

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

6/4/25 Weekly Meeting

Arnie called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Thought for the day:

Pledge: Dave

Attending Members: Judson, Ted, Glenn, Aimee, Arnie, Celeste, Michelle, Mike Smith, Sanjeev, Clint, Dave Bickel

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Chip Hartle, Hanover Fire & EMS – Speaker. Prospective Members: Lou Maceda, Scott & Kristie Vota, Robert Schwartz, Sheila Kaczmarczyk

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Celeste told us there were 17 people: 13 Rotarians and 2 guests;

**Good bars for good jobs** – None tonight

**Announcements:**

Don’t forget the Installation Dinner at Hanover Tavern on July 2 – Dinner will not be billed

Clean the Bay day on this Saturday at Ancarrow’s Landing, contact Janice for more info

**Happy/Sad Bucks:**

Clint is happy because his dad is coming to town and he is happy because his son got a raise instead of being fired!

Sanjeev is happy because his daughter has been elected Community Service chair at her high school.

**Rotary Minute:**

None tonight

**Program:**

Chip Hartle from the Hanover Fire & EMS was our speaker on the topic of the Fire & EMS. Hanover County fire department began in 1890. There are now 17 stations, 3 of them are Volunteer stations. They are the 4th largest department in the Richmond Metro area. There are 257 career members and 155 volunteer members.

He shared the org chart of the department and talked about the challenges of staffing and growing the department. He shared their strategies for managing resources across the county.

They provide “All Hazards” approach including Fire-EMD, Office of the Fire Marshall, Emergency Management, Hazmat and Disaster Preparedness Cert. with many services provided including one of the strongest school firefighter training instruction programs. The students often become full-fledged firefighters on graduation.

He also reviewed the department’s strategic goals and their budget and recent upgrades, discussing upcoming vehicle acquisitions.

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Arnie adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

 Michelle Nelms

**Upcoming Dates**

**June 2025**

June 7, 2025 Clean-The-Bay Day

June 11, 2025 NO MEETING

June 18, 2025 Club & Board Meeting - Ryan Hudson, Hanover Board of Supervisors

June 25, 2025 NO MEETING

**July 2025**
July 2, 2025         Installation Dinner at Hanover Tavern, 6-9p.m.
July 9, 2025         NO MEETING
July 12, 2025        District Change in Leadership Meeting
July 16, 2025        Club Meeting – speaker TBD
July 23, 2025        NO MEETING