

30-plus bands to cover Fab 4



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If you find it's been a hard day's night Friday, perhaps a trip to the Beatles-themed ninth annual Tonic Ball in Fountain Square is in order.

The fundraising event -- aptly marketed "9" as a nod to the Beatles tune "Revolution 9" -- will feature more than 30 area bands performing covers from the Fab Four's library of iconic songs.

Last year, when bands covered the music of **Bob Dylan** and Led Zeppelin, attendance was estimated at more than 1,000.

The event raised about \$45,000 for Second Helpings, which fights hunger locally, according to organizers. That translates to about 85,000 meals at 53 cents a meal for the hungry.

Tonic Ball, which also includes an art show and sale, begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www.seconddhelpings.org/tonic-ball.

Vonnegut Library receives

\$100K gift from foundation

Nov. 11, on what would have been American author and Indianapolis native Kurt Vonnegut's 88th birthday, his evolving local library got a \$100,000 boon.

The Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation made the donation to help establish the library Downtown in the E melie Building (former home of the Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art) to champion Vonnegut's literary, artistic and cultural contributions.

The funds will be used to create an informational video that highlights the portion of Vonnegut's life spent in Indianapolis, said library founder **Julia Whitehead**. She said it also will create an interactive display about his time in World War II.

A replica of Vonnegut's writing space -- complete with Vonnegut's actual rooster lamp donated by his daughter **Edie** -- is in

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the works.

The library opens Jan. 29, but its gift shop will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from Nov. 26 through late January.

For more information, visit [vonnegut library.org](http://vonnegutlibrary.org).

Ronald McDonald House tastes fundraising success

More than 350 turned out for "A Taste of Tuscany," the Ronald McDonald House's annual fundraiser in Downtown Indianapolis.

The event, held Nov. 5 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, drew notables **Angelo Pizzo**, an American screenwriter and producer best known for "Hoosiers" and "Rudy"; former Indianapolis 500 race car driver **Scott Goodyear**; and Versus IndyCar Series announcer **Bob Jenkins**.

"A Taste of Tuscany," which organizers estimate raised more than \$100,000, also featured motor sports artist **Bill Patterson**. Patterson painted a "live art" rendering of the closest finish in the history of the Indianapolis 500 -- the 1992 0.043-second win by **Al Unser Jr.** over Goodyear. Fox 59's **Gene Cox**, who served as master of ceremonies, auctioned the painting for \$5,500 at the end of the night.

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