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ROTARY CLUB HELPS DEBUNK OYSTER MYTH

The Rotary Club at Snow Hill, Maryland, is going to have an Oyster Roast for its members on May 20--and May doesn't have an "R" in it.

The oyster roast will come as a vote of confidence in the Federal Government. The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries recently issued a statement to debunk the myth that oysters are good only in "R" months.

Dr. J. L. McHugh, BCF's Assistant Director for Biological Research, said in the statement that oysters are a delicious food at all times of the year, but are fatter and taste better in two months that have no "R"--May and June.

Thomas C. Carver, Jr., the oyster roast chairman, has invited Dr. McHugh to attend the event and to be prepared to practice what he preaches. The scientist accepted.

Carver, who also is a biologist, knew all along that the "R" month belief was a myth, but before now he couldn't convince the other Rotary Club members.

"I have tried several times in the past to put on an oyster roast in May," he said, "but until this year, no one else would go along with it."

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