to students in several underserved communities.
2. Thanks to the Buena Vista Club and, especially, president Andrew Wolfe, for making all arrangements for tonight's gathering.

## **Program:**

AG Marc Hudson introduced District Governor George Karnes.

George L. Karnes II, lives in Front Royal, VA and is a member of the Rotary Club of Warren County. George joined Rotary in 2009 and served as club president 2014-2015. George has served District 7570 as an Assistant Governor for Area 1, District Conference Steering Committee Member for 2014 and led a GSE team to Taiwan in 2013. He is a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate and facilitator, Double Sustainer, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Paul Harris Society member.

George has a passion for service and has served as a director on multiple boards including the United Way, Boy Scouts of America and the Warren County Educational Endowment. Through his church, he has organized an annual day of service dedicated to local service projects in participation with the State of Virginia "Day to Serve" and as a counselor to church members in need of financial assistance.

Professionally, George is a Vice President and Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors and specializes in helping clients pay for college, plan for and live in retirement and transfer wealth to future generations. He holds his Series 7 and 66 licenses and is an Accredited Asset Management Specialist (AAMS). Formerly, George was a technologist and principle for Financial Securities Information Systems (FSIS), an IT consulting company specializing in Wide Area Network (WAN) projects. He held credentials as a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) and A Cisco Certified Networking Professional (CCNP). His career has taken him to all 50 US states and internationally to Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, France, Switzerland and Japan. George sold his interest in FSIS in 2004 taking a four year sabbatical to spend time with his family.

George's wife, Lannette, is a graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Lannette is an active participant in Rotary projects and fundraising events and is a

critical supporter in George's Rotary service. Lannette manages their real estate business Emerald Isle Management which includes Mini-Storage & Rental Properties. They have four children Wyatt, Rachel, Tara and Zachary. George and Lannette enjoy traveling, music, reading and spending time with family.

Governor George spoke to us about his journey in Rotary: Grew up in an area much like Buena Vista; Helping Others was an Integral Part of His Family Upbringing; Book of Mormon Had a Big Influence on His Life; Rotary's 4-Way Test Fit Well Into His Life. He pointed out that Bill Skelton, former member of the Blacksburg club and DG and International President, changed Rotary and is still recognized in clubs around the world. One of the changes our current RI President has made is to allow Rotaract Clubs to organize new Rotary Clubs. This is an effort to make membership more attractive to young people.

Rotary says there are three areas we need to work on this year: the Foundation, public image, and membership. He noted that the Rotary Foundation is rated by evaluators as the number one charity in the world because of its financial practices. But membership is the most important and deserves our undivided attention.

Anyone who registers for the 2019 District Conference at the Homestead Resort by December 31 can purchase an attractive Rotary shirt for only \$10.

An outstanding speaker, George captivated us with his off the cuff remarks. Thanks, George, for an inspiring presentation.

#### **New Global Ad Campaign:**

"While many people have heard of Rotary, few people actually understand what Rotary clubs do. In fact, 35% of the public is unfamiliar with any Rotary program, including their local club. That's why Rotary has created a new global ad campaign called 'People in Action.' The ads are available for download at [www.Rotary.org/brandcenter](http://www.Rotary.org/brandcenter), where you'll also find guidelines on how to use and localize each element, making it easier for clubs in any part of the world to tell their story in a consistent, compelling way."

#### **Pot and Happy Bucks:**

Neither, as we met off site.

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

**Sep 05: Club Assembly**

**Sep 19: RARA by John Trudgeon, RoD Betty McMichael**

**Oct 03: Annual Cookout; Mulberry Hill**

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