

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

6/19/24 Weekly Meeting

Janice called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Blessing: Brenda

Pledge: Mike

Attending Members: Brenda, Michelle, Holly, Ken, Janice, Celeste, Jerry, Ted, Clint, Aimee, Mike, Judson, Sanjeev

Visiting Rotarians: Kenny Janes, Richmond Rotary Club; Charlie & Jan Clemmons, Ashland Rotary Club; Bret Atwood, Mechanicsville Rotary Club; Alan Dole Rotary Club

Guests: Leah Austin, Holly’s Daughter to tell us about her RYLA experience; Alyssa Henicheck, Janice’s niece; Mary Owen, Jerry’s wife; Leeanne Ladin, Speaker and Gary Ladin (speaker’s assistant!), Josh Sheetz, Janice’s Nephew

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Celeste reported that there 24 people present. 13 Hanover Rotarians were present, 5 Visiting Rotarians and 6 guests,

Rotary Minute:

Ken gave a Rotary minute about literacy and Paul Harris’ love for reading and Rotary chose literacy as one of the Areas of Focus.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Everyone is happy to be here and see old friends

Announcements:

Celeste provided the arrangements

Janice would like to know who is coming to the Awards ceremony next week.

**Program:**

**Leah Austin attended RYLA**, sponsored by our Club. She wanted to go RYLA so that she could get leadership, public speaking skills. She learned those and working with people that have different personalities as well as the importance of teamwork. She learned the importance of giving back to her community. She told us about some of the communication games they played. She told us about the color of personalities. Here group decided to address the issue of food deserts, proposing a project of adding healthy vending machines to the area. She enjoyed her time and is looking forward to going back and becoming a leader.

**Galloping Through Virginia Horse Racing History with Secretariat - Leeanne Ladin**

They called him America’s Super House. He was on the cover of TIME. His track records have not been broken in 51 years and he was born in Virginia! He was foaled March 30, 1970 at The Meadow. Christopher Chenery was the found of Meadow Stable in 1936. His goal was to win the Kentucky Derby – Hill Prince came close. First Landing was a champion but didn’t win the Derby but he did sire Riva Ridge who won the Derby in 1972.

Meadow Stable was very successful and had great bloodlines. Cicada was the top money winning horse for 9 years.

Mr. Chenery became ill and Penny, his daughter, took over the stable, facing my obstacles like financial, family and being female in racing. Riva Ridge won 500K as a 2-year-old, which saved the Meadow. Even though he was ill, Mr. Chenery’s dream finally came true. He also won the Belmont in 1972 even though he lost the Preakness. Penny called him her “Golden Boy” but then along came Secretariat. He won the 1973 Kentucky Derby in 1:59 2/5 then won the Preakness in 1:53. Neither record has been broken. He won it in 2:24 by 31 lengths. He was the first Triple Crown Winner in 25 years and to date he has been the only horse to break records in all 3 races. He was able to run on surfaces and in all conditions.

He was inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1974.

When Mr. Chenery died, he owed 70% estate taxes. Penny had no choice by to Syndicate him for $6M and Riva at $5M.

Secretariat died of Laminitis which is a serious condition impacting the hoof and he had it in all 4.

He has several Triple Crown Winning Descendants. 18 of 20 Derby horses were Secretariat descendants.

He was super horse because his heart was very large and his stride was very long. He also had a good team.

Suzanne also gave a history of Horse Racing and Pedigrees in Virginia and the U.S.

In 2023, Virginia celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Secretariat’s Triple Crown by finally getting its own monument that was 3800 lbs! The statue traveled 5000 miles before coming back to Ashland.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Janice adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

 Michelle Nelms

**Upcoming Dates**

**June 2024**

June 26th Awards & Change of Leadership Event at Roma’s

**July 2024**

*July is New Leadership Month*

July 3 - NO MEETING

July 10 - NO MEETING

July 17 - Board Meeting

July 17 - Club Assembly - President Arnie's Vision for the Club

July 24 - NO MEETING

July 31 - Club Meeting - Deputy Evan Povar, Sheriffs Department - Crime Prevention and Protecting yourself from Current Scams

**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

**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, Wmsbg

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!