

ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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Mark Your Calendars....

- April 21 - Board Meeting at GW Hotel, 6 PM
- April 28 - Queen's Dinner (no noon meeting)
- May 5 - Little Theater Night
- May 28 - Board Meeting at GW Hotel, 6 PM
- June 2 - Shrimp Feed
- June 4 - Rummage Sale
- September 17-18 - Apple Harvest Festival

Have a program or speaker suggestion? Let Scott know.

OUR PROGRAM TODAY

We will hear from Ernie Carnevale, CEO of Blue Ridge Hospice. Ernie will update us on the work of this wonderful organization. BRH is a good partner with our club. Each year they take a large portion of the goods that are left after the end of our Rummage Sale.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

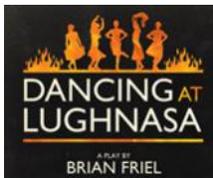
Our club won the Gold Club Award, took second place for Service Projects. We were also acknowledged for our contribution to Polio Plus and were awarded First Place for our club display. PLUS, our club boasts having 2 members who are 110%'ers. Dan Martin 2 years ago and Darla McCary this year. Congratulations to both!!

Little Theatre Night Sign-up

Our Winchester Little Theater Social will be held May 5th...the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley is our start point. It all begins at 5:45 pm outside in the gardens with a Wine & Open Bar, followed by a delicious dinner including beef tenderloin, chicken salad, shrimp, vegetables and dessert. A great social hour plus a wonderful meal in a beautiful setting.

We then move on to the Winchester Little Theater at 7:30 pm for the play **"Dancing At Lughnasa"**. This is the **"best deal in town"**, for \$25 per person you'll enjoy a great social, spectacular meal and live theater. Please sign up at a Rotary meeting or you may register for the Little Theater Social by contacting **Irv Shendow** at ishendow@verizon.net or **Dick Wiltshire** at WeWilt@comcast.net with the number attending.

Reservations must be finalized by Monday May 2nd - Maximum attendance is 100 - *"first come, first served"*. You can pay in advance or at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. This event is always a sell-out, sign up early.



OUR PROGRAM LAST WEEK

Our speaker last week was **Brenda Martin** who is the Frederick County Administrator. Brenda actually studied to be a CPA but was lured to work as the Orange Co. Administrator and found she really enjoyed the work and profession. She has served 9 localities in her career. Brenda is married to a county administrator, Steve Minor who serves in Accomack Co.



The Frederick County budget is the most controversial subject for Brenda now as she has proposed an 8 cent increase in real estate in order to cover the growth and capital needs of the county. Traditionally the budget starts with the Chair of the Board's wish list that is then passed on to the Administrator for consideration. The county has a natural growth in it's tax base because of new properties and businesses and is expected to grow \$8.8 million this year. However, to meet last year's budget, the county had to dip into their emergency reserves. That amount was \$7.7 million dollars and the total reserve goal is to maintain 2 months of operating expenses in reserve. This goal cannot be sustained should the county continue to rely upon utilizing the reserves.

The two big items that increased the budget needs this year were education and safety. She noted that in the past many fire and rescue personnel had been volunteers which really helped keep these expenses low. However, in today's world there are not near as many firefighters and rescue squad members who are volunteers. This trend makes it necessary to hire professional personnel and that is expensive. Debt service for schools and other capital projects is a substantial expense and one that is expected to grow as the county grows and interest rates rise. Also insurance costs have risen 7% in just one year. Brenda strives to keep the budgeting process inclusive, open and easier to share with all constituents and stakeholders.

A tax increase is almost a foregone conclusion when you consider the \$8.8 million natural growth minus the \$7.7 million use of reserves. In reality this leaves about \$500k left for schools and \$600,000 in county needs. Brenda presented the Board the 8 cents rate hike with the expectation that they would advertise a 10 cent hike leaving room for negotiations but it was felt the rise would be a shock to the community and therefore they wouldn't pad the need. Brenda reported, had the entire wish list from all County departments been included, the actual tax rate hike would have been close to 28 cents.

On other subjects Brenda stressed that Frederick county has a great recycling program, the animal shelter is superb and Frederick County Social Services is very active in both child and adult protective services. The Board recently passed a resolution to make next week **"Telecommunications Week."** This was done to honor the high quality work performed by county dispatchers who are indispensable to fire, rescue and police.

KALEIDOSCOPE REPORT

A good time was had by all and hopefully we'll learn who took home the BIG Money.....???

Need to make-up an absence? Check out these area club meetings:

- Clarke County - Wednesday Lunch - Berryville Presbyterian Church - Noon
- Charles Town - Tuesday Lunch - Jefferson Hospital - 12:15 pm
- Frederick County - Tuesday Breakfast - Westminster Canterbury - 7:30 am
- Front Royal - Friday Lunch - Houlihan's - Noon
- Hagerstown - Wednesday Lunch - Venice Inn - 12:15 pm
- Leesburg - Thursday Evening - Rivercreek Country Club - 6:00 pm

- New Market - Wednesday Lunch - The Shenvalle - 12:10 pm
- Purcellville - Thursday - Bethany United Methodist Church - 7:00 am
- Strasburg - Tuesday Noon - Strasburg Moose Lodge - Noon
- Warren Co. (was Linden) - Wednesday Breakfast, Mom's Country Kitchen - 7:00 am
- Warrenton - Thursday Lunch - Stoneridge Events Center - 12:15 pm
- Woodstock - Wednesday Lunch - Woodstock Moose Lodge - 12:05 pm

Absentees: 3-31-2016

Jeff Barbour
Jackie Bates
Donna Berger
Kerri Burkhart
David Chandler
Cary Claytor
Anthony Crosen
Nancy Davis
Dana Evans

Wilson Gilbert
Phil Glaize
Bob Hall
Dick Helm
Sven Hlywiak
John Huddy
Alex Iden
Doug Joyner
Neile Martin
Alan McKay

Adrian O'Connor
Ken Rice
Tom Rockwood
Irv Shendow
David Sweeney
Martin Tabaka
Patty Taylor
Diane Thorne
Ryan Zelaski

Make-ups* (Date & Function Attended
Anthony Crosen - 3/17 - Kaleidoscope Mtg.
John Lamanna - 3/17 - Rummage Sale Mtg.
Sue Scarborough - 3/30 - Clarke County
Irv Shendow - 3/30 - Kaleidoscope Mtg.
Kelly Wolfe - 3/30 - Kaleidoscope Mtg.

Turning in a Make-up?

Please make sure to complete all information, including your name, the event or club attended, date attended and date making-up on all make-cards and slips submitted. Make-ups can also be submitted online at winchesterrotary.com under Member Login.

Visitors & Guests Last Week

Mike Williams visiting from Front Royal Rotary
Tammy Stevenson visiting from Frederick Co. Rotary
Matt Baker visiting from Clarke County Rotary
Bill Bennett, guest of Kent Mull
Eric Price, guest of his Dad, Ron

APPLE BLOSSOM QUEEN'S DINNER



Formerly known as the Joint Civic Club Dinner, will be held on Thursday, April 28. It is the only event during the year in which all of the area civic clubs are invited to come together for dinner and a good time.

Once again, the club will pay half of the \$25 ticket price for tickets purchased through the club. To reserve tickets, see **Gene Schultz** or email him before April 25 at : gschultz7175@yahoo.com



RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale is coming up June 4th at the Old Armory building on Millwood Pike. This is a great time to "unclutter" your home. The trailer at Frogale Lumber (220 Arbor Court, Winchester) is open for rummage. If you can't get out there, Jean Barch will coordinate with you so that you can bring your donations to a Rotary meeting and a committee member will pick them up there.

Donations of clean, gently used furniture, housewares, tools, toys, lawn items, clothing, etc. are appreciated. We are unable to accept: baby cribs, car seats, mattresses, computers, computer CRT monitors, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, outdated electronics or any damaged items.

By the way, the committee is always looking for volunteers to help sort & price items.

Our Drawing Last Week

Our drawing winner was Paul Frank to the tune of 16 dollars but alas, he drew the seven of Hearts for the jackpot. We start today with a jackpot of \$194.



EVENT MAKE-UP SLIP

The Rotary Club of Winchester

Print Your Name: _____

Event Attended: _____

Date of Event: _____

Committee, Board, Community Event

Date of Missed Meeting: _____

(Turn in at Sergeant at Arms Desk)

You're invited! Next Board Meeting April 21

Attitude Adjustment 5:30 pm Meeting 6 pm

All are welcome, and it counts as a make-up!

Many Thanks

Habitat for Humanity sent our club a very nice thank you note for our donation and the Holy Cross Abbey sent a note of thanks for allowing them to share their story with us.

Kaleidoscope was Super!

Tootie had the opportunity to talk with several of the leaders of Abba, our beneficiary organization. They could not say enough great things about the Kaleidoscope committee, their professionalism, how well they were organized and how responsive they were. Made her proud (yet again) to be a member of this club!!!! **Good job all!**

TODAY IS NATIONAL BEER DAY

National Beer Day isn't just a randomly chosen date - it actually marks a historic occasion: the end of Prohibition in the U.S. On April 7, 1933, people were once again allowed to buy, brew and sell beer after 13 long, dry years.

AND, as Libba pointed out on St. Patrick's Day, drinking beer in moderation does have its health benefits. It's high in fiber content, helps maintain and build stronger bones, flushes the kidneys, and if you use recipes that call for a beer marinade it reduces carcinogens.

Last year, the American beer market reached a staggering total retail value over \$105 billion. Some workplaces are even closing early today. But even if you can't make it out of the office before happy hour, stop after work and check out some National Beer Day deals.



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