



Hanover Rotary Club Minutes

4/18/2018

Hanover Rotarians: 20

Visiting Rotarians: 2, Karlis and Tim from the Mechanicsville Club

Guests: None

Speaker(s): 2, Melissa Vaughan and Elissa Hamon, Circles of Ashland

Grace: Dan **Pledge:** Dan

Important Dates:

1. Shrimp and Suds (S&S) is the second Thursday in May; May 10th!!! Save the date!
2. Thursday, May 17th is Rotary Night at the Diamond. **We will not have a meeting the night of Wednesday, May 16th. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$2.00 of every ticket will go to Polio Plus. You can bring anyone – it is not limited to club members.
3. Wednesday, June 13th is our Installation Dinner; please mark your calendar.
4. Wednesday, May 23rd is a combined meeting with Mechanicsville, Ashland and Hanover at the Industrial Tap House. Our clubs will be working on a grant together for Raise Coffee Inc.
5. May 30th we will be taking a field trip and will meet at Cross over Clinic for our regular meeting.

Other Announcements:

1. S&S volunteer assignments will be coming out very soon from JoAnn. Volunteers who can arrive early are asked to there by 4:30pm.
2. Hanover Rotary Club Essay Contest, Winner Presentation is April 25th.
3. Norm reported that the check is on the way to Liberia to fund our well water project! Yeah! Our Rotary International grant was approved. Great job Norm and team!
4. **Bill is taking an early retirement from his Rotary leadership position and so we need to find a replacement for his role. Please let Clint or Dan know as soon as possible if you are interested.
5. Bruce is going to ask how many tickets you've sold and how many you expect to sell. We need to know this number for the upcoming shrimp order. No tickets are sold at the gate.
6. Tim announced that he had a meeting last night with Feedmore – we will do collections this year at 4 Food Lions instead of Kroger; the date for collection will be the 9th of June. On the 16th we will sort from 9-12 and then go to Hardywood for those can are interested in volunteering.

Program: Melissa Vaughan and Elissa Hamon, Circles of Ashland

- Melissa is an architect in Ashland and is a board member at Circles of Ashland.
- Melissa's church started Circles of Ashland.
- Circles helps to give people who need help the bootstraps that they need to pull themselves up with. They provide training on how to get people in need out of poverty.
- Helping one person out of poverty saves the state 1.4 million dollars over their lifetime.
- Circles of Ashland also serves Mechanicsville – not just Ashland.
- Circle leaders (participants) are identified by social workers in the county or guidance counselors in the school system. Participants must have stable housing to participate.
- They meet every Thursday night and have a goal of getting people from making \$9.00/Hour up to \$21/22 dollars/Hour; they also focus on getting them out of debt.
- Circles will be hosting a poverty simulation on July 15th and will do a community update in May.

- Each Circles participant has two point people or allies that help them through their process.
- There are 65 circles groups in the nation; Ashland is the first in VA.
- Each cohort or group of Circles Leaders (participants) is a group of 15 people and each cohort is a year long.
- The allies spend four hours a week as a volunteer working with their Leaders.
- The Town of Ashland helps to fund the program.
- The first group had 6 graduates; however, 2 have sadly passed away.
- The Ashland Rotary Club just funded Circles the curriculum for the children's program.
- Meetings are held at Duncan Memorial on the Campus of Randolph Macon.
- For more information you can visit

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