



# The Trail

## Huguenot Trail Rotary Club

May 16, 2018

### Coming Events

- May 16 **Bryon Wall**  
Classification Talk
- May 17 **Rotary Night at the Diamond**
- May 23 **Frank McCracken**  
**Scott Bass**  
Chesterfield Observer
- May 30 **Fifth Wednesday**  
5:30 pm  
Ruth's Chris Patio
- June**
- June 6 **Elizabeth Hart**  
Medal of Honor
- June 9 **Feed More Collection**  
Food Lion at Charter Colony and Genito Road,  
13530 Waterford Place  
8:30 am-3 pm
- June 13 **Dan Stackhouse**  
New Community School
- June 16 **Sort Food For Feed More**  
FeedMore HQ.  
1415 Rhoadmiller St.  
Richmond  
8:45-noon
- June 20 **Awards and Installation**  
6 pm  
Salisbury Country Club
- June 27 **Garrett Hart**  
Economic Development  
Chesterfield County



Greer's Guest last week was Courtney Perini, who works with Greer.

### ShelterBox Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

ShelterBox, a Rotary partner organization, has been nominated for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.

Founded in 2000 by a Rotarian in Helston, Cornwall, UK, ShelterBox was accepted as that club's millennium project. By 2004, nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters. The American affiliation began in 2002



with the Lakewood Ranch RC in Sarasota, FL. It became a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2004. Rotary International and ShelterBox have been partners for over 15 years, with clubs around the world donating the \$1,000 cost of each box and thousands of Rotarians involved in delivery of boxes to areas where natural disasters have occurred. ShelterBox works with Rotary clubs in the affected area and often are on the ground before other aid is available.

Each ShelterBox contains a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive. Contents of the box are tailored to the nature and location of the disaster.



**Substance Abuse Free Environment (SAFE)** Director Regina Whittsett talked last week about the efforts of this organization to make the county substance abuse free, from talks to groups, to working with hospitals and law enforcements, to distribution of materials to schools and clinics.

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy.  
It is to be useful, to be honorable,  
to be compassionate,  
to have it make some difference  
that you have lived and lived well."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Laura Bush  
So Speak  
At  
Toronto  
Convention**

Former First Lady of the United States Laura Bush, an advocate for literacy, education, and women’s rights, will speak at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto this June.

For decades Mrs. Bush has fought for key national and global issues including launching groundbreaking education and healthcare programs in the U.S. and abroad. She founded both the Texas Book Festival and the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. As chair of the Women’s Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, Mrs. Bush continues her work on global healthcare innovations, empowering women in emerging democracies, education reform, and supporting men and women who have served in the U.S. military.

Women’s healthcare also has been a central issue for Mrs. Bush. Because heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women, she partnered with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to launch The Heart Truth campaign and Red Dress project. The Heart Truth raises awareness among women about their risk for heart disease.

Mrs. Bush is the author of the bestselling memoir, *Spoken From the Heart*, and bestselling children’s book, *Our Great Big Backyard*. She serves on several boards including the National Advisory Board for the Salvation Army, the Council for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Board of Trustees for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees.




**END POLIO NOW**



**ROTARY NIGHT at  
The Ball Parks  
Richmond  
Flying Squirrels**

**MAY 17, 2018**

Game Time 6:35pm

**Ticket \$10** \$2 for each ticket purchased will be  
**TERRACE LEVEL SEATS** donated to The End Polio Now Fund

Contact Garrett Erwin with the Squirrels to purchase tickets  
at 804-359-3866 ext 327 or [garrett.erwin@squirrelsbaseball.com](mailto:garrett.erwin@squirrelsbaseball.com)



**End Polio Now Tshirt**

available now through July 24 for a special price of \$10 (S-XL) and \$12(2x-4x) cash or check only. \$1.00 for each shirt purchased will be donated to the **END POLIO NOW** Fund. Pick up your shirt at District Assembly or contact Stan Wall at 804-835-1945 or [stan.debbie.rotary@comcast.net](mailto:stan.debbie.rotary@comcast.net) to place an order for shirts for you and your club.

**Be Sure to wear it game night!!!!**

**Project Empowering Women  
Wins 2018 Rotaract Award**

The 2018 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award recognized the [Rotaract Club of Edulink International Campus](#), Western Province, Sri Lanka, for a project that teaches entrepreneurial skills to women with HIV to empower them to earn a living.

The club created the Dream Store online platform, where the women can sell products they make and have their earnings go straight to their bank accounts. After meeting with the women to assess their abilities, the club partnered with local experts and Rotarians to expand the women’s skills or teach them new ones. The women also received training in basic business and personal finance.

The club arranged with several leading companies, including the largest gift shop in Sri Lanka, to carry the women’s products to ensure they had a customer base. The club hopes it can remove some of the stigma around HIV and AIDS by allowing the women to showcase their talents, giving people a way to support them through commerce, and holding events aimed at educating the public about the disease.

“Before, these women were unemployed, because nobody would provide them jobs,” says Nipun Peiris, past president of the club. “They had no choice but to beg on the street.”

The recognition “confirms our hard work and the obstacles we overcame,” he says. “I am very proud of what we have achieved.”

For this year’s awards, more than 470 projects were nominated in 59 countries. In addition to the best single-club project and multidistrict project, the awards recognized outstanding service projects in each of six geographical regions. The best single-club project and best multidistrict project receive \$1,000 each for future service activities, and members are invited to inspire other Rotaractors and Rotarians at the Rotaract Preconvention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.