



Hanover Rotary Club Minutes

7/10/19

Hanover Rotarians: 14

Visiting Rotarians: 2 - Tim Amos and Dave Fuller, Mechanicsville Rotary

Guests: 0

Speaker(s): Dave Fuller, Historic Pole Green Church Foundation

Invocation: Clint

Pledge: Brenda

Rotary Joke: Landon

"Where did Captain Hook get his hook?" At a "second hand" store!

Announcements:

- Ashland Run - this weekend at Center of the Universe - for their fundraiser. Clint sent reminder!

Happy/Sad Bucks

- **Glenn** – Happy to play golf with Bruce and happy wife didn't lose money to Harvey.
- **Tim** – Happy to be back from S. Dakota where he replaced an elder tenant's windows. The weather there was below zero degrees.
- **Clint** – Happy for the Women's Soccer Team Win and mom almost done with her chemo.

Rotary Minute (Ken):

- The Rotary Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30
- The new president Mark Maloney has served as an RI director and Foundation trustee (teams with his wife). He comes from the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama and has led a Group Study Exchange to Nigeria. Mark joined Rotary in 1980 and has served as DG and on the Rotary Foundation. He also attended Harvard Law School.

Program:

Dave Fuller, Historic Pole Green Church Foundation

Dave is a member of the Mechanicsville Rotary. He graduated from NC State and has a BSIE in Industrial Engineering. Dave is a seasoned executive in business and economic development, strategic planning, high technology manufacturing, international business, and marketing.

- He serves as Treasurer and Finance Chair of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, Inc.; Director and Development Chair of Covenant Woods, a Virginia Non-Stock Corporation; Director of Hanover Tavern Foundation; and a Director and Treasurer for the US Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia and DC. He is Chair of the Bell Creek Community Development Authority, Member of Hanover County Schools Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Board, Commissioner of the Hanover County Parks and Recreation Commission, and Director of the Rotary Club of Mechanicsville Foundation. He also serves as a citizen volunteer for the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

Pole Green Historic Church Foundation Formation:

- 1929 – Presbyterian of the James erected monument to mark Pole Green Church. Only a rock was there.

- In 1990, the Presbytery of the James, successor to Hanover Presbytery, which had been founded at Polegreen in 1755, authorized the creation of a non-profit foundation, ecumenical in nature, to preserve, enhance and interpret the site of Polegreen Church.
 - First objective of the foundation was to locate the remains of the colonial church. Archaeologists from Virginia Commonwealth University oversaw the effort, and the remains of the church's foundation were revealed.
 - On the basis of the physical evidence of the church's location and the easily documented record of the important events related to the Hanover Dissenters and Samuel Davies, in 1991 the U.S. National Park Service listed the Polegreen site in the Register of National Historic Places. Build silhouette of what was there – an interpretation of what vision of the prior site.

The Great Awakening (Religious Movement)

- The law said there was only one church, Anglican. The taxes paid for building/preachers. If it wasn't Anglican, they were considered "dissenters" and it was difficult to obtain a license.
- Dissenting ministers, Samuel Davies, a Presbyterian from PA obtained a license.
 - Patrick Henry's mom brought him to listen to him preach.
 - Davies preached to slaves (considered illegal at this time)
 - Sermons were held at convenience of minister, which could be any day. People came with families and slaves. Davies taught slaves to read/write via Bible.
 - Davies became fourth president of Princeton; three years later, he passed away.

Civil War

- 1862 - Lieutenant Thomas M. Farrell, a Union soldier with the 15th New York Volunteer Engineers sketched three drawings of the church. Only known drawings in existence.
- 1864- June 1st – Union climbed roof of church to get a better view. Confederates fired on the church, which caught fire. Never rebuilt since there was no money due to the war. People went elsewhere versus rebuilding.
 - 73 unknown people are buried on the grounds.

Current:

- Four years ago, Jason Mraz (Mechanicsville singer) was married there, which provided higher visibility and created a new venue for weddings, which have since increased. 3 years ago- there were 7 weddings, 2 years ago-23 weddings, 1 year ago-36 weddings.
- It's used for celebrating naturalization services - this year 71 became citizens.
- Upcoming: HOLIDAY ILLUMINATION - NOVEMBER 22, 2019, 5:30 PM. Christmas carols/church lights.
- For more information on, check out their website at: <https://www.historicpolegreen.org/>

4-way test: Clint/Group