



ROTARY:
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Hanover Rotary Club Minutes

2/7/2018

Hanover Rotarians: 16

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: 4; Landen Selden, Jennifer Boykin (Heart Havens) and Mike and Lillie Handway

Speaker(s): Jennifer Boykin (Heart Havens), and Mike and Lillie Handway,

Grace: Dan **Pledge:** David E.

Important Dates:

1. Shrimp and Suds is the second Thursday in May; May 10th!!! Start to reach out to your sponsors now with a save the date.
2. We will not have our meeting on Wednesday, February 14th. Instead we will meet at the Iron Horse in Ashland on *Thursday, February 15th* for a Valentine's Day dinner, 6-8:30pm.

Other Announcements:

1. See current sign-ups below for the Valentine's Day Dinner at the Iron Horse (pg. 2) – please let Holly know ASAP if you plan to attend and your name is not on the list.
2. David E. is working on a social opportunity for March 28th-ish at the new Hardywood Brewery in Goochland. Stay tuned for information – more to come later.
3. Norm and JoAnn are due back next week! Yah! ☺

Program: Jennifer Boykin, Heart Havens and Mike and Lillie Handway, Participants at Heart Havens

- Jennifer Boykin is the CEO of Heart Havens, an organization that strives to empower adults with developmental delays to live and thrive.
- Heart Havens operates throughout the state of Virginia. Their closest operations are in Ashland and in Varina. The home in Ashland is called the Tate House and it serves four adults.
- Mike, Lillie's dad, told the story of how Lillie grew up and how it was really elementary school before they noticed that something was going on. They went through several years of difficulty as Lillie was struggling both in school and with her peers. As her mental decline got worse, she became frustrated and at one point even became aggressive.
- By the time Lillie was 18 she'd had several psychiatric evaluations and was on medication. Mike said at that point they went from special education to special needs.
- Mike said that there is no apparent reason for her neurological declines.
- She started going to Grace Place during the day which was a friendly environment, however, she needed care once she came home and Mike was her primary care-giver.
- They were given a new case manager through the City of Richmond and she recommended a process that might allow them to enroll in Heart Havens.
- Mike was specific to say that it is not a facility but rather a home where these special adults can thrive and their families don't have to worry about their well-being. Mike said that often parents of children with special needs worry what will happen to their child when they are gone and thanks to Lillie having a home like Heart Havens he doesn't have to worry anymore.
- Heart Havens programs are primarily funded by Medicaid, however, financial support is always a need.

- There are various volunteer opportunities to adopt the home with Heart Havens. These youth need to know that people in their community care about them ☺
- For more information on Heart Havens please visit their website at <http://www.hearthavens.org/>
- Thanks to Lillie and Mike for sharing their story!

4-Way Test: Marshall ☺

Current Dinner Sign-Up for Thursday, February 15th – Iron Horse in Ashland, VA

Number RSVP'd	Name(s)
2	Dan
2	Holly
1	Janice
2	Ken
2	Marshall
2	David C.
2	Mike
2	Robert
2	Ted
2	Clint
2	Harvey
1	Brenda
1	Judson
2	Stephen
2	Canova
2	Bruce
2	Norm and JoAnn
2	David E.
33 Total	