

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

3/6/24 Weekly Meeting

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

Blessing: Holly

Pledge: Ed Via

Attending Members: Judson, Michelle, Ken, Janice, Celeste, Holly, Sanjeev, Glenn, Ed Via

Visiting Rotarians: Speaker, Dave Fuller – Mechanicsville, VA. Rich Haines, Bon Air Club

Guests: Animesh Saxena, guest of Sanjeev

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Glenn reported that 9 Hanover Rotarians were present and 1 guest

Rotary Minute:

Ken gave a Rotary minute about the Rotary International Yearly Theme that originated in 1949. They are meant to inspire Rotarians across the world. New presidents kick off their year with a new theme of service. He shared some of the previous themes.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Celeste is happy that Glenn did the sergeant-at-arms and happy her sister’s surgery was successful

Sanjeev was happy at his son’s achievement

Rich is happy to be here

Announcements:

Shrimp & Suds – get sponsors, put up signs on March 16. We will be meeting at the Cold Harbor Restaurant at 8 a.m. for breakfast and then we will put up signs.

Holly gave a short speech about security sponsorships for Shrimp & Suds. Everyone should participate in getting sponsorship. She is challenging everyone to get just one more sponsorship than last year. She gave us a quick tutorial on the Circle of Influence – YOU are in the middle of the circle and think about Sponsors and if you need help, please let the committee know and they can help and give suggestions.

**Program:**

Dave Fuller, President of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, Inc. spoke to our club. The foundation was started in 1990. Prior to that, there was nothing on the site except a rock with a plaque saying Pole Green Church stood there. The history of the church covers 2 centuries. A few years before 1990, the site and foundation of the Church were discovered. Dave brought 3 drawings with him that were drawn in 1862 by a civil war soldier passing through that they know what the church looked like. It burned to the ground in 1864. They host 50 weddings a year, which picked up when Jason Mraz got married there and it was on his social media.

Dave gave a brief history of the church and how Samuel Davies came to the church to preach in 1743. He was the first non-Anglican minister to get a license to preach in Virginia. He left in 1759 and went to a school in New Jersey where he died of TB 18 months later. The church continued after he left. While he was here, Patrick Henry went to church at Polegreen with his mother – PH was 11 and, in his adulthood, Henry said that his skills were honed at the feet of the great preacher Samuel Davies.

The foundation owns the birthplace of Patrick Henry – Studley Farms – there is nothing there but 33 acres of land. There is a cemetery close by with some relatives of Patrick Henry. The foundation wants to put an easement and own the property.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Janice adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

 Michelle Nelms

**Upcoming Dates**

**March 2024**

March 9th Community Service: Moments of Hope

March 13th Shrimp & Suds Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Atlee Library

March 16th Shrimp & Suds Sign Put Up Event – 8 a.m. Cold Harbor Restaurant

March 20th Regular Meeting – Club Assembly

March 27th Top Golf outing

**April 2024**

April 3rd Regular Meeting

April 10th No Meeting

April 13th Community Service: Moments of Hope

April 17th Essay Contest Celebration & Dinner

April 24th TBD

**May 2024**

May 1st Regular Meeting

May 8th Last meeting before Shrimp & Suds

May 9th SHRIMP & SUDS at Kings Dominion

May 11th Community Service: Moments of Hope

May 15th No Meeting

May 22nd Regular Meeting

May 29th TBD

**June 2024**

June 4th Community Service District Wide Chesapeake Clean the Bay

June 5th Regular Meeting

June 8th Community Service: Moments of Hope

June 12th No Meeting

June 19th Regular Meeting

June 26th Awards & Change of Leadership Event