

MRC Projects & Activities

- Christmas Parade
- Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy
- Teacher of the Year Awards
- Aviation Career Day
- Casino Night
- Hanover Domestic Violence Task Force and Hanover Safe Place
- Texas Hold'em Tournament
- Foreign Exchange Program - Rotary International
- Support Village of
- Mechanicsville Projects
- Operation Hope

Club Leadership:



President
Kevin Smyth

Vice President & Pres. Elect
Brenda Cowlbeck

Secretary
R. Vaughan Alexander

Treasurer
Ryan Berry

Sergeant-at-Arms
Richard Starr

Past President
Norm Sklar

District Governor Elect
Karlis Graubics

District 7600
Club 29001



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Highlights from the Mechanicsville Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting

Breakfast was a bit light on attendance with only 22 members this morning; but we had 6 guests that came to join.

Since Mr. Star was unable to fulfill his duties as Sargeant-at-Arms today, Kim volunteered to stand in. Due to your absence, sir, there is an impending fine of \$2. \$1 for missing the meeting,, and \$1 for making Kim get up extra early!

Other fines weren't too hefty this morning as Kim is still "in training". Kevin pointed out that John Monacell and Harrison Moncure were at fault for flagrant advertising. Harrison said he didn't mind paying a dollar as that was cheap for marketing costs. Unfortunately, Ryan Berry came in late and was fined \$1 for making Kim nervous and think that she would have to act as note taker, Sarge, and Treasurer all in one day! Dave Bickell was fined \$1 for holding up the line, because he didn't know how to spell his guest's last name. He was fined an additional \$2 for advertising on the part of his two guests that were wearing UPS shirts. \$1 was charged to all members in honor of our very own President, Kevin Smyth, being the best dressed in the room. Brett was charged \$1 as he made his guest, Michael Cohen, pay for his breakfast and offer to pay for Kim's too! Before ending fines, Kevin said that

we would fine Norm [who was off gallivanting in the islands] \$1 for each member that didn't have their Four Way Test Coin if he didn't have his with him. Phil immediately picked up his cell phone to call Norm and find out if he brought his on vacation. Word on the street later in the day is that Norm "didn't realize" he needed to bring it when traveling overseas. Kevin reminded everyone that Rotary is and INTERNATIONAL organization. Uh Oh, Norm!

Doug Smith offered the first Happy Dollar in honor of his new baby girl this morning. He also thanked the club for the donation in her honor. Karlis had a Happy Dollar as his bowling game is going well. He mentioned something about a 600 score! Does the point structure go that high? Oh, it's several games? Ok, that makes more sense! Dave had the only Sad Dollar as he said he started crying and didn't know why, then he figured out it was Karlis' cologne. Who let these two sit beside each other this morning? JK!

Speaking of Dave Bickell...he offered a humorous Classification Talk this morning. He talked about his childhood, his family, and his career life. Thank you for your interesting and light hearted chat about yourself, Dave!

Announcements were made to

remind club members of the Rotary Leadership Institute on February 21. The next Casino Night meeting will be held on Monday at 5:30.

The group will gather at Norm's place. In the meantime, all Rotarians are reminded of their team assignments for prize collections.

If you aren't sure of your attendance record, please check with Vaughan. Don't forget to keep up with your make-ups, and notate them on the weekly attendance sheet.

Ryan Berry updated us that the club is doing financially well! He discussed details of where we stand and updates for 2009. Should you have specific questions about MRC financials, please contact Ryan directly.

Kevin spoke about the newly drafted Bylaws for the Rotary Club of Mechanicsville Foundation that is currently being formed. Documents are in the process of being filed. Kevin emailed each member a copy of the preliminary Bylaws for review last week. A discussion was held with a question and answer session included. Mike Smith from The Hanover Club was on hand to offer advice and feedback on their experience with this process in the past. Mr. Chenault will be in attendance next week to answer further questions. In the meantime, please contact Kevin with any concerns

Dates to Remember

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| February 21 | Rotary Leadership Institute in Norfolk, VA (ODU) |
| March 14 | 10th Annual CASINO NIGHT |
| April 25 | District Assembly |
| October 8-11 | District Conference at The Omni Richmond (ATTENDANCE MANDITORY-Host Club!) |
| December 6 | Mechanicsville Rotary/Ruritan Christmas Parade |

CASINO NIGHT 2009

10th Annual Casino & Auction
March 14, 2009
Richmond Times Dispatch
Hanover Facility

Please contact Bret Atwood or Everett Alexander for more information on tickets

\$65 in-advance, \$100 at the door

Featured this year:

New Games
 Live Auction

All proceeds go to Hanover Safe Place

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE!

Happy Birthday Rotarians!



Kevin Smyth
 2/13
Ryan Berry
 2/22

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I'VE MISSED ANYONE!

Welcome Guests!

Bob Moorey, guest of Dave Bickell
Daniel Briere, guest of Dave Bickell
Mike Smith, Hanover Club
Michael Cohen, guest of Bret Atwood
Sheree Hedrick, Hanover Safe Place

The Rotary Foundation

Contribute in 2009...

100% of the money goes back to the cause.

...of that - 50% comes back to our district.

There are NO ADMIN FEES taken from donations!

Mechanicsville Rotary Club Members

Officers:

District Governor Elect

Karlis Graubics Sr. (9)

President

Kevin P. Smyth (3)

President-Elect

Brenda F.Cowlbeck (5)

Immediate Past President

Norm J. Sklar (12)

Secretary

R. Vaughan Alexander (3)

Treasurer

Ryan Berry

Sgt-at-Arms

Richard A. Starr (2)

Adams, Cynthia B. (4)

Alexander, W. Everett Jr. (35)

Amos, Tim M. (2)

Atwood, Bret A. + (2)

Bickell, David

Frost, Nicole

Fuller, David W. (5)

Givler, Bill

Green, Rob

Harrill, Charles Winston (7)

Hayden, Thomas M. III

Hazelgrove, Jennifer Leete

Husz, Shirley J. +

Johnson, Timothy A.

Jordan, Michelle (1)

Keate, Ray F

Kersey, Philip E.

Mackay, Tom +

Monacell, John F. (29)

Moncure, J Harrison

Nowlin, Joseph

Padgett Jr., C. Harold (11)

Patrick, Michael

Pollard, Jean Roberts +

Rue, Steve T.

Scherer, Allen J. III

Smith, C. Douglas

Smith, Wendell E. +

Smyth, Kevin Peter +

Weatherley, Doug

Wells, Billy S. (13)

Wills, Kim

+ Board of Directors

* Honorary Members

() Years of Perfect Attendance

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards.

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify

my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;

- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs

of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;

- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.



Polio Eradication
1985 Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio.
1994 Western Hemisphere declared polio-free
2000 Western Pacific declared polio-free
2002 Europe declared polio-free

Why Join Rotary?

Rotary club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs. Our members are our most important asset. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its many humanitarian efforts and achieve its mission.

Each Rotary club strives

for a membership that is an up-to-date and progressive representation of its community's business, vocational, and professional interests. Membership in Rotary offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding

of, and having an impact on, international humanitarian issues.

- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Rotary membership is by invitation of local clubs. If you would like to be considered for membership by the Mechanicsville Rotary Club, contact Shirley Husz, It's a Breeze, at 804-314-1493.

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The Four-Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J.

Rotarian Herb retold the concept of the test in his own words: "To win our way out of this situation, I reasoned we

must be morally and ethically strong. I knew that in right there was might. I felt that if we could get out our employees to think right they would do right. We needed some sort of ethical yardstick that everybody in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said, and did in our relations to others.

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a

hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions: "Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



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 Search:
 Rotary
 International
Find out all the great work being done around the world!



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Proposing New Members

Did you know..... There is a standard procedure for proposing new members to our club.

1. The prospective member's name is submitted to the club's board of directors.
2. The board ensures that the person is fully qualified and approves or disapproves the proposal within 30 days. The proposer is notified of the decision by the club secretary.
Note: Until approval is granted, prospective members should not be informed that they have been proposed for membership.
3. After approval has been announced, the prospective member is fully informed of the privileges, expectations and responsibilities of club membership. S/He is then asked to complete the membership proposal form and give written permission to publish his/her name and proposed classification to the club membership.
4. If no objections to the proposal are received within 7 days following the publication of the name, that person, upon payment of an admission fee, is a new Rotarian!
5. The club secretary sends a completed new member report form to Rotary International as recommended by Rotary club bylaws.

If you are a Rotarian and you or someone in your family is supporting a fund-raising event or other non-profit event, let us know and we'll be glad to get it a little press in this newsletter!



Area Clubs and Meeting Locations



Club Name	Day	Time	Location	Telephone #
Bon Air	Fri	730	Joe's Inn, Richmond	804-379-4146
Brandermill (Midlothian)	Thu	730	Brandermill Country Club, Midlothian	804-744-8393
Chester	Wed	730	Shoney's Rest.	804-788-4400
Colonial Heights	Thu	700	Hilton Garden Inn	434-246-2402
Goochland County	Fri	730	Richmond Country Club	804-784-5545
Hanover County	Wed	1830	Hill City Chop House, Glen Allen	804-550-2600
Henrico East	Wed	745	Wyndham Hotel/Richmond Airport	804-261-5946
Henrico North	Wed	730	Westwood Club, Richmond	804-786-3919
Hopewell	Tue	1200	American Legion Post 146	804-541-3735
Huguenot Trail	Fri	1230	Bottega Bistro, Midlothian	804-323-9389
Innsbrook (Richmond)	Thu	730	Hilton Garden Hotel, Innsbrook, Glen Allen	804-754-0970
James River (Richmond)	Thu	1200	La Siesta Mexican Rest., Richmond	
Mechanicsville	Wed	730	Cold Harbor Rest.	804-746-1950
Midlothian	Tue	730	Holiday Inn Select, Koger Ctr.	804-794-9191
New Kent County	Tue	700	Brickshire Golf Clubhouse	804-966-5548
Petersburg	Thu	1230	Petersburg Country Club	804-732-2532
Petersburg (Breakfast)	Wed	730	Ramada Plaza Hotel	804-732-2719
Prince George County	Wed	730	Dockside Rest., Hopewell	804-458-2239
Richmond	Tue	1230	Willow Oaks Country Club	804-346-8025
Sandston	Mon	1230	Wyndham Hotel	804-737-4987
South Richmond	Thu	1230	Meadowbrook Country Club	804-405-5200
West Richmond	Wed	1230	Westwood Racquet Club	804-355-1061
Western Henrico County	Mon	730	Westwood Racquet Club, Richmond	804-266-8893