



Hanover Rotary Club Minutes

8/07/19

Hanover Rotarians: 13 smiling Rotarians

Prayer: Holly **Pledge:** Clint

Visiting Rotarians: 0

Guests: Patty Hall

Speaker(s): Patty Hall, Hanover Safe Place

Rotary Minute (Ken): Foundation Minute

- August is Membership and Extension month. It is also a time to work to keep current members active. The RI Board of Directors must approve the extension of Rotary into countries where clubs have not previously existed.
 - In 2005-2006, the Board opened clubs in China, Cuba and Vietnam.
- The RI Board requires Rotarians to work through the RI Extension Committee when forming clubs in countries where Rotary clubs do not currently exist.
- There are 35000 clubs today in 200 countries.
- Ted said we should mention our sister clubs and their meeting times.
 - **Ashland Rotary** – Thursday at 12Noon. Ashland Coffee and Tea, 100 N Railroad Ave, Ashland, VA 23005
 - **Mechanicsville Rotary** – Wednesday at 7:30AM. Cold Harbor Restaurant, 8153 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Landon (Joke Time!): Stephen again.... He is a brave soul!

As a scarecrow, they say I am outstanding in my field, but hey, it's in my jeans! (Landon!)

Happy/Sad Bucks

- **Mike** – He's happy he played golf.
- **Canova** – He's happy he had a chance to be with Holly on Sunday. He got to see what the money does at the YMCA. The children are learning and building character - it's a "feel good moment"! Let Holly know if you would like to take a tour, and she will work with you on timing. There are about 100 kids on the roster at the Patrick Henry Y and about 150 overall. Activities include dancing and fun times! About 65% are receiving financial assistance although some are fully funded.
- **Glenn** – He's a little sad since he fell and cracked his wrist. He is unable to play golf. Hope it clears up soon, Glenn.
- **Brenda** – She's happy and sad. She's happy to be going on vacation, but Jim fractured his toe and is now in a boot just in time for vacation. Activities have become limited for both of them (and no golf for Jim either, Glenn!), but it's still a vacation!
- **Patty** (our guest) – She's happy to be taking her grandson to see a double hitter baseball game.
- **Holly** – Holly is happy that Leah is with her dad at the beach.

Announcements:

- **Glenn** – Reminder that we are starting our Peanut Sales fundraiser. Buy them for friends, neighbors, customers, family gifts. The holidays are coming up too! Start thinking about it now. We appreciate Glenn stepping up in JoAnn's absence!!! Here is the website that shows their offerings: <https://www.plantationpeanuts.com/>
- **Holly** – 9/20-22/19 - District 7600 conference: **The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center Hotel; 4535 Commerce Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23562**
- **Holly** –9/5/19 - Women in Rotary event - 5-7pm, **Bistro 27, 27 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220**. Let Holly know if you are attending.
- **Holly** – 10/12/19. 12N-7P. Midlothian Food Festival, Westchester Commons. (See Holly's email on August 9th)
- **Holly** – JoAnn is getting a boot on her foot. She and Norm are coming to Richmond in October and will be visiting clubs. Welcome back!
- **Holly** – The Bright Beginnings shopping at Target is next week.
- **Holly** – Send Penny social ideas.
- **Glenn (new update)**. **Social outing at Colonial Downs on Thursday, August 29th. The outing would take the place of our August 28th meeting. See Glenn's August 18th email.**
- **Holly** – The Historic Pole Green thank you was passed around.

Program: - Patty McComas Hall, Hanover Safe Place

Bio: Patty is Director Community Engagement and Volunteer Services. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech and began her work in sexual violence at the Women's Resource Center in Radford. Over the past thirty plus years, Patty has worked at six Virginia Department of Social Services agencies as a Social Worker and multiple non-profit agencies including Greater Richmond SCAN.

Patty returned to primarily working with adult victims of violence in January, 2006, when she joined the staff at Hanover Safe Place. Over the last thirteen years, Patty has provided direct services to sexual and domestic violence victims doing counseling, case management, rapid rehousing and court advocacy.

She is also one of the creators of R-HART, the award-winning Regional Hospital Accompaniment Response Team for the Greater Richmond Area, which provides advocate services for intimate partner and sexual violence victims in local hospitals.

Patty is a 26-year resident of Hanover County and has two adult children and two grandchildren.

Program: (All, the information below is a capsule version of her presentation. I attached Patty's information sheets for additional review.)

- The Hanover Safe Place has been in place over 20 years. It offers services for victims of domestic and sexual violence for Hanover County. It has a \$1.2M budget and receives funds from Federal and State grants, the community and United Way.
- Its services are free and confidential.
- It received buy-in from VCU and Bon Secours (4 hospitals and stand-alone ERs); you will receive an advocate response within 45 minutes.
- There is always someone on call. The highest call volume is VCU and St Mary's – there are more facilities available.
- The Hotline has one team to send them to the correct resource, which minimizes repeating what happened and gets them to the right place, so they only need to tell their story once. This is critical to the patient's well-being.
- Transportation may be an issue, and they may need to be on a bus line (This means they need to be in Richmond).

- A Housing Coordinator was hired to manage multiple jurisdictions. The average stay in shelter is 30 days. They factor in judgments, bad credit and defaults. However, this doesn't last long term. They make sure people are able to function. They also manage long term stays, as needed.
- They teach how to shop smarter and manage money to enable them to manage on their own.
- An employment specialist is available to enable clients to manage resumes and do employment interviews.
- Attorneys are available to assist with protective orders and custody issues. Abusers do file for custody to try to get them to come back.
- They have four hotel rooms (one is an office), Dental Clinic access and Immigration Services to help with Visas.
- Imminent danger needs will automatically get a room, even if it means providing an actual hotel room.
- HCA does not have a forensic nursing program. They will be sent to St Mary's.

For more information, you can go to:

<http://www.hanoversafeplace.com/>

4-way test: The Group

Upcoming meetings:

- August 14, 2019: Rose Palmer, Classification Speech
- August 21, 2019: District Governor, Clenise Platt - official visit
- August 28, 2019: Barry Coleman, We Are the Youth Outreach
- September 4, 2019: Dana Brown, National Kidney Foundation