

Coming Events

January 2019

30 **Dr. Joseph Casey**
County Administrator

February

6 **Club Assembly**
Monte Carlo Planning

13 **Gabby Troutman**
Chesapeake Bay Fdn.

20 **PDG Sandra Duckworth**
RI Foundation Primer

March

9 **Feed My Starving Children**
Crestwood Presbyterian

10 **Bingo**
McGuire Hospital

April

12 **Monte Carlo**
Salisbury Country Club

At the Food Bank: 163 carts packed with food and loaded into cars. 163 families went home with a week's groceries.
Thanks to: Gordon, Dan and his son, Colin, Jim, George and Julie, Rick and Linda, Bryon and Josepha and Paul for pitching in at the Food Bank on Friday. It's not easy pushing those carts across a gravel parking lot! Most of us went out for a celebratory supper afterwards.



And, In Other News

- The van for Faison School, a project of Innsbrook Rotary which HT supported, will be delivered soon. PDG Stephen will call on us to send a representative to participate in the "handing over of the keys."
- Nick is looking for a couple of strong men and a truck to help move gaming tables to Salisbury CC on April 12 and back to Magic Special Events the next day.



Frank and Pam Makosky have submitted their applications for membership! They will be presented for the second time this week.



DG Susan Z-W dropped by for lunch last week!

Why Do We Use a Bell?

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize.



The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a

bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory," Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour-long meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, other club rituals and of course the closure of the regular club meeting.



ROCKIN' ON THE RAILS

WITH THE KOS BAND

Thursday March 21, 2019 | 7:00 pm | Main Street Station
Tickets are \$35
THE Rotary Club of Richmond
Sponsorships available. Please contact Ken Nachman at kennachman@comcast.net

Come out ... dance the night away with Richmond's premier party band.

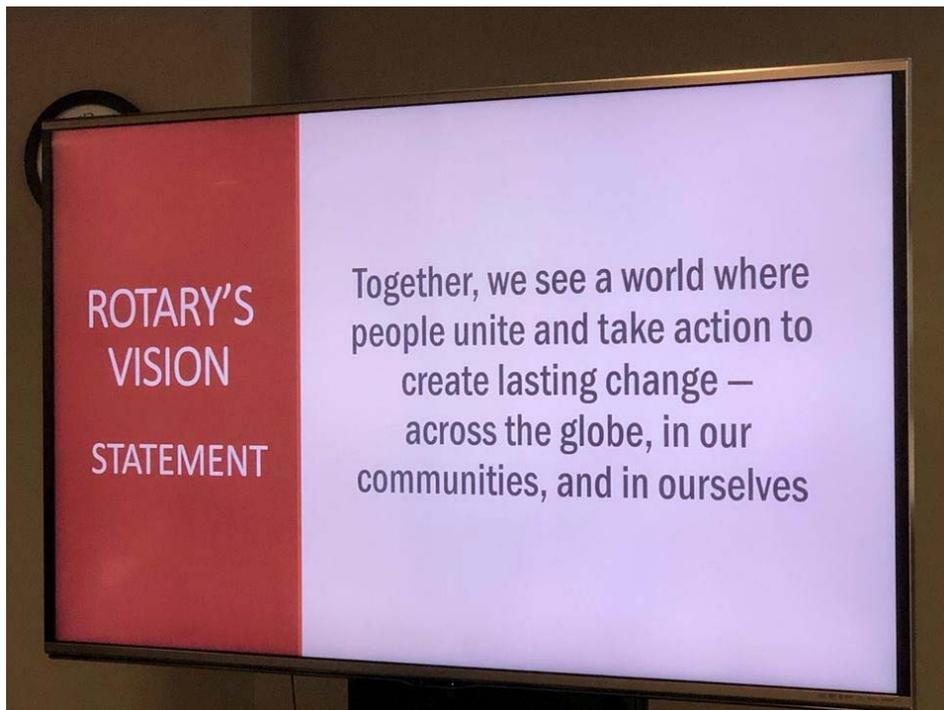
KOS The KOS Band

Catered By: EMERALD, LITTLE ITALY, SUPERHERO RESTAURANT

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Sunday
6:30 pm
Patriots vs Rams



Why Am I a Rotarian?

Last week, Nick asked us to think about why we joined a Rotary club.

I am a Rotarian, and a story of legendary Irish King Brian Boru is a metaphor for why I am a Rotarian.

Before Brian became a great king, he had spent about four years fighting as a guerilla against the Vikings. In those years, he didn't have much luck and he figured the fighting life wasn't for him. So, he went to the home of a Druid friend named Naire to let him know he was hanging up his sword for good.

"Brian! How wonderful to see you after all these years," said Naire.

Once in the hut, Brian told Naire his decision and expected a response. Instead, Naire asked for a favor: for Brian to put a stone in his boot. Then he said, "Brian, you must be hungry. Get a bowl from the shelf over there and I will give you some stew." Brian walked to the shelf, but felt a pain in his foot where the stone was.

"Oh, I forgot the bread," said Naire. "Be a good man and get us a knife, will you?" Brian did, but his foot hurt more. "Where are my manners?" said Naire. "We need a little drink." "I know, I know," Brian responded. "I'll get some cups." When he returned to the table, Brian was nearly crippled with pain from the stone in his boot.

"Now Brian," Naire said, "You were saying you are not having any effect on the Vikings, is that correct?" Brian took a huge swallow of mead and said, "Yes!"

"Alright then. I want you to pretend you are King Sitric of Dublin," stated Naire. "Can you do that?"

Brian suddenly got nervous. What was the old man up to?

"Now, I want you to pretend the little stone in your boot is Brian Boru.

"And, you still say Brian Boru can't make a difference in fighting the Vikings?"

That is why I am a Rotarian, I can make a little difference in the world alone, but my contribution can join those of 1.2 million others and, together, we CAN make a difference!

