



Hanover County Rotary Club Minutes

7/14/2021 Weekly Meeting

Brenda called the meeting to order @ 6:51pm.

Blessing: Robert

Pledge: Ted

Attending Members: Penny, Brenda, Mike and Rachel Swinford, Mike Smith, Ken, Robert, Ted, Judson, Aimee, David Creasy and Ed Via, Ricky, Glenn, Canova, Dan, Judson

Honorary Rotarian: N/A

Visiting Rotarians: Debbie Wall, District Governor and member of the Petersburg Club.

Guests: Canova's wife- Patty, Jacob- Janice's Grandson and Potential New Member- Tricia Deblander.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:
12 Rotarians and 1 guest.

Happy Bucks:
Brenda, Penny, Rache, Judson and Canova all had happy bucks.

Rotary Minute: **District Governor**

The district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a district. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the International Assembly and regionally at the governors-elect training seminar, provide guidance and leadership to the more than 32,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining the high performance of the clubs of their district.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously volunteers more than a year to leading the district, has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies, and goals; and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community, and Rotary club. The governor makes at least one official visit to each club in the district. The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones. He or she performs a host of specific duties to ensure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district and is responsible for promoting and implementing all programs and activities of the RI president and Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs training for incoming district officers and also oversees the organization of the district conference and other special events.

Announcements:

- 7/21 Meeting - Brian Traynor- President of Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. This is a good week to bring a guest. Remember that's one of our goals we decided on for our strategic plan.
- 7/28 Meeting - Stephen Beer, District Foundation Chair for D7600.

Program:

Bio:

Debbie Wall hails from Bluefield, Virginia and currently resides in Colonial Heights VA where she is a member of the Colonial Heights Rotary Club. She is a graduate of both Virginia Tech and Bluefield College with BA degrees from both institutions and holds an MBA from Averett University. She's been a Rotarian for 16 years and in addition to having perfect attendance for all 16 years, she has served at multiple levels and in multiple Rotary Districts including:

- Club Secretary
- Sergeant at Arms
- Club Administration Chair
- Club President (three times) Colonial Heights Rotary Club
- District Communications Officer (seven years) for District 7600
- District Secretary (three years) District 7600

Debbie was named Rotarian of the Year 2005-2006 by the Bluefield VA Rotary Club, 2009 -2010 named Rotarian of the Year by the Rocky Mount NC Rotary Club and Area 5 Rotarian of the Year for District 7720, and Rotarian of the Year 2015-2016 by the Colonial Heights Rotary Club. Debbie was the recipient of the D7600 Outstanding Club President Award 2014-2015, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019; the Rotary Foundation District Service Award 2014-2015.

Debbie is joined in Rotary service by her husband Stan who himself is quite accomplished in Rotary. Both are Bequest Society Members, Benefactors, Major Donors, Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members, Polio Plus Society Members, and donors to the William E. Skelton Endowment Fund. Debbie and Stan both are RLI Graduates and serve as RLI Facilitators for Zone 33. They have attended seven Rotary International Conventions together as well as their respective district conference each year since coming into Rotary. Stan and Debbie are also the recipients of the 2011 Silver and 2012 Gold United States Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

When she's not involved in Rotary, she is employed as Senior Supply Chain Accountant for Sabra Dipping Company. Sabra produces an assortment of hummus food products here in Colonial Heights VA.

- Today was Debbie's 5th stop today. She's been training for 2.5 years and has some responsibilities after her year.
- International President- Shekhar Mehta, Check out his presentation on Youtube.
- Theme- Serve to Change Lives. RI President Shekhar Mehta is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and **servi**ng others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Goals:

- Growing rotary and increasing membership- goal is 1.3 million Rotarians. Each one bring one. Let them experience the Rotary family. 2400 rotarians in the district.
- new club formats are being looked at to grow membership.
- Be open to new ideas, structures, diversity to grow and bring new members.
- Support youth programs. They are our future.
- Increase rotaract clubs by 4 clubs. Interact clubs by 2. Invite them to our meetings. RYLA will be back in person in 2022.
- Empower Girls from birth to the age of 18. How can we empower girls in our community?
- Human sex trafficking- how can we make a difference, stop.

People of action- tell our story. Let people know what we do in the community. Share service projects/events to Joann Meeker and Sue Ann Bryant.

- 7th area of focus- Environment. Look for an opportunity in our community. Community day of Service/Rotary day of service. Partner with other clubs. District rotary days of service. One will be at our district conference.
- Global grants
- The Rotary Foundation. Promote it. Increase giving by 10% across the board.
- Visit clubs when you are traveling for work or pleasure.
- Make Rotary Fun

District Conference: 10/15-17, 2021 @ the Downtown Richmond Marriott Downtown

Grow more, do more, each one bring one.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way test, Brenda adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.