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President Betty presided. Guests: prospective member Bill Kozak and wife Kathy; Anita Snider; and Marianne and Michael Gick, parents of Meghan Ryan. Spousal Guests: Nancy Lowe; Barbara Risser; Margaret Sayre; and Lynn Williams. Visiting Rotarian: Assistant Governor Marc Hudson. And delightful future members, two-year-old Anna and 9-month-old Danny Ryan, children of Meghan and David. Attendance: 10 guests and 14 members for a total attendance of 24, not counting the Ryan children.

## Announcements and Business:

1. President Betty welcomed all and thanked Kappa Alpha Order for allowing us to use the site for our cookout. She also thanked the following: Joe and Lynn Williams for organizing this entire event; Bill Lowe for cooking the delicious steaks; and all others who brought food and/or wine to the cookout.
2. AG Marc Hudson installed Anita Snider as our newest member. Anita is the Administrative Assistant of the Executive Director of Kappa Alpha Order, National Administrative Offices. Don't forget to welcome her when you next encounter her at a meeting.
3. Brent Buswell, President of the Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees, presented President Betty a check for \$6000 as our share of the profits from the 2018 Rockbridge Community Festival. This is the largest share we have ever received from participation in this project.
4. Prospective new members of the club:
  - (a) Bill Kozak, retired from US Coast Guard; recently moved to area to be near his son who replaces Paul Barron at the Marshall Library; sponsor, Joe Milo
  - (b) Mike Orrison, owner of Orrison Tree Service; sponsor, Kent
  - (c) Charlotte Sibold, Kendal; former member of the club; sponsor, Betty
  - (d) Charles Kostelni, Sales, Pulpwood; former member of the club; sponsor, Kent
5. 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 **October Newsletter 2018**.
6. Don't miss the profile and photo of Beverly Pitzer, selected as Team leader for the 2019 GSE Team to Taiwan, in the October issue of the Newsletter.

## Program:

None, other than installation of new member Anita. Otherwise, there was just good food, fun, and fellowship. In your editor's opinion, this event continues to be one of the highlights of our Rotary year.

We splurged this year and had filets, and they were delicious – Bill Lowe did a fantastic job of grilling. The food fairy made sure we had a variety of delectable pot luck. And, if anyone just doesn't cook anymore, they were urged to come anyway. There is always plenty to eat. And a few bottles of wine and beer (BYOB) did not hurt.

Special thanks to our gracious hosts: Lynn and Joe Williams. They worked very hard to get everything set for our gathering. The setting was wonderful and President Betty ordered up perfect weather for the event. Thanks again, to all who had a hand in organizing this wonderful gathering.

## Happy Bucks:

- Joe Milo had two comments: he hopes one or more of the Kozaks will join our club; and the cheese grits tonight were GREAT.
- Chip and Mary Honsinger have been away for 10 weeks: 6 weeks in Canada and New England and 4 weeks in Alaska; they did the Rotary bit while away.

- President Brent Buswell of the Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees announced the 5th Annual Lexington Gobble Wobble 5k & Fun Run! on Thanksgiving Day 2018. They will be hosting both a 5k (walk or run) and children's Fun Run, making this a community event the whole family can participate in! So come out and enjoy the festivities, but don't worry, they'll still get you home in time to put the turkey in the oven! The event is open to runners/walkers of all abilities. Strollers welcome. Pets welcome.
- Joe Milo is looking forward to exceeding 100 runners at the 2019 Leprechaun Leap.
- Kent McMichael thanked Lynn and Joe Williams for making all the arrangements for tonight's cookout.
- Dick Minnix plugged his son's talk on "How to Build a Road Underwater" at 4:30 pm on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Kendal. Some rather unique engineering features will be covered.
- AG Marc Hudson endorsed the appearance of RI President Barry Rassin at the District Foundation Dinner at VA Tech on December 7th.

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries in October:**

Happy Birthday to: George Piegari on the 1<sup>st</sup>; Joe Milo on the 4<sup>th</sup>; David Krantz on the 7<sup>th</sup>; David Ryan on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Derek Carter on the 17<sup>th</sup>; and Connie Carter on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to Margaret and Robert Sayre on the 27th.

#### **A Retiree's Last Trip to Kroger:**

Yesterday I was at my local Kroger's buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think...I had an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Kroger's won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

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

**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, start at NOON**

**Nov 09: Place Flags on Graves in Observance of Veteran's Day**

**Nov 14: Pick Up Flags from Veteran's Graves**

**Dec 07: District Foundation Dinner at VA TECH; cost \$85/person; speaker: RI President Barry Rassin**

**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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