



Lucketts Ruritan

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General Membership Meeting Minutes- September 13th, 2016

Attending: Adams, Bond, Cleland, Dee, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Ferreira, Fisher, Gustafson, Hart, T Hattaway, Hillebrand, Hobbie, Kemp, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez, Moffett, Penaranda, Quitter, Sorrell, Walter, A, Walter, T

Guests: Don Stanley, Muriel Sarmadi, Rich Rosendale, Alex Bates

Pres. Mckenzie called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed our guests.

J. Adams said the invocation before the dinner meal. We thanked the ladies of Furnace Mountain Church for preparing it.

Program:

Our speakers this evening were the owners of Roots@657, the new café and market on Rt. 15, at Spinks Ferry Rd. which will open by the end of September — Rich Rosendale, chef, and Muriel Sarmadi. Rich spoke first and told us of his background and experience as a chef. Originally from Uniontown, PA near Pittsburgh, he was Executive Chef at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, overseeing 15 kitchens and 185 chefs and has cooked all over the world, in Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Italy, Dubai, and the Philippines. He has also cooked for two royal families and has presented cooking classes on TV, offering both high end and casual food.

Rich and his wife, Lauren, and three children moved here a year ago. He saw an ad for Roots@657 and met Muriel, who was moving through the Loudoun County requirements for establishing a café and market in Lucketts. He and Muriel agreed that a primary goal for the new venture was to recycle dollars back into the local community. Their vision is the café as an anchor space, with 36 seats and counter service that will offer soups, salads, sandwiches, pastries, and beverages. They also plan to have a smoker for pork and barbeque.

Rich and Muriel meet with local farmers and artisans to obtain Virginia products to sell in the market space. They will offer local wines, craft

Next Meeting

October 11th, 2016 7:30 P.M.
Lucketts Community Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Steve Budiansky, local author and historian, will speak. Steve has authored 17 books, covering military history, intelligence and espionage, science, and the natural world. His most recent book is *Code Warriors: NSA's Codebreakers and the Secret Intelligence War Against the Soviet Union*.

beers (and common brands) on tap in the café and for sale, as well as other convenience items such as jams and jellies, honey, grains, breads, eggs, milk, bulk candy, maple syrup, BBQ sauces, Virginia peanuts, coffees and teas, jerky, cheeses, muffins, cookies, and scones. They will also offer other homemade goods and artisanal products, some on consignment, such as pottery, jewelry, and frozen artisanal bread to bake at home. Rich and Muriel welcome feedback and suggestions from the community about both the café and market offerings.

The hours of operation of Roots@657 are 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM. Rich and Muriel may also do brunch in Phase 2 of the project, as well as breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. They are working on a website that will be an ecommerce platform, from which customers can order box lunches or specials, for example. They realize that typical challenges for the new venture will be managing traffic patterns and viable pricing. They will start with eight employees and may add more as needed, especially for special events such as wine tastings, or BBQ on the patio. They will also offer catering for special events.

Muriel spoke about the actual building project for Roots@657, which she started six years ago. She had started an IT company in 1991, sold it in 2008 to the owner of the current property (which includes the motel and antique shop) who started to build a restaurant (the Log Inn) and then abandoned it. She noted the difficulties of working with Loudoun County to get the required permits, but she worked with the process over several years to get the buildings up. She had to make several

changes and adjustments from the original concept (100 seats) because of the restrictions, special permitting, and testing requirements in our limestone overlay district. The county determined that the wells (seven on the property) can only perk for 36 seats in the café, and the drain field size determined the building size. She also learned that the type of business determines the number of hours it can be open.

Rich and Muriel (and the two other partners, Danny and Jenny) have implemented modern technology in the building but have been careful to maintain a “country feel.” They are using geothermal energy for radiant floor heat and large fans for heating and cooling and will have WiFi availability. The building is Amish built, characterized by exposed beams and a large open space. They came up with the name *Roots@657* from their farm to table idea and their wish to maintain community involvement. We welcome Rich and Muriel and Danny and Jenny to Lucketts and look forward to sampling their offerings in both the café and market!

Minutes: Minutes for August were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: C. Bond reported total income of \$6,350.86 (which reflected trash and parking receipts and member dues) and expenses of \$5,392.65 (reflecting compactor service cost higher than usual because of two bills received in one month) for a net ordinary income of \$958.21.

Note: We finally received full payment after a bounced check from a vendor from the Epicurience event, and we had unrealized gain from our T. Rowe Price investment account of \$250.64, for a total net income of \$1,208.85. Checking account has \$4,623.96; our T. Rowe Price account has \$159,768.27, for an assets total of \$164,673.23. Dues owed are \$227.06.

Treasurer’s Report was approved.

New Business:

Membership: We welcomed new member Nick Kron, who could not be present this evening, and we unanimously approved new member, Don Stanley, sponsored by P. Hart. Welcome Don! .

Lucketts Fair: Parking: I. Moffett reported that attendance was down this year because the fair had to close early on Sunday due to weather; the LCC Board approved a credit to our club for a half day of parking. S. Sorrell also reported that sales from our BBQ concession were also down this year.

Coat Drive: S. Hillebrand reported that we received the requirements for coats and shoes from LES. The need is for 50 coats and 28 pairs of shoes, for a total estimated cost of \$2500, if we purchase the items at Walmart. The Rudi Youth Club at LES will do a coat drive again this year, but will collect donated coats, with no control over size or condition. Our club will withhold \$500 from our yearly donation of \$2500 to the school to help defray the cost of the coats, and the Board may approve an additional \$500 now so that needed coats can be purchased and delivered by Thanksgiving. An issue for the future is to determine how to continue this effort without the parking revenue from the Antiques Fair, which is moving next year to Clark County.

Lifetime Membership Award: S. Sorrell reported that he visited our award recipient, who is not well. We will continue to monitor his condition and determine an appropriate time and place to present this award.

Nomination Committee: S. Sorrell will head this committee to select nominees for club officers and for the recipient of the Citizen of the Year award.

Old Business:

Parking: I. Moffett acknowledged all those who have volunteered many hours this year to park cars at various events. A total of 23 club members participated in parking this year. Those who have given the most hours are I. Moffett, P. Baker, P. Gustafson, J. Fisher, S. Hillebrand, McKenzie, and D. Kemp. Pres. McKenzie also thanked those who worked hard on parking and noted that we need more participation from club members in future. He noted that 40% of the income from parking goes to other clubs for their help; we would like to reduce this percentage and keep more income with our club.

Arrowhead Collection for LCC: S. Hillebrand reported that we have a prototype case for the arrowheads and a blueprint developed by P. Gustafson. H. Cooley at LCC has approved the design. Ray Wagner will provide a revised quote for building the case, after we run it by Sue Webb at the Loudoun Museum for final approval.

Announcements:

1. D. Fabboli announced the creation of the “Lucketts Business Collaborative,” a group dedicated to bringing local businesses together for training,

- promotions, and other cooperative efforts. So far, local businesses who have joined the group include Fabbioli Cellars, Vanish brewery, Roots@657, Mom's Apple Pie, and Temple Farm. The group also has a Facebook page online. Pres. McKenzie moved to give \$500 to this endeavor; motion was unanimously approved!
2. M. Quitter announced that the early closure of the Lucketts Fair on the second day impacted the silent auction. The silent auction will be held at Vanish on Sept 24th from 2 to 6 PM. You do not have to be present to win!
 3. On Sunday, Sept. 18th, the Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee will sponsor a talk from 3 to 6 PM on the history and environment of Catoctin Creek at Creeks Edge Winery in Taylorstown.

4. M. Quitter reported that we have booked Skills, USA for Saturday, Dec. 3rd for our annual holiday party.
5. Ava Walter announced that since N. Hattaway is moving from the area, Ava will become the PTA liaison for Lucketts Elementary School.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

The trash schedule can always be found on our website at: <http://luckettsruritan.org/for-members>, then click on the "[Compactor/Recycling Assignments](#)" link.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

September 27th, 2016

Attending: Bond, Gustafson, Hillebrand, Kemp, McKenzie, Penaranda, Quitter.

CTO 7:35 PM.

BOD approved the draft September General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer C. Bond provided the September financial profit and loss statement reports. Receipts were \$6,423.17; disbursements were \$3,976.94, for a net ordinary income of \$2,446.23. Amount of member dues owed was \$233.00; accounts receivable were \$273.68. Checking account showed \$7,103.19; investment assets were \$159,768.27, for an assets total of \$167,145.12. The BOD approved the Treasurer's Report.

New Business:

New Member Recognition and Gifts: We discussed the package presented by our club to new members. Along with a Handbook and other information from National, we will order pins and present these and Lucketts Ruritan shirts and hats to our new members.

Coat Drive and Parking Update: S. Hillebrand first reported that he and I. Moffett were honored by the Leesburg Optimist Club for our parking initiatives and our successful partnership with this club on parking events. The Optimist Club is a youth-oriented international organization focusing on middle and high school students. Steve suggested that we invite someone from this club to be a speaker at one of our future meetings.

Steve then reported that he received a thank you card from LES liaison Marjon Clark for the gift cards we presented to the school. These funds have already bought school supplies for needy kids at LES and over the school year, will pay for medical copays, clothing, field trip fees and other items.

Steve updated us on the status of the fall coat drive. With our club's first \$1K donation, which the Board approved at this meeting, the committee bought seven coats and 34 pairs of shoes. The Rudi Youth Club, headed by Crystal Chapman, will conduct the fall coat collection drive, from

which the group hopes to receive up to one third of the needed coat sizes. They also plan to extend the drive to the whole community, starting with an outreach to the 250 homes in Selma Estates and expanding by seeking donations from the Lucketts Antiques Store, Vanish, and other local businesses. We will start the drive at our trash and recycling service with posters and flyers advertising the collection drive through October. Steve also noted that if we can get our club on Walmart's 5013c list, we will not have to pay VA sales tax for coat purchases from Walmart. We plan to distribute all coats by Thanksgiving at the latest.

Speakers for Upcoming Meetings: Our speaker for October will be author Steve Budiansky; for November, we will have someone from Skills, USA.

Holiday Party: M. Quitter reported that early plans were on track. We need to finalize our list of invitees and identify guests, who will include Bob Carr from the Lovettsville/Waterford Club, the Troop 1910 Boy Scout leader, LES representatives, Hilary Cooley from the LCC, the church ladies who cook our meals for our monthly meetings, Tony Hayes from the compactor service, Board of Supervisor Geary Higgins, and the Ruritan Zone Governor.

We will discuss entertainment at our October meeting to determine the kind and style of music or other entertainment the membership prefers.

Our awards committee will select the Lucketts Citizen of the Year and our president will select the Ruritan of the Year, to whom we present awards at our holiday gathering.

2017 Lucketts Ruritan Club Board: S. Sorrell will head the Nominating Committee for club officers for 2017. J. McKenzie will serve as President, and L. Penaranda will serve as Secretary for another year, but we need a nominee for Vice President, as D. Kemp cannot commit to continue in this role; a nominee for Treasurer (who knows the QuickBooks financial program), as C. Bond cannot continue in this role; and a nominee for one new Director, to replace outgoing director F. Nassauer.

Lucketts Ruritan Lifetime Membership Award: Pres. McKenzie will again contact the recipient's family to arrange the presentation of this award.

Unfinished Business:

Arrowhead Collection for Community Center: P. Gustafson reported that we received approval from Sue Webb of the Loudoun Farm Museum for the prototype display case, which is being built by Ray Wagner. Gustafson also reported that local historian, Gene Scheel, has an article on Jenkins, the original owner of the collection, as well as other materials, which can be added to the final display. The designers may also add a revolving picture display along with the arrowheads and stone tools.

Trash Truck: P. Gustafson reported that we still need a trash can or receptacle for the disposal of the plastic trash bags in which people bring their recyclables to the trash service, as plastic bags are not allowed in the recycling containers.

Announcements:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary