



# THE LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB BULLETIN

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President-Elect Skip Ravenhorst presided in the absence of President Derek. Guests: Mike Higgins, Partner of AG Emily. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 26 members and 1 guest for a total of 27. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## Announcements and Business:

1. Chair Kent McMichael circulated sheets for our members to sign up for our annual Veteran's Day recognition of deceased veterans. Flags will be placed on veterans graves on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:00 pm in Evergreen and at 3:30 pm in Stonewall Jackson Cemeteries. They will be removed on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:00 pm. Come on out and help even if you didn't sign up.
2. President-Elect Skip reports he attended an informal meeting with the Jaycees on Thursday, November 5, and received a nice check for \$5750 as our share of the net proceeds of the Rockbridge Community Festival.
3. Jim Slack has completed our Club application to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status for the "Lexington Rotary Club Foundation (LRCF)." Treasurer John Tucker is designated as our "Principal." Our Board will need to appoint a Board for the LRCF when approval is received from the IRS.
4. Joe Milo suggested a women's "Roller Derby" as a possible fund raiser at our Club Assembly on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Because of fears of floor damage, the only site he has found available locally is The Stonebridge Center at Natural Bridge Station. Joe plans to attend a "Derby" in Harrisonburg scheduled for 5:30 pm on Sunday and has extra space in his vehicle for anyone who wishes to accompany him. At half time Amy Milo will give insider insight into the rough and tumble. Boyfriend Patrick will explain the intricacies of the sport as the bout progresses and excitement mounts! Please contact Joe if you would like to see a typical match.
5. PDG Rae Carpenter joined our Club on November 5, 1959. He has maintained "perfect attendance" in the 56-year interval since joining, even through open heart surgery. He was President of the Lexington Rotary Club in 1966-67 and Governor of Rotary District 7570 in 1997-98. To recognize his achievement, Treasurer John presented Rae with a "56" attachment to be worn on his Rotary pin, signifying his years of perfect attendance.

## Minute for Rotary:

Chip Honsinger recalled the wonderful Group Study Exchanges carried on over his 29 years in Rotary and expressed his dismay and displeasure with RI's cessation of GSE a year or two ago. He recalled that over the past 17 years the Lexington Rotary Club and/or our District 7570 have enjoyed exchanges of rising young adults from more than 16 countries from around the world, which he named. He urged club members to use any opportunity to push RI toward restoring the GSE Program.

## Induction of New Member:

Membership Chair Emily inducted our newest member.

**Dennis M. Garvis.** Classification: Business Education. Dennis is a member and former Head of the department of Business Administration at WLU. He holds a BBA and a JD from the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. in Management from Georgia State University. He and his Partner Natalie have three grown children; Natalie is Associate Controller at WLU. They make their home at 805 Stonewall Street and may be contacted at (HP)460-2438 or (BP)458-8069 or [garvisd@wlu.edu](mailto:garvisd@wlu.edu). Sponsor: Emily Higgins.

Welcome, Dennis and Natalie. We look forward to many years of service and fellowship together.

## Program:

Our own MJ Jones, Outreach Coordinator of Rockbridge Area Hospice (RAH), presented the program on “Rockbridge Area Hospice: We Honor Veterans Program” (WHV).

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs, created **We Honor Veterans (WHV)** to empower hospice and other non-Hospice community partners across America to meet the **unique needs** of seriously ill veterans and their families.

WHV partners address both **physical** and **emotional** needs, including the psychological toll of war and how it impacts the end-of-life journey. The program teaches respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgement.

Within the WHV program, there are four levels of distinction that partners can earn based on their involvement with veteran education, training, community outreach and interaction with the veterans and family members for which they are caring.

Currently, there are over 2400 hospice partners enrolled in the program. RAH became the 89<sup>th</sup> hospice to achieve level IV of the WHV program, the highest level and, at the time of recognition, was only the 5<sup>th</sup> out of all participating Virginia hospices to have done so. RAH achieved the status in less than two years.

Many community hospice providers, like RAH, have implemented an innovative model for serving veterans at the end of life – the Veteran-to-Veteran Program.

The program aims to pair veteran volunteers with hospice patients who have been identified as veterans. Once paired, veteran volunteers have the **unique ability to relate and connect** with each patient thereby **creating an environment where life review and healing may occur**.

Volunteers are essential to the delivery of quality hospice care. Veterans are a part of a distinct culture with their own common language and experience. When veterans interact, their common language and experience can form a strong relational bond, The camaraderie created between veterans has proven to be supportive for all involved.

176 area veterans have been cared for by RAH since 2011.

## Happy Bucks:

- Chip Honsinger was happy to describe his and Mary’s recent travels to visit family and friends; he also promised to try and communicate their fascination with Cuba, based on a recent visit, at our meeting next week.
- Skip Ravenhorst fined himself a dollar for mentioning that Omaha was also famous for steaks when Chip praised their zoo – there is no connection, hopefully.
- Dick Minnix was happy to remind us of the RF dinner at Hotel Roanoke on November 14<sup>th</sup> but Rotarians must register online by Saturday.
- Bill Stearns was happy to mention that he ran across Marian and Dick Minnix at lunch yesterday and was delighted to learn that they had closed the sale of their home after six years.
- Mary Sayre was happy to praise an amazing Steve Martin Concert, tickets provided by her daughter; she is also proud of her daughter and husband for volunteering at an animal shelter while on vacation; and was proud that her son was one of 61 sky divers in a coordinated dive who broke the world record and may have realized his life-long dream to make the Guinness Book of Records.
- Betty McMichael was happy to welcome Denny to our Club; and raved about the irreverent(?) Doyle and Debbie Country Music Show at the Barter Theater in Abingdon and recommended that all attend one or more Barter productions.
- Emily Higgins was happy to commend Rae for his incredible attendance record, Denny for becoming a new member, and her son who recently married, a fabulous and expensive event; and expressed her appreciation for Hospice for their compassionate care of her brother and father at their end of life; also was sad to report that she and Partner Mike would be leaving the Lexington Area after about 20 years in order for Mike to accept a job opportunity in Maryland; he was not at

liberty to disclose his new employment yet but Emily said it was just too good to turn down. They will leave toward the end of the month. She reminisced about the kid's trip here from Erie and their school experiences. Tonight is her last meeting as a member of our club – she has been a breath of fresh air, exuding energy and enthusiasm for our Club and the District – she will be sorely missed. Members stood and gave her a standing ovation in recognition of her contributions to our community and our Club..

### **A Heartwarming Story:**

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money." The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then, reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer.

And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would." With that, the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so, he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully, he handed it to the little boy. "How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

### **POT:**

Emily Higgins very appropriately won the raffle but, unfortunately, not the BIG pot that now totals \$87.50.

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

- Nov 11: A Visit to Cuba by Mary and Chip Honsinger**
- Nov 12: Remove Flags from Veteran's Graves; start at 4:00 pm; RoD Kent McMichael**
- Nov 14: RF Annual Banquet, Hotel Roanoke**
- Nov 18: NO MEETING; see entry below.**
- Nov 19: Chamber After Hours at Visitor's Center; NOTE: Thursday 5:30–7:30 pm**
- Nov 25: NO MEETING; Thanksgiving Eve**
- Dec 02: The Rotary Foundation by Marc Hudson**
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President-Elect Skip Ravenhorst presided in the absence of President Derek. Guests: Dot Fogo was the guest of Partner Wally; Nancy Lowe was the guest of Partner Bill; Maryann Fleming was the guest of Partner Stewart; and neighbors Sue Whitsitt and Fred Massey, friends Ann and Jerry Nay, and Tracey Lackey, proprietor of Intimate U downtown were all guests of Mary and Chip Honsinger. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 27 members and 8 guests for a total of 35. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## Announcements and Business:

1. Chair Kent McMichael circulated sheets for our members to sign up to remove flags placed on veteran's graves last Friday in our annual Veteran's Day recognition of deceased veterans. They will be removed on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:00 pm.
2. President-Elect Skip reports he attended an informal meeting with the Jaycees on Thursday, November 5, and received a nice check for \$5650 (note correction) as our share of the net proceeds of the Rockbridge Community Festival.
3. Mary Sayre discussed the upcoming meeting at the Visitor's Center on Thursday, November 19. Part of the Chamber After Hours program, it will be a celebration of what the Lexington, Lexington Sunrise, and Buena Vista Rotary Clubs have accomplished over the past decade. Members were asked to sign up for set-up, clean-up, and bar tending at the meeting. **Note that it is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 pm and no meal will be served, although there will probably be some snacks.** The Sunrise Club wants to have a meeting late on Tuesday to coordinate assignments for the meeting. Mary will seek more information about this meet and it will be sent to all members before Tuesday.

## Minute for Rotary:

In his Minute for Rotary, Chip Honsinger explained that the 200+ countries with Rotary clubs are a reflection of the world political situation. China does not allow its people to belong to service/civic clubs. Therefore, in China only foreign passport holders may belong to Rotary clubs, of which there are seven. There are numerous Rotary clubs in European Russia and central Russia, all in at least two Rotary districts. Russia used to have some Rotary clubs on its Pacific coast, which were part of the Rotary district in Alaska, but those clubs have disappeared off the Rotary map. Some troubled countries with lots of Rotary clubs are Egypt, Israel, Pakistan, Ukraine, and two clubs in Afghanistan. On the other hand one can guess some countries that do not have Rotary clubs -- Cuba, Venezuela, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Palestine, Syria, and perhaps surprisingly, Saudi Arabia.

## Program:

Mary and Chip Honsinger recently spent 10 days in Cuba on the People To People Program -- tourists are still not allowed. As a result of their visit, they are convinced it is past time to restore relations with the nation of Cuba.

Cuban historical review:

1492 -- discovered by Columbus and became Spanish colony

1868 -- Independence War started

1898 -- USS *Maine* sunk

1901 -- Cuban Constitution and Platt Amendment (Guantanamo, U.S. right to intervene)

1940-44 -- Bautista president, backed by U.S.

1952 -- Established dictatorship. Anti-Communist. Backed by U.S. but became increasingly oppressive, corrupt, and associated with mafia in U.S. Fled in 1959

1956 – Castro started rebellion.

1959 – Agrarian Reform Law gave land to 120,000 farmers and affected U.S. sugar interests.

1960 – Nationalized all U.S.-owned property (sugar). U.S. trade embargo. Urban Reform Law– gave housing to occupants

1961 – U.S. broke diplomatic relations. Cuba began close relations with USSR.

April 1961 – Bay of Pigs

1962 – U.S. embargo strengthened, ending importation of U.S. cars and parts. Many cars imported from Russia until 2009, then China. Cuban missile crisis

1963 – U.S. travel restrictions

1991 – “Special Period” caused by loss of USSR as trading partner. Fuel shortage. Venezuelan oil/cash stepped in.

2006 – Raul Castro took over from Fidel.

2/18 – President Raul Castro will retire. To be succeeded by V.P.Diaz- Canel

People: Slaves worked the sugar plantations. They were freed in 1867. 60% of Cubans descended from slaves. All residents including immigrants now are “all Cubans.”

Economy, wages, and shopping: Government owned almost everything, employed almost all workers, and set production quotas. In 2011 there were new economic reforms: Cubans can get licenses to be entrepreneurs. Many jobs no longer official (employed by government).

Two currencies: planned to abolish in 2013 but did not happen. Prices are high – 2 weeks wages for a pair of sandals, 1½ months for a table fan.

They have free education, health care, and subsidies for food, etc. All have ration cards for food. Their major trading partners today are Canada, China, Brazil, Netherlands, Spain, and Venezuela. Their major exports are medical personnel to the developing world, raw sugar, refined petroleum, tobacco. Major imports are refined petroleum, wheat, corn, poultry meat, concentrated milk.

Currently, there is lots of activity in the arts: music, dancing, ballet, theater, movies, and TV

He concluded his presentation with a series of slides primarily made in the three cities they visited.

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Dick Minnix was happy to see Ann and Jerry Nay present tonight; Dick noted that Jerry, a former member and president of this club, was the first Chair of the Annual RCF, an outgrowth of the Bicentennial Celebration; also, he was one of the leaders in organizing the first Bonnie Blue National Horse Show held in May 1988.
- Linda Krantz was happy to remind us of the Jazz Quartet that will play at her home on Friday evening.
- Bill Lowe was happy to report that, following a conference in Denver, he was able to attend the USAFA-USMA football game that USAFA won and put in a plug for Army to beat USNA so USAFA could claim the President’s Cup.
- Mary Sayre was happy to relate a long genealogical report wherein she was successful in locating a long-lost branch of her family.
- Chip Honsinger was happy to announce that the USNA was rated the 23<sup>rd</sup> best FB team in the nation.
- Jerry Nay made an announcement that a local group has been formed to aid in bringing Syrian refugees to this area and they would probably call on us for help.

### **What Goes Around Comes Around:**

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill ... His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.  
(Source: unknown.)

**POT:**

Guest Jerry Nay won the raffle but not the BIG pot that now totals \$116.00.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

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Along with the Buena Vista and Lexington Sunrise Clubs, our Club assembled at 5:30 pm at the Lexington Visitor's Center on Thursday, November 19. Part of the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours Program, it was a celebration of what these three Rotary Clubs have accomplished over the past decade.

### **Announcements and Business:**

1. President Derek is back from his international travels and led our contingent last evening.
2. **Note that we don't meet next Wednesday – it is Thanksgiving Eve. The next time we gather will be Wednesday, December 2, at LGCC.**
3. No Club Bulletin will be published next week.
4. In the Holiday rush, don't forget to send your contribution to the Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program at P. O. Box 1030, Lexington.

### **Program:**

There was no formal program, just meet, eat, drink, and fellowship. Sodas, beer, and wine were available, along with chips and salsa, guacamole, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, hot meatballs, chicken salad, and fresh cookies. Each club contributed for the refreshments according to their membership.

Apparently, most of the Sunrise Club brought their Partners so there was a large gathering, estimated at 125 persons. The decibel level in the room rose steadily during the evening.

This event afforded us a good opportunity to visit with members of other clubs and some members of the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries in December:**

Happy Birthday to: Bill Lowe on the 1<sup>st</sup>; Joe Pagnum on the 6<sup>th</sup>; and Debbie Barron on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to: Dot and Wally Fogo on the 5<sup>th</sup>; Laura and Bill Stearns on the 21<sup>st</sup>; and Barbara and Scott Risser on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **A Glass of Wine Before Turning In:**

A single glass at night could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night's sleep. I kid you not....

Clare Valley vintners in South Australia, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as.... **PINO MORE.**

### **On the subject of Colonoscopies:**

Colonoscopies are no joke, but these comments during the exam were quite humorous.

A physician claimed that the following are actual comments made by his patients (predominately male) while he was performing their colonoscopies:

1. 'Take it easy, Doc. You're boldly going where no man has gone before!'
2. 'Can you hear me NOW?'
3. 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?'
4. 'Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?'
5. 'You put your left hand in, you take your left hand out...'
6. 'Hey! Now I know how a Muppet feels!'

7. 'If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!'
  8. 'You used to be an executive at Enron, didn't you?'
- And the best one of all:
9. 'Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is not up there?'

**Happy Bucks, Raffle, and POT:**

None held tonight inasmuch as meeting was held off site.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

- Nov 25: NO MEETING; Thanksgiving Eve**
- Dec 02: The Rotary Foundation by Marc Hudson**
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President Derek presided. Guests: Barbara Risser, Partner of Scott. Visiting Rotarians: Marc Hudson of the Lexington Sunrise Club, and District Governor Alex Wilkins. Attendance was 26 members and 3 guests for a total of 29. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## Announcements and Business:

- Alex Wilkins opened with a Rotary Minute and spoke about the impact of Rotary on his life. He described that when he was given the Rotary pin, it meant "potential", the potential that he could have within Rotary.
- Nick Cuzzimano was then recognized with a pin from Alex Wilkins and President Derek for sponsoring new member Joe Williams.
- President Derek then noted several important dates for Rotary members including birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.
- Julia Van De Water reminded the group that Christmas basket packing is scheduled for December 19 at the Horse Center. Packages should be ready for delivery around 9:30 or 10 a.m. Please sign up for a time slot to help deliver packages. Julie noted that 2300 individuals, including 1100 children, will be served by the Christmas basket program this year.
- Julie Goyette asked members to alert her and John Tucker if they make up a meeting.

## Program:

Dr. Marc Hudson opened the program by sharing a bit about himself. He has been a member of the Lexington Sunrise Club for 20 years and served as Club President about 2-3 years ago. He has been coming to Lexington since 1994 to work at his optometry practice in the area. He makes his home in Harrisonburg with his wife. Dr. Hudson then shared information about the Rotary Foundation with the group.

There are six major areas of focus for the Rotary work:

- a. Water and sanitation
- b. Disease prevention and treatment
- c. Peace and conflict management
- d. Economy
- e. Maternal and child health
- f. Basic education and literacy

Dr. Hudson shared information about global grant work, including stoves being provided to Guatemalans. This was a project organized by James Cook to address the respiratory health issues brought on by indoor cooking in Guatemala. The stoves, called Onils, produce the smoky flavor desired by this culture, while ensuring ventilation of the smoke. Through this program, 250 stoves were provided.

He then spoke of foundation work at home, including park restoration, supplying dictionaries to the school systems, a program to provide lunches and weekend meals to school children and facility repairs.

Dr. Hudson then went onto speak about collaborative grants. He encouraged the club members to participate in the annual fund as a sustainer. During 2012-2013, District 7570 contributed \$423K to the annual fund. \$211K was set aside for the world fund.

Dr. Hudson, with the help of District Governor Wilkins then reviewed 2016 goals, which include:

- g. Increase the annual fund.
- h. Increase Paul Harris members by 25.
- i. Increase major donors by 25%.

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Skip gave two happy bucks, one for Mark Hudson our new Assistant Governor for his talk, for Mark being his eye doctor but also for being his barber and he gave one more for Alex our District Governor in thanks for stopping by.
- Mary gave a dollar, as she was happy to celebrate her birthday recently, it was a beautiful day with a surprise family party.
- Laura gave a dollar in celebration of her mother's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Linda gave three happy bucks one for her husband who went to a comedy show by Steam Punk and brought her back some earring's, a second one for being spell bound while reading the November Rotarian and a third one for the Rockbridge Orchestra fund raiser she is hosting on December 16th with the annual holiday sing along. Entry is \$30, everyone welcome
- Alex our district Governor was happy that someone actually read the Rotarian
- Mary gave one more dollar, as she is the treasurer for the Rockbridge Orchestra. If it were not for the Krantz's it would not be the same experience. Linda is a super star.
- Derek gave 5 dollars, one for Mark in thanks for his talk, one for Alex thanks for joining our meeting this evening. The other three go to the club as he enjoys Rotary and has really missed being here recently.

### **POT:**

No tickets sold so POT remains at \$166.00.

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

- Dec 09: Club Christmas Party; Sunnyside House at Kendal**
- Dec 16: NO MEETING; See December 19 Below**
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- Jan 06: Skelton Jones Scholarship Winner by Megan Hough**

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In lieu of our usual meeting a club social evening was held at Sunnyside House on the campus of Kendal at Lexington. Guest: Barbara Carpenter, daughter of Rae. Attendance: 27 members, 13 Partners, and 1 guest for a total of 41. Presence of the Partners certainly improved the overall appearance and added class to the gathering. This meeting counts as a regular meeting.

### Announcements and Business:

1. The 67th Annual Christmas Basket packing and delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 19th. Packing should commence about 8:00am in the Virginia Horse Center (VHC) and deliveries about 10:00am. (There is little heat in the VHC so dress warmly, including gloves.) Julia Van de Water will coordinate deliveries by our club. We are responsible for delivering about 80 baskets in the Lexington South area; this is the area of the city that lies South of Nelson Street. Julia still has already circulated the Christmas Basket sign up sheet so everyone should know their duty times. **If you are not on the list or want to help please contact Julia by email.** She will probably have city maps to guide us in some of the unfamiliar areas of Lexington South. It is more efficient if members form delivery teams with one driver and one or more to carry baskets to the front doors of homes. (Your editor suggests that it would be educational to bring along your children and/or grandchildren -- it may open their eyes to see how some other people live.) Pick-up trucks, station wagons, and SUVs are ideal for hauling baskets.
2. Don't forget to send your generous contributions to Rockbridge Christmas Basket Program, P. O. Box 1030, Lexington.
3. Inasmuch as no dinner meetings are scheduled until next year, no further Bulletins will be published this year.

### Program:

In lieu of our regular meeting, a club social was held on Wednesday, December 9, at Sunnyside House on the campus at Kendal at Lexington. It was a combination cocktail party and potluck hors d'oeuvres that began at our usual meeting time of 6:00 pm. Rotarians provided the food. The club provided the libation with some members bringing their own. Sunnyside House provides a beautiful setting, the food and drink were fabulous, and the fellowship even better. We extend special thanks to Charlotte Sibold and Derek Carter for making the arrangements.

### Future Programs & Activities:

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President Derek presided. Guests: Jennifer Hough, mother of our speaker, Megan. Visiting Rotarians: District Governor Alex Wilkins and his wife, Janice; Past District Governor Woody Sadler and his wife, Lori; and Assistant District Governor Marc Hudson. Attendance: 25 members and 7 guests for a total of 32. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

## Announcements and Business:

1. President Derek opened up the meeting by giving several Thank You's: Joe Pagnam for volunteering to drive the two Rockbridge County RYLA students back home to Lexington on Sunday, December 6. December service project – Rockbridge Christmas Baskets project on Saturday, December 19 was a big success! Thank you to all who participated. A special Thank You goes to our club members Bill Lowe and Julia Van de Water who put in a lot of time and effort to plan and coordinate the details of the Rockbridge Christmas Baskets project. Also, on December 17, Linda and President Derek attended the Christmas party at The Manor of Natural Bridge, an assisted living facility. Thank you to the club for providing funds to help purchase Christmas gifts for The Manor's residents, and thank you to Linda for joining me at the Christmas party.
2. Start the year strong!! President Derek encouraged all club members to send service project ideas to Mary Sayre and ideas for speakers, programs and business tours should be sent to Skip Ravenhorst.
3. President Derek then noted several important dates for Rotary members including birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.
4. District Governor Alex gave an overview of the District Conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 18-20, 2016. Alex encouraged everyone to attend!
5. President Derek shared a Rotary Minute.
6. Reminder – The club's Board of Directors will hold a Board meeting following the regular meeting on January 13.

## Program:

Rotary for years had an Ambassadorial Scholarship. It is now called a Skelton/Jones scholarship. This year we have the pleasure of seeing it awarded to Megan Hough of Lexington. She spoke to us about her background and ambitions.

Megan is a graduate of Rockbridge County High School where she was a student of Emily Higgins (who guided her to this award), was a founder of the Hospice Hustle, and played well on the Lacrosse team. She has been a Summer International Service Intern in Barcelona, Spain, teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) - including how to build bridges that hold multiple dictionaries using popsicle sticks - in Spanish and English to high school students around Barcelona. She will graduate from the United States Naval Academy this spring.

Using the Skelton/Jones scholarship, Megan will be a graduate student at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England. She will study Nuclear Energy Policy. Her principle interest in the Navy is submarines that will give her nuclear engineering experience with nuclear powered submarines. She has had two cruises on nuclear powered submarines.

Megan leads the Honor Brigade at the Naval Academy. She is on the Division I Varsity Intercollegiate Sailing team and will not attend the Rotary Conference at the Homestead because she will be competing then. Megan's hope's after the Navy is to continue her service in world nuclear policy.

### **Happy Bucks:**

- Kent did not have a happy buck he had a happy question and asked District Governor Alex the question, "what's happening with Group Study Exchange? What's the situation?" Alex gave a buck and an extensive answer, the bottom line of which was that only 12% of the GSE team members actually joined Rotary after the exchange. Therefore, GSE was terminated by the Rotary International Board because there just was not enough bang for the buck, or rather the expense just could not justify the return.
- DG Alex gave a dollar as both his sons are active duty Marine Officers, one returning safely recently from the Persian Gulf.
- PDG Woody gave a dollar for all the money collected in the blue CART buckets as it looks like it brought in over half a million dollars this year.
- Bill Lowe gave 5 dollars to thank everyone for their support and participation in the Christmas basket program for this the 67<sup>th</sup> year.
- Rae gave a thank you dollar as he attended a workshop at the Naval Academy, and it was one of the main things that led to a change in his whole life and spent 25 years doing demonstrations to schools, colleges and visited many countries worldwide.
- John Furgerson was a graduate of the Naval Academy, but he gave a happy buck as he will achieve 85 years old before the next meeting.
- Skip gave a dollar for the Naval Academy and joked, that's like the VMI of the North right? He gave another buck for his grandson who just turned one year old and he has started taking a few staggering steps.
- Julia gave a happy 5 dollars and it was for everyone helping to make it a successful Christmas basket program this year.
- Joe had a follow up dollar for Julia who wore mistletoe for the whole day of basket delivery.
- Mary gave a dollar as she was so impressed by Megan and all the young people who do such amazing things but couldn't do it without the full support of their moms and dads.
- Linda gave one or two dollars to tell another of her well known dirty jokes but she was embarrassed as she admires all the people in the room and feels like scum but the joke had a good twist at the end.
- Derek gave three happy bucks, one for Julia, one for Bill Lowe, and one for Megan.

### **POT:**

Jennifer Hough our guest both drew and won the raffle drawing but not the big pot that now totals \$137.00.

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

**January 13:** LG&CC Stephanie RiCharde, speaker; "The Mobile Food Pantry." ROD: Mary Sayre. Board meeting following the regular meeting.

**January 20:** NO MEETING: See next entry

**January 21:** Service Project: Rotary delivers for Mobile Food Pantry

**January 27:** LG&CC Kent McMichael (speaker and ROD): Arlington National Cemetery

**February 3:** LG&CC Eric Wilson: Rockbridge Historical Society. ROD: Skip Ravenhorst

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January 13, 2015

Volume LXX, Number 24

President Derek presided. Guests: Stephanie RiCharde our speaker; and Gabe Leasure, a friend of Stephanie's. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 26 members and 2 guests for a total of 28. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### Announcements and Business:

1. President Derek encouraged all club members to send service project ideas to Mary Sayre, and ideas for speakers, programs and business tours should be sent to Skip Ravenhorst.
2. President Derek then noted several important dates for Rotary members including birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.
3. Remember to sign up for the District Conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 18-20, 2016. The McMichael's have offered to host breakfast at their cabin for any day trippers to the conference.
4. A reminder that there will be **no Rotary meeting next Wednesday 20th** as we have a service project organized by Mary Sayre. The members already signed up will deliver boxes filled with the bags of snacks to the local schools in Rockbridge County. Pick up will be on Thursday, January 21st starting at 9:30am. The bags are designed to be easily included in the children's backpacks to be taken home at the end of the school day. See the program below for details of the Backpack Snack Program.
5. Our Board of Directors met for their regular monthly meeting immediately following tonight's meeting.
6. Dick Minnix will enter Augusta Health next Friday for hip replacement surgery.

### Program:

Mary Sayre introduced speaker Stephanie RiCharde and her friend Gabe Leasure who was there to assist her with the presentation. Stephanie is the Rural Outreach Coordinator/AmeriCorps\*VISTA for Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee University and presented the Weekend Backpack Snack Program.

Stephanie was born and raised in Lexington, and she is a graduate of Rockbridge County High School and Virginia Tech. Stephanie has a master's degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Central Florida. Stephanie worked for six years as a mental health and substance abuse counselor in Lexington, and she is a founding member of the Rockbridge-Bath Crisis Intervention Team. Stephanie has fulfilled all of the coursework and is working on her dissertation toward a PhD in International Psychology.

Stephanie explained that many school children in the local area are undernourished or as she put it "suffer from food insecurity." The program is run by Washington and Lee University and staffed by the students who normally deliver backpacks every Thursday.

Campus Kitchens began the Backpack Snack Backpack Program in 2009. Stephanie said the intent is to diminish the meal gap that students eligible for free or reduced lunch experience on weekends. The students receive breakfast and lunch five days a week at school, but the concern is that they may go hungry during the weekend.

Bags are filled with at least seven items at Campus Kitchens by volunteer students and delivered in bins to the school on Thursdays. Student participants take their bags home with them to consume over the weekend. Snack food is chosen as it will fill the hunger gap, will not go bad and the children can easily open and consume. The bins used for delivery are returned to the Campus Kitchen and the cycle repeats.

**Happy Bucks:**

- Joe gave a buck for the two schools in Lexington, W&L and VMI. Stephanie's dad took a professorship at VMI; her grandfather as a young man worked as a professional at a waterworks in Florida. He moved to Lexington where he ended up running the waste treatment plant in B.V. for years. Now we also have Miss RiCharde here it's what these kinds of people bring to Lexington and we have W&L and VMI to thank.
- Skip gave one for Kent McMichael as he has had his program bounced around like a ping pong ball and he has been very patient with me.
- Mary gave a buck to thank Stephanie for doing the program at the very last minute and for Skip working to get it all to happen and pushing Kent back again.
- Bill Stearns happy buck was for his wife Laura who had a heart attack before Christmas; it's for Stonewall Jackson and Carillion in Roanoke and is thankful she is doing very, very well.
- Scott gave a couple of happy bucks one for Stephanie's talk and what she did not say was Campus Kitchen was now planning on distributing food down in the southern end of the county this spring out of the Stonebridge building. The other one is he had a toe removed and finally is very happy after over 2 months that he could take a bath. Everyone was also happy about that.
- George gave five bucks for Stephanie. He worked with her father and he knew her grandfather. He offered to add another five if she knew what her grandfather did walking around town. She got it absolutely right. He walked around Lexington whistling.

**POT:**

Gabe Leasure, our guest, drew Julie's raffle ticket, but she did not win the big pot that now totals \$153.00.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

**Jan 20: NO MEETING: See next entry**

**Jan 21: Service Project: Rotary delivers for Mobile Food Pantry**

**Jan 27: Kent McMichael (speaker and ROD): Arlington National Cemetery, LG&CC**

**Feb 03: Rockbridge Historical Society by Eric Wilson; ROD Skip Ravenhorst; LG&CC**

**Mar 02: Annual Partner's Night & Awards Banquet; LG&CC**

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President Derek presided. Guests: Former club member and owner of Sweet Treats Shane Gonsalves was a guest of Skip Honsinger and Jim McCoy from New Haven, CT and was a guest of Bill Lowe. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 25 members and 2 guests for a total of 27. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### Announcements and Business:

1. Remember to sign up for the District Conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 18-20, 2016. The McMichael's have offered to host breakfast at their cabin for any day trippers to the conference.
2. CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) blue buckets – please bring your change and dollar bills to put in these buckets.
3. We need to fill our club's calendar with great speakers, service projects and business tours!! Please send service project ideas to Mary Sayre, and ideas for speakers, programs and business tours should be send to Skip Ravenhorst. Please help us with your ideas!
4. President Derek presented a Rotary Minute on the Four Way Test.

### Program:

Our very own Kent McMichael, the Kappa Alpha Order HQ Archivist, gave a surprisingly amusing but very interesting talk about the Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington Cemetry is of course very different from normal cemeteries in that is one of the most well-known of the national cemeteries in the nation and is the home of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Arlington has a long history linking back to the time when the estate was the home of the R. E. Lee family. That all ended for them when the civil war broke out and Lee decided to fight for the southern cause. Being so close to Washington DC, it was not long before the northern army took control of Arlington. But by 1864 there were so many soldiers needing to be buried and as Arlington was available it was decided to use that for their burial site. It is being used for that purpose to the present day.

Kent spent a tour of military duty at Arlington Cemetery and many of his stories came from his time there. Even during burial ceremonies, when it is important that everything goes just right, the unexpected would happen. Kent and the guards would take it all in their stride and handle it as if nothing had happened. More often than not carrying on to finish the ceremony. Kent I'm sure will be happy to recite his stories if you care to ask him.

### Happy Bucks:

- Derek started us off with 2 dollars as he apparently owes them for bad jokes, so he said they as both for Kent as he is such an original.
- Joe gave 2 bucks, one for an earlier political comment he made and the other as it was good to see Shane at the club again. Joe particularly remembers that Shane gave a big tray of rice and beans which was the highlight of the international festival!
- John Tucker's buck was for Dick Minnix who had his hip operation Friday and was back home on Sunday is doing well but as John put it Dick still needs a little bit of exercise.

- Chip gave a buck and told us about a novel he and Mary read that they could not put down until they finished it. The characters in the book used the Four-Way Test in order to pursue the case. Chip recommended the book to everyone. If you want a good read, it's called *The Rotary Club Murder Mystery* by Graham Landrum. Linda Krantz does have a copy passed to her by Chip.

#### **A Little Humor: Blonde Man Jokes**

- A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband."
- A friend told the blonde woman: "Christmas is on a Friday this year." She then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."
- A woman phoned her blonde neighbor and said: "Close your curtains the next time you and your wife are having sex. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday." To which the blonde man replied: "Well the joke's on all of you because I wasn't even at home yesterday!"

Thanks to Scott Risser.

#### **POT:**

Scott Risser had the winning raffle ticket, but rolled a nine instead of tonight's 10 so the big pot now totals \$174.00.

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

- Feb 03: Rockbridge Historical Society by Eric Wilson; ROD: Skip Ravenhorst**
- Feb 10: LRC Web Site by Julie Goyette**
- Feb 17: TBA**
- Feb 24: Presentation by the Rockbridge Ballet. RoD: George Piegari**
- Mar 02: TBA**
- Mar 09: RARO by John "Rocky" Trudgeon; ROD: George Piegari**
- Mar 16: Annual Partners Night and Awards Banquet; LGCC**

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**February 3, 2016**

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President Derek presided. Guests: Former club member and owner of Sweet Treats, Shane Gonsalves was again a guest of Chip Honsinger; Jim McCoy from New Haven, CT, was the guest of Bill Lowe; Steven McElroy, husband and guest of Josie, came to listen to our speaker who was Eric Wilson invited by RoD Skip Ravenhorst. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 23 members and 4 guests for a total of 27. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### **Announcements and Business:**

1. Remember to sign up for the District Conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 18-20, 2016. The McMichael's have offered to host breakfast at their cabin for any day-trippers to the conference.
2. Mary Sayre had a Rotary Minute to share. She talked about how Rotary has opened the door over the last 50 years to a more diverse set of the population including African-Americans after the unrest in the 60's and then to Women after the 1987 ruling by the Supreme Court. This diversity has made Rotary all the stronger as a result.
3. Please send service project ideas to Mary Sayre. Ideas for speakers and business tours should be sent to Skip Ravenhorst. We want your suggestions!!
4. Reminder: Board meeting after the February 10 meeting. Attending the Board meeting counts as a make-up meeting.

### **Program:**

Eric Wilson, Executive Director of the Rockbridge Historical Society, has many years experience teaching history at all levels from middle school to high school and at many universities including W&L. He is a man of many talents playing defense and midfield for Varsity Men's soccer team at Brown University where he was also valedictorian. He later coached soccer at both the NCAA and high school level. Eric is also a longtime pianist and flutist. He returned to Lexington in 2011 after 7 years teaching history and coaching soccer in Norfolk and continues to teach an 8th grade English class part-time at Lyburn Downing Middle School.

Eric became Executive Director of the Rockbridge Historical Society in 2012 and spoke about the mission of his organization, which has been documenting the history of our county for over 75 years. His talk was very interesting and was illustrated by a variety of photographs, old and new, and an artifact from the RHS collection: a casting of an ironworker's hand from the early 19th century. RHS brochures and books were also displayed, along with a framed copy of an historical map of Rockbridge County.

If you are interested in the Civil War there is a talk, "Legacy of the Civic War" taking place at the Rockbridge Historical Society on East Washington Street on February 17 starting at 7:00 pm.

### **Happy Bucks:**

1. Robert Sayre gave a happy buck as the first thing he did when he came to Lexington was to join the Lexington Rotary club. The second thing was to join the Rockbridge Historical Society. He has listened to Eric Wilson on a number of occasions and thinks he is an excellent resource and we are all lucky to have him.
2. Jim McCoy was happy and thanks Bill Lowe for inviting him to this illustrious group, and he is having a good time.
3. Linda's buck was to tell a joke about little Zackary who was not doing too well in mathematics until his mother finally enrolled him in the local Catholic Church School. After that his mother

was amazed by how much he hit the books and when he finally came home with his report card his mother was amazed that he was graded an 'A' in math. When asked what made the difference, little Zackary said on the first day when he saw the guy nailed to the plus sign outside he knew they were not fooling around.

4. Chip Barger gave a buck as he wanted to embellish a story about Blackfoot Wallace mentioned in Eric's talk. Blackfoot was a prisoner during the Mexican war and would be executed if he pulled out a black bean from a bag with a white and a black bean. Blackfoot told the story that he actually pulled out a grey bean and was allowed to go to get on with his life. Some people are skeptical about the story though as he was given to self promotion.
5. Derek put in 3 happy bucks for his "fine" and wanted to give one for each of the evenings guests. He went on to say he was not forgetting Steven, Josie's husband, as they had arrived a little late, but just in time for Eric's talk.

**POT:**

Skip Ravenhorst had the winning raffle ticket drawn by Eric Wilson, but rolled a six instead of the required five, so the big pot now totals \$191.00.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries in February:**

Happy Birthday to: Skip Ravenhorst on the 21<sup>st</sup>; and Charlotte Sibold on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to: Mary and Chip Honsinger on the 18<sup>th</sup>; and Maryann and Stewart Fleming on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Future Programs & Activities:**

**Feb 10:** Rotary Web Site by Julie Goyette; RoD Julie Goyette

**Feb 17:** Club Assembly; RoD: Derek Carter

**Feb 24:** Presentation by the Rockbridge Ballet; RoD: George Piegari

**Mar 02:** Business Tour: W&L Special Collections, Leyburn Library (Tom Camden);  
RoD: Skip Ravenhorst

**Mar 09:** RARO by John "Rocky" Trudgeon; RoD: George Piegari

**Mar 16:** Annual Partners Night and Awards Banquet

**Mar 20:** Service Project: Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-off; (time and location TBD);  
RoD: Mary Sayre

**Mar 23:** No Meeting (See March 20).

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President Derek presided. Guests: Jane McCoy the wife of Jim McCoy who was inducted as a club member during the evening. A Club Assembly was held, so there was no speaker. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 28 members and 1 guest for a total of 29. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### Announcements and Business:

1. Remember to sign up for the District Conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 18-20, 2016. The club will pay the registration fee for all first year club members to attend the conference. The McMichael's have offered to host breakfast at their cabin for any day-trippers to the conference. Let's have a strong club attendance at this year's District Conference!
2. Mary attended a Rotary meeting while she and her husband Scott were in the Dominican Republic last week. She went to the meeting in a taxi and invited the taxi driver to join her at the meeting. It turned out the taxi driver knew most of the club members, and he was invited back to future meetings. Mary was presented with the flag from Porto Plata Rotary Club.
3. Derek thanked the club members that have served on the club's Board of Directors with him – Skip Ravenhorst, Julie Goyette, John Tucker, Joe Milo, Scott Risser, Chuck Barger, Mary Sayre, Michelle Jones, and Betty McMichael. They have all done an excellent job!!
4. Skip had a Rotary Minute. As he was thinking about the current candidates for election to be the U.S. President, he wondered if any U.S. President could actually pass the Four Way Test and indeed if any had been a Rotarian. It turns out that Warren G. Harding was President after Woodrow Wilson, and he was a Rotarian. However, Harding did not make a very good President of the USA. He had few enemies because he rarely took a firm stand on any issue, and he saw the President's role as largely ceremonial. Skip also read out a list of notable Rotarians, some very well known.
5. Chip Honsinger led the induction ceremony for Jim McCoy. Bill Lowe, Jim's sponsor, introduced Jim who is an experienced Rotarian as he has been a member of several clubs since 1980. Chip related an interesting fact that not everyone knows. The song we now sing every week, "God Bless America," was first sung after 9/11 to commemorate those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack, but also for all the others who have died in military service to defend our country.
6. Skip unveiled the slate of new officers who will serve on the Board when he becomes President in July this year. It was put to the vote, and the motion was carried unanimously. The following were therefore elected: Joe Pagnam – President Elect (2017); Directors: Chuck Barger - International Service, Michelle Jones - Club Service, Betty McMichael - Vocational Service, Mary Sayre - Community Service, and Jim Slack - Youth Service. Julie Goyette, John Tucker and Joe Milo will continue in their present positions as Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms, respectively. Derek Carter will fill the position as Past-President.

**Program:**

Derek led the club assembly in a discussion about what we do well and what could be improved. There was much discussion about the introduction of service projects to replace some club dinner meetings. Generally it was thought the service projects were good, but we need to do more to get all club members involved. In general, Betty thought that the new model of going out and increasing our activities in the community is an improvement. It was requested that the club try to find indoor service projects during the winter months. There was general agreement that it was good and that we have learned from last year's activities and therefore the service project planning committee can take that into consideration.

**Happy Bucks:**

1. Skip gave a couple of happy bucks as the club fined him for an earlier transgression: one is for the transgression, the other is for our haul of directors for agreeing to be on the Board, some to continue for a second year providing continuity.
2. Bill Lowe put three happy bucks in: one to welcome Jim and Jane to the club; the second is a sad one for Ron Baldwin who has been a long time good friend and has been taken under hospice care since last Monday; the last one was he was tuned in to WSL10 and there was Scott Sayre on a big publicity thing about the Stonebridge Center as a business.
3. Mary Sayre gave a buck to tell us about her venue at the Stonebridge Center and her efforts to get approval from the Virginia state assembly to provide beer and drinks at public events. She is ecstatic as the bill has passed the Senate but has now to get through the House.
4. Mary Honsinger put in dollar to remember the time more than 4 years ago now when Chip got down on his knee and proposed at this very Rotary meeting; so this week is a special time for them both.
5. Chip Honsinger gave a buck to recall they tried to have the wedding at a Rotary meeting, but it just could not be pulled off; but they did have a Rotary wedding in the church where the District Governor attended and a lot of the club did too; so it was a Rotary wedding after all. He wished Mary a happy anniversary!
6. Kent gave a dollar for going to Augusta to pick up his son after a minor operation and when ready the nurse came out and greeted him with "your brother is ready." Kent is not sure who got the best of that deal.
7. Jim Slack gave a dollar as he was very happy to read MJ's article in the News-Gazette today about Megan Hough, Skelton/Jones Scholarship recipient, who was a speaker at our club recently.
8. John Tucker gave a buck to tell us about the passing of Ruth Anne Herring who once was a member of this club.
9. Linda gave a dollar to tell a clean joke about a fleeing Taliban terrorist who met a Jew selling silk ties in the desert: the terrorist was desperate for water, but the Jew had none; the terrorist had no need for a tie, so the Jew sent him off to a fancy restaurant 2 miles away where there was plenty of fresh cold water. The Terrorist returned bedraggled some time later and had not been able to get in to the restaurant without a tie. So who do you think was the winner of this situation?
10. Bill Stearns gave two happy bucks, one for Linda's fine joke and one for Mary Sayre in the hope that Ben Cline would smooth passage of the Stonebridge legislation through the House.
11. Derek gave a happy buck for having his picture in the paper: there was an article about Megan Hough, Skelton/Jones Scholarship winner, and the picture included Megan, Derek and District Governor Alex Wilkins.

**POT:**

John Furgerson had the winning raffle ticket drawn by Jane McCoy, but rolled a five instead of the required ten, so the big pot now totals \$219.00.

### **Her First Date:**

If you didn't see this on the Tonight show, I hope you're sitting down when you read it. This is probably the funniest date story ever, first date or not!!! We have all had bad dates, but this takes the cake.

Jay Leno went into the audience to find the most embarrassing first date that a woman ever had. The winner described her worst first date experience. There was absolutely no question as to why her tale took the prize!

She said it was midwinter...Snowing and quite cold... and the guy had taken her skiing in the mountains outside Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a day trip (no overnight). They were strangers, after all, and had never met before. The outing was fun but relatively uneventful until they were headed home late that afternoon, when she gradually began to realize that she should not have had that extra latte. They were about an hour away from anywhere with a rest room and in the middle of nowhere! Her companion suggested she try to hold it, which she did for a while. Unfortunately, because of the heavy snow and slow going, there came a point where she told him that he had better stop and let her go beside the road, or it would be the front seat of his car.

They stopped and she quickly crawled out beside the car, yanked her pants down and started. In the deep snow she didn't have good footing, so she let her butt rest against the rear fender to steady herself. Her companion stood on the side of the car watching for traffic and indeed was a real gentleman and refrained from peeking. All she could think about was the relief she felt despite the rather embarrassing nature of the situation.

Upon finishing however, she soon became aware of another sensation. As she bent to pull up her pants, the young lady discovered her buttocks were firmly glued against the car's fender. Thoughts of tongues frozen to poles immediately came to mind as she attempted to disengage her flesh from the icy metal. It was quickly apparent that she had a brand new problem, due to the extreme cold. Horrified by her plight and yet aware of the humor of the moment, she answered her date's concerns about 'what is taking so long' with a reply that indeed, she was 'freezing her butt off' and in need of some assistance! He came around the car as she tried to cover herself with her sweater and then, as she looked imploringly into his eyes, he burst out laughing. She too, got the giggles and when they finally managed to compose themselves, they assessed her dilemma. Obviously, as hysterical as the situation was, they also were faced with a real problem.

Both agreed it would take something hot to free her chilly cheeks from the grip of the icy metal! Thinking about what had gotten her into the predicament in the first place, both quickly realized that there was only one way to get her free. So, as she looked the other way, her first time date proceeded to unzip his pants and pee her butt off the fender. As the audience screamed in laughter, she took the Tonight Show prize hands down. Or perhaps that should be 'pants down'. And you thought your first date was embarrassing. Jay Leno's comment... 'This gives a whole new meaning to being pissed off.'

Oh and how did the first date turn out? He became her husband and was sitting next to her on the Leno show.

(Thanks to Scott Risser.)

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

- Feb 24:** Joellyn Schwarzmann, President The Rockbridge Ballet; RoD: Allan Somerville Brown in for George Piegari
- Mar 02:** Business Tour: W&L Special Collections, Leyburn Library (Tom Camden); RoD: Skip Ravenhorst
- Mar 09:** John "Rocky" Trudgeon, RARO; RoD: George Piegari
- Mar 16:** Annual Partners Night and Awards Banquet
- Mar 18-20:** District Conference at the Homestead Resort
- Mar 20:** Service Project: Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-off; time and location TBD; RoD: Mary Sayre
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President Derek presided. Guests: Our speaker Joellyn Schwartzmann, President of the Rockbridge Ballet, and two young dancers, Joellyn's daughter, Emma Schwartzmann, and Kaelan McCabe. Visiting Rotarians: None. Attendance: 24 members and 3 guests for a total of 27. Meeting held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club.

### Announcements and Business:

1. Remember to sign up for the District Conference at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on March 18-20, 2016. The McMichael's have offered to host breakfast at their cabin for any day-trippers to the conference. Let's have a strong club attendance at this year's District Conference!
2. President Derek gave a big "Thank You" to all club members for their suggestions and comments during last week's Club Assembly.
3. Skip had a Rotary Minute passed to him by Dick Minnix. Organization of the Lexington Rotary Club began on November 1, 1921. The club was officially admitted to Membership in Rotary International on February 1, 1922. Our sponsoring club was Lynchburg Rotary. Charter night was actually February 22. The club began meeting in the Old Lexington Hotel located on Main Street at the site of the current Robert E. Lee Hotel. For various reasons, the club has moved from location to location and after 12 moves in 94 years has finally settled on the Lexington Golf and Country Club.
4. Note that next week's business tour will replace the normal meeting at the LG&CC and will be held in Special Collections at the Washington and Lee Leyburn Library. To find it, enter the library by the main door, as you approach the Information Desk take the stairs to the right before the elevators. You will find Special Collections at the bottom of the stairs to your right.

### New Member Induction:

Chip Honsinger introduced Shane Gonsalves, the owner of Sweet Treats, to the club for the second time. Shane has been inducted to the club, because he is a leader in his special line of vocational activity, Restaurants.

Shane followed the U.S. tradition and was an immigrant from British Guyana coming to the USA at the age of 17. He graduated from Florida Culinary Institute, now Lincoln Culinary Institute, which has 31 campuses in 15 states. He has held a number of senior chef positions before opening Sweet Treats, his own bakery, 13 years ago on West Washington Street.

We all welcomed Shane back to our club with suitable applause. He will bring valuable experience to help our various activities in the community.

### Program:

Our speaker for the evening was Joellyn Schwartzmann, President of the Rockbridge Ballet. She was invited by George Piegari to talk to us about the Ballet.

In 1984, Fine Arts in Rockbridge (FAIR) and Sherri Lamont founded a community ballet to allow aspiring local dancers an opportunity to perform. This fledgling group consisted of three area adults and three teenagers, one of whom went on to become a professional dancer.

The past 12 years have seen exceptional growth. The Ballet board incorporated the ballet as an independent non-profit organization, hired professional dancers to perform with the dance company, introduced live music, expanded the *corps de danse* to forty members, and in the 2010 season, the Ballet opened the county's first and only not-for-profit dance and arts school, TheStudio. TheStudio offers dance instruction founded on the traditions of classical ballet to produce honed bodies and disciplined spirits and has grown today to serve more than 200 students.

Two dancers accompanied Joellyn, her oldest daughter Emma Schwartzmann who will be dancing the role of Snow White in the performances of the "Snow White" ballet being put on by the Rockbridge Ballet on March 19 and 20th and Kaelan McCabe. Both girls delighted the members with a talented performance of the ballet steps they have learned and put into practice. They obviously enjoyed what they were doing and their performance was very much enjoyed by everyone.

#### **Happy Bucks:**

- Skip started us off and gave two dollars; he could not remember what the first one was for but gave both because he was glad he did not need to do a pirouette after all.
- Derek joined in and gave a buck to welcome Shane, our newest member, for coming back into the fold tonight.
- Linda gave a dollar as she just wanted to say that she finally has a joke that she can't even tell here.
- Julie gave five dollars for coming back as she has missed some evenings, and gave them also for the new members and this evening's ballet program – the five ought to cover it.

#### **POT:**

Derek Carter had the winning raffle ticket drawn by our guest Joellyn Schwartzmann, but rolled a ten not the eight for February 24, so the amount now to be won is \$245.00.

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

- Mar 02: Business Tour: W&L Special Collections, Leyburn Library (Tom Camden).  
RoD: Skip Ravenhorst**
- Mar 09: John "Rocky" Trudgeon, RARO. RoD: George Piegari**
- Mar 16: Annual Partners Night and Awards Banquet**
- Mar 20: Service Project: Habitat for Humanity Chili Cook-off; time and location TBD.  
RoD: Mary Sayre**
- Mar 23: No Meeting (See March 20).**

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