

**Hanover Rotary Club Notes**

9/4/24 Weekly Meeting

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

Thought for the day: Ken

Pledge: Holly

Attending Members: Arnie, Holly, Brenda, Penny, Canova, Ed, Celeste, Penny, Ken, Glenn, Janice, Ted, Judson, Mike, Amy, Katherine, Animesh, Sanjeev

Visiting Rotarians: N/A

Guests: Liz White ( ) and Tamara Allen (Programs Director)

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Celeste reported that there 17 Rotarians present and 2 guests.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

N/A

Announcements:

**Several members received Goodbars- Judson, Penny and Ken**

**District 7600 Conference will be at the Westin Hotel on Broad St. The club will pay the registration fee for those wishing to attend. September 27-29.**

**Social Event- Oct. 5th. Cruise on the James. Let Arnie know if interested. 11am.**

**Katherine Grayson’s induction.**

**Program:**

UpVote Virginia- Ranked Choice Voting in Virginia

Ranked Choice Voting is a simple change to the ballot that enables a better voting experience

1. Voters have the option to rank candidates in order of preference. 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice and so on.
2. If no candidate received majority support on the initial round, the last place candidate is eliminated, and that candidate’s 2nd place voters are redistributed to the remaining candidates.
3. The process continues until a winner has earned over 50% of voter’s support.

Why Ranked Choice Voting now?

* Our politics is polarized and paralyzed, and the incentive structure is skewed.
* More people than ever are stepping up to run for office and our current system isn’t built to support more choice.

Benefits

#1 RCV ensures majority winners.

#2 RCV rewards candidates who build consensus.

#3 RCV diminishes negative campaigning.

#4 RCV eliminates “spoilers.”

#5 RCV is shown to elect more non-traditional candidates.

* In Virginia
	+ HB1103- Local RCV pilot program
		- Passed in 2020, patroned by Del. Sally Hudson and allows localities to adopt RCV for local legislative elections (City Councils and County Boards of Supervisors)
	+ Arlington County Board
		- Arlington County Board used RCV in their June 2023 Primaries for County Board and adopted an ordinance in Dec. 2023 to use RCV in all future Count Board Primaries. They will also use RCV in the 2024 General Elections.
	+ Charlottesville will use RCV in June 2025.
* RCV in Virginia-History
	+ GOP 2021 Statewide Convention
		- All three statewide nominees were chosen with RCV at the unassembled convention.
	+ 2022/2023 Congressional Nominations used RCV
		- 3 nominees in 2022 (CD 8, 10 I& 11)
		- Nominee in CD 4 special election in 2023

After Judson led the Club in the 4-Way Test, Celeste adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm.

 Penny Guiles