

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

7/31/24 Weekly Meeting

Celeste called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Thought for the day: Celeste

Pledge: Glenn

Attending Members: Ted, Michelle, Holly, Ken, Janice, Celeste, Mike, Judson, Sanjeev, Glenn, Animesh, Ed Via, Clint

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Katherine Grayson, prospective member; Deputy Evan J. Povar, Crime Prevention UnitHanover Sheriff’s Office

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Celeste reported that there 12 Rotarians present. 2 guests

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Celeste is happy because Arnie had his last infusion

Mike is sad because he got fined for not having his rotary pin, but happy because his son is visiting

Janice is happy because she is now contributing on a regular basis to the Rotary Foundation.

Announcements:

District 7600 Conference will be at the Westin Hotel on Broad St. The club will pay the registration fee for those wishing to attend. September 27-29.

Janice gets a “GoodBar” for a Good Job – she got a good article in the Hanover Local for the Essay Contest.

So does Mike: The Club will soon accept credit cards and debit cards for dues. There will be a 3.5% convenience fee charged to the members. There will be a small increase in quarterly dues of $10 per quarter.

The meetings will be starting at 6:30 p.m. from now on. And Celeste started us exactly on time! Dinner will be served earlier so we can all leave by 7:30 p.m.

**Program:**

Deputy Povar spoke to us about Personal Safety and Scams. Law Enforcement can’t be with you 24/7. You are responsible for your own safety.

Scammers make contact with you:

**On the phone** – check caller ID, when you answer calls from numbers you don’t know, you are opening up the Opportunity to make you a victim. Keep voicemail clear. Don’t give away your identity if you do answer the phone – they are calling you and should know you are!

**At your door** - a solicitor’s permit is required for door-to-door marketing. Each person must have their own permit. Ask to see it.

**By mail** – shred documents with personal information and pay attention to bills and statements. Minimize risk by paying attention to bills and statements and order your credit report for free, at least once a year at annualcreditreport.com.

**On the internet** – don’t post personal information online or social media

**When transitioning from one place to another**, like going into a store or at the gas pumps – guard your purse or wallet, limit the number of items you carry with you – only what you need for that trip. Don’t carry social security card or passport with you. Ask for an escort to your car from local law enforcement if you are concerned. Go with a group and trust your instincts. Walk with a purpose, carry your cell phone with you at all times. Let someone know where you are going.

Hide it, lock it or lose it! Secure your vehicle.

Scammers are expected to steal around $2 billion this year.

Avoid being scammed by not answering phone numbers you aren’t familiar with. Don’t fall for the urgency. Call the family member or friend they are claiming to be. Don’t send anything. Slow down and check things out. Don’t click on any links you aren’t sure of or don’t know about.

Gift cards are for gifts, not for paying bills!

There are scammers pretending to be law enforcement stating you are wanted, missed jury duty or need to pay fine. They may say you are going to be arrested, deported or fined if you pay a debt right away. The Hanover Sheriff’s Dept will never call for that or ask for money or gift cards. They will come to your house. They can’t call because they can’t verify they are talking to the right person. Scammers’ goal is to scare you into paying.

Never pay for a free prize!

Romance scams – ask questions, broken promises are suspicious. Are they asking for money?

The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment. They will never call you first.

Make sure you know who’s texting you.

Grandparent scams – they pretend to be your grandchild in the middle of the night and tell you they are in trouble – wiring money for bail is not a thing. You have post bail in person. Verify the issue with their parents – ask specific questions that only a real grandchild would know.

If you see something, say something.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Celeste adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

 Michelle Nelms

**Upcoming Dates**

**August 2024**

*August is Membership and New Club Development Month*

August 7 - Club Meeting - Don Pulskamp - Wreaths Across America

August 14 - NO MEETING

August 21 - Board Meeting

August 21 - Club Meeting - Stephen Trexler, Adult Education Coordinator - Adult Literacy Programs in Hanover County

August 28 - NO MEETING

**September 2024**

*September is Basic Education and Literacy Month*

September 4 - Club Meeting Liz White - Upvote Virginia - Topic: Ranked Choice Voting"

September 11 - NO MEETING

September 18 - Board Meeting

September 18 - Club Meeting - Patricia Hunter-Jackson, Hanover County NAACP

September 25 - NO MEETING

September 27-29 – District Conference, Westin Richmond

**October 2024**

*October is Community Economic and Development Month*

October 2 - Club Meeting - Professor Lauren Bell - Randolph Macon College - Topic: Upcoming Supreme Court Session"

October 9 - NO MEETING

October 16 - Board Meeting

October 16 - Club Meeting - District Governor Joy Kline

October 23 - NO MEETING

October 24 - World Polio Day

October 30 - Club Social - Location TBD

**November 2024**

*November is Rotary Foundation Month*

November 6 - Club Meeting Major Kim - Salvation Army

November 13 - NO MEETING

November 14 - Foundation Banquet Colonial Heritage CC, Williamsburg

November 20 - Board Meeting

November 20 - Club Assembly

November 27 - NO MEETING

**December 2024**

*December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month*

December 4 - Club Meeting Speaker TBD

December 11 - Holiday Party! - Ashcake Clubhouse

December 18 - Board Meeting

December 18 - Club Meeting Nominations for 2025-26

December 25 - NO MEETING - Merry Christmas!