

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

8/7/24 Weekly Meeting

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

The meetings will be starting at 6:30 p.m. from now on and Aimee kept up Celeste’s on-time performance and started us exactly on time! Dinner will be served earlier at 6:15 p.m. so we can all leave by 7:30 p.m.

Thought for the day: Glenn

Pledge: Celeste

Attending Members: Ted, Michelle, Janice, Celeste, Mike, Judson, Glenn, Aimee, Canova

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Katherine Grayson, prospective member; Don Pulskamp - Wreaths Across America

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Celeste reported that there 9 Rotarians present. 2 guests.

**Good Bars for Good Jobs:**

Glenn gets a “GoodBar” for helping close the door last time when it was noisy and

Katherine got one for being here again.

**Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Aimee is happy for her great vacation

Janice is happy (or sad) for having breakfast with Ed Via

Canova is putting in money for not having his pin and for being the one who suggested it!

**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.

317 days until the Rotary International Conference in Calgary, Canada

The Club is accepting 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.

There will be a social at the Hanover Tavern on Wednesday, Sept 11 at 6-8 p.m. Contact Janice to RSVP

**Program:**

Don was a teacher when 9-11 happened and joined the Army Reserves soon after. In 2006 he was deployed to Afghanistan. His unit’s mission was Humanitarian as well as transporting VIP’s and other people & equipment, including a station wagon, in a Chinook Helicopter. The weather was crazy and life was interesting as there wasn’t a lot of infrastructure. A year later, on May 30, 2007 the crew a Chinook was shot down and everyone on board was killed. May 30 has been a tough day for him throughout the years. It’s around Memorial Day, so tough. 15 years after the day, he went up to Arlington, there is an area where victims of downed aircraft are buried and after attending a seminar on teaching children the impact and effects of war. A close friend of his chose to end his life and after attending the funeral at Arlington, he met people from Wreaths Across America and they asked him to be a ceremonial wreath layer. It’s important for him to help remember those who gave their lives.

They weren’t able to fund wreaths for the Richmond Ceremony. There are 9K buried and only 6K were laid.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Aimee adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

 Michelle Nelms

**Upcoming Dates**

**August 2024**

*August is Membership and New Club Development Month*

August 14 - NO MEETING

August 21 – 5 p.m. 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 – Celebration at Hanover Tavern – RSVP to Janice

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!