

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

1/15/25 Weekly Meeting

Arnie called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Thought for the day: Celeste

Pledge: Catherine

Attending Members: Janice, Michelle, Judson, Ted, Catherine, Arnie, Celeste, Holly, Penny, Glenn, Clint, Ken, Sanjeev, Animesh, Mike Smith.

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Jon Greene, Director of Teen and Adult program at the Autism Society of Central Virginia Programs and Services

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Celeste reported that there are 12 Rotarians present and 1 guest

**Good bars for good jobs** – 2 BIG good bars for good jobs – One for Sanjeev for the Clothing distribution and one to Clint for hosting the holiday party at short notice.

**Announcements:**

We are donating $100 to Hanover Safe Place

**Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Ted is sad because his brother’s house was lost in the LA Fires

Michelle is happy because her son was accepted to Intelligence Analysis program at JMU

Penny is sad because she lost a childhood friend yesterday but is happy because her husband’s uncle’s home is safe from the LA Fires in North Hollywood

Celeste is happy because her younger daughter is in Long Beach and also safe from the fires

Arnie is happy for his clever wife using snow for flushing toilets!

**Rotary Minute:**

Ken gave a Rotary Minute about the Rotary Learning center where you can learn about Rotary roles and can help you prepare for different leadership roles. They are interactive and offer ways to track your progress. You can learn more deeply about Rotary.

**Shrimp & Suds Update**

Michelle gave a Shrimp & Suds update – she is looking for ideas to do something special for the 40th Anniversary. Let her know if you have an idea. Be on the lookout for sponsor packets.

**Program:**

The Autism Society of Central Virginia has been around for 40 years, started by mom’s looking for programs for their kids.

They provide services and supports at any age, and any stage from diagnosis throughout the lifespan.

In 2024, they served over 10,000 people through 470 total programs.

There is no known cause for autism.

They do advocacy and public policy in the General Assembly as well as social and recreational programming for all ages, Support Programming for many different groups of people like caregivers, dads, moms, grandparents. They do Annual Member Events to bring the community together. There are Scholarship and Financial Assistance Programs to provide their members opportunities they wouldn’t be able to participate in.

1 in 36 have Autism because more people are being diagnosed. They provide community education and training on Autism

They are famous for the Duck Race on the James that they do the RVA Duck Race and Festival of Inclusion that is a giant resource fair.

They only have 5 paid staff members but do a lot of programming.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Arnie adjourned the meeting at p.m.

 Michelle Nelms

**Upcoming Dates**

**January 2025**

January 22, 2025 NO MEETNG

January 29, 2025 Club meeting and Board Meeting - Tom Parfitt, University of Richmond

**February 2025**

February 5, 2025 Club Meeting - Holly Austin - Atlee YMCA

February 12, 2025 NO MEETNG

February 15, 2025 RYLA

February 19, 2025 Club and Board Meeting - Ryan Hudson - Hanover County Supervisor

February 26, 2025 NO MEETNG

**March 2025**

March 5, 2025 Club Meeting – Jaime Stoops, Acting Director Pamunkey Regional Library

March 12, 2025 NO MEETNG

March 19, 2025 Club meeting and Board Meeting – Sandy from Sandy’s Plants

March 26, 2025 NO MEETNG

**April 2025**

April 2, 2025 Club Meeting – Speaker TBD

April 9, 2025 NO MEETNG

April 16, 2025 Club and Board Meeting – Essay Contest Celebration

April 23, 2025 NO MEETNG

April 30, 2025 Hanover County Social Event