March 5, 2025 Meeting notes

Arnie called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Thought for the day: Animesh

Pledge: Mike

Attending members: Judson, Ted, Glenn, Mike, Holly, Sanjeev, Arnie, Clint, Animesh, Celeste, Ken, Canova

Guests: Dave Bickel, prospective member and Speaker, Jaimee Stoop.

**Sergeant-at-arms report --**12 Rotarians attending. Two guests— prospective member Dave Bickel, and speaker Jamie Stoops.

SAA requested that those sitting closest to the door, please shut the door as late members and the server goes in and out to help with noise level.

**Announcements**

**Membership**-- Ted re-introduced Dave Bickel, who Club members first met at the holiday party. He’s a long-term Hanover resident, and years ago was a volunteer firefighter with Robert Barnett. We’re looking forward to getting to know more about Dave in the future.

**Hanover Rotary Foundation**-- Ken reported the foundation has completed funding for four projects …Circles RVA, and the Historic Pole Green Church, both of which the Club has supported in the past. Along with two new recipients-- Hanover Safe Place: The Club is providing additional support to get one of their clients safely out of a domestic abuse situation, and Little Hands Virginia , a new non-profit which supports diapers and critical essentials needed for babies.

**Charities Fund**—Canova proposed the Club help one of our own, Janice Henicheck, who suffered a house fire. Members unanimously agreed to contribute $1000 to address some of Janice‘s immediate needs.

**New Member Badge**--Arnie presented Animesh with his official membership blue badge. Animesh completed the work long ago but finally has the new badge.

**Transferring Member**--Arnie announced Club member Kathryn is transferring to the Church Hill club but will continue to participate in our community service projects. Holly recommended we have a meeting to discuss ways to attract and keep younger members.

**Community Service**—Animesh requested help to get the word out for the 5th grade Essay Contest.

**Program**

Meet Jaime Stoops—she is the current Acting Director of Pamunkey Regional Library.  Jaime got her start in libraries as a manager in the very library she grew up in and has spent 21 years focused on keeping libraries current, evolving them to meet the ever-changing needs of the community.  Jaime fully supports and believes in the Pamunkey Regional Library mission: Enhance the quality of life in our communities by providing free access to information promoting reading enjoyment, nurturing, lifelong learning and providing places for people to interact.

The Pamunkey Regional Library serves three counties with nine branches, six in Hanover, one in Goochland and two in King William. The system is overseen by an eight member board of trustees. Programming continues to be the big focus with children, teens, and adults and all age intergenerational. A highlight for the library system was increased circulation with visits increasing 16% from FY23 to FY24.

The library has the ability to help if you’re looking for e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, or magazines. Patrons can browse and check out titles from Hoopla and Overdrive in the digital catalog.

The library also has an extensive list of services including books for babies, classes, 3-D printing, exhibit spaces, photo scanning stations, newspapers, mobile hotspots, meeting rooms, storytime, and much, much more!

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.