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 **Hanover Rotary Club Minutes**

**1/12/22 Weekly Meeting**

Brenda called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM.

**Blessing: Brenda**

**Pledge: Brenda**

**Attending Members:** In person: Brenda, Ken, Michelle, Aimee, Janice, Judson, Rickey

On Zoom: Mike, Arnie, Ted, Holly, Penny, Sanjeev, Clint

**Honorary Rotarian:**

**Visiting Rotarians:** Celeste Cohen, Raghavan (Innsbrook)

**Guests:** Tammy

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report**: Mike gave a report; there are 14 Rotarians and 2 visiting Rotarians and 1 guest. He had a joke about Catholic Shampoo

**Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Mike is kind of sad he did not make it to dinner

Brenda is happy for her daughter’s birthday today

Tammy is happy to be here

**Rotary Minute:**

Was Paul Harris the President of the first Rotary Club? No, but he was the first President of RI. While he was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary Club, he asked someone else to be the President. By 1910 there were 16 Rotary Clubs called the Association of Rotary Clubs and by 1912 there were 4 International clubs added, with the name being shortened to Rotary International in 1922.

**Announcements:**

PETS moved Jan 29 virtually

Board Meeting, Jan 17 at the Atlee Library at 6:30 p.m.

If you want to help with Clean Up of Wreaths Across America, it is this weekend 9a.m. contact Aimee for more info

Feb 5 rescheduled president’s retreat

Feb 9 – Ronald McDonald House speaker

**Program:**

Raghavan Sadagopan from Innsbrook Rotary Club is sharing his Rotary Moments. His father got him into Rotary, as his father was a Rotarian, so he didn’t have a choice!

The first project he remembers was when in Raghavan’s village was part of a grant to install a water hand pump when he was a child.

He attended RYLA courtesy of the Club of Jodhpur in 2001, which is how Rotary worked its magic on him.

He recalls the polio vaccination efforts in his area. The Rotarians would collect and administer the vaccine. He remembers the vaccines being stored in his family’s fridge, to the chagrin of his mother whose milk and other food was left out in favor of the vaccine.

Awareness had to be created because the vaccine was seen as ‘western medicine’ and not readily accepted. Much money and various efforts were made to get the vaccine accepted and incentivize the other kids within the community.

They needed lots of participation from health providers and leaders in the faith community, and Raghavan’s father spent much time talking to them. Because of the awareness effort, Rotary was known for being the vaccinators and change makers.

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

 Michelle Nelms