

Playing covers for a purpose

Local cover band Club Phred performs for charity

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Club Phred is not Newark's average bar-scene cover band.

The band has been performing in Newark for six years and playing with a purpose. Every show the '60s and '70s cover band plays has a charitable result for the community. Throughout its history, Club Phred has raised more than \$400,000 for various charities.

That number cannot be matched by many bands, especially in Newark. Club Phred's work is more than commendable. The self-less band does not play just for the rush of the crowd - they play for the Breast Cancer Coalition, Christina Educational Enrichment Fund and Wellness Community.

The bars in Newark should recognize this band's efforts and take the initiative to schedule them on more popular nights, like Friday and Saturday.

Students will attend Club Phred's performance to get away from the usual "Awesomer '80s Night" or Rage Against the Machine cover songs.

Sixties and '70s cover music would be a nice change of pace once per month or so and, if students know the concert's profits will go to charity, they will be even more likely to attend.

Other bands and bars should follow Club Phred's lead and donate some of their profits to better the community. There are some charitable endeavors taken by local bars, but they usually occur on Monday and Tuesday nights. Why not set aside one busy night per month to send a portion of the profits to philanthropies?

Pride is what Club Phred should feel as they step onto the stage every week. They present a selfless side to the vain musician stereotype.

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