

# Rotary



## Club of Churchland

### Club Meeting Information

Churchland  
Meets at American Legion Hall  
- Churchland  
3107 American Legion Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23703  
Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM

### Club Leaders



James N. Rhodes  
DDS  
President



Debra J. Aleck DPM  
President-Elect



Wanda Smith  
iPast President



Q. Karl Quinn  
Secretary  
Past President



David W. Stephenson  
Treasurer  
Past President  
Webmaster



Brennan J. O'Connor  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Past President



William Barrera  
Club Director  
Past President



Leslie H. Halstead Jr.  
Club Director  
Past President

## NOVEMBER 17, 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020

PRESIDENT Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Marshall lead us in prayer, Lupe with the Pledge and Bill Barrera with the 4-Way Test. Everyone enjoyed a great breakfast prepared by Alice and Stephanie.

Jim welcomed everyone on Zoom and in person. Those on zoom today were Dennis, Leroy, Karl, Raleigh, Vernon, Lucas and Joe F. We had 20 members attending in person!

David announced that Joe F has an anniversary this week so wish the Friszolowski a Happy One!

Happy Dollars were plenty with Lupe, Lucas, Bill and Karl contributing.

Bill Pollard was awarded a distinguished award at the District Conference this past weekend. He was given the Distinguished Service Award. This is given to only 50 Rotarians around the world that display exemplary service to the Foundation. Congratulations Bill and we are so proud of you!

We had a great turnout this past Sunday at Oasis to prepare, package and feed those in need. Maureen was on hand to give hair cuts and was busy the entire time. Hats off to the Rotary Club of Churchland and to Debra for coordinating. This surely makes you feel proud to be a part of our club and the community.

Jim gave an account of the district conference and stated that we had 8 members attend. The breakout sessions were very interesting and educational. Bill Pollard was the MC at lunch on Saturday and dinner as well. Jim learned that there are 4 different types of membership and that our club should explore the avenues. They are regular member, honorary member, family member and corporate member.

Our club was awarded two flags for 100% giving club and every member, every year club. There are only 4,000 clubs that are awarded this distinction!

A club in Argentina had put a request in to Bill Barrera for a ventilator. Lupe indicated that they cost \$11,000 and that is out of our budget. Lupe will be on lookout for one if she sees that a hospital is unloading one.

Meals on Wheels needs our help this week so please contact Tonya if you are able to help. [761-8220](tel:761-8220).

Peanut orders are coming in to Margaret and Nancy. The deadline for first order is Friday the 13th. They will be picking them up on Monday. A second order will go in December if needed. Thanks to all for what you are doing. This is our only fundraiser this year so we need to make it count.



Debra will be conducting the meeting on November 17 in Jim's absence. This will be a trial run for you and we are behind you 100%! Lets keep the momentum that is growing going strong.



Kristin Anne Macan  
Club Director



Roland Martin  
Club Director



Pamela N McWhorter  
Club Director



Philip Ashton Page  
Club Director



William D. Pollard Jr.  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Joe Lee Hansley  
Membership Chair



Sandra R. Stewart  
Attendance Secretary  
Bulletin Editor



SuAnne Hardee Bryant  
Assistant Governor



## Speakers/Events

**November 17, 2020**  
Terry Fraley/Rod Triplett  
November Greeters

**November 17, 2020**  
Bill Pollard  
Meeting Opener

**November 19, 2020**  
Rod & Patti Triplett  
Meals On Wheels - Third Thursday

**November 19, 2020**  
Board Meeting  
Cincinnati Chili

**November 24, 2020**  
Dennis Price  
Meeting Opener

**November 24, 2020**  
Terry Fraley/Rod Triplett  
November Greeters

## SPEAKER ON NOVEMBER 10, 2020

What a great way to celebrate Veterans Day week by having Captain Alex Konczey to speak to us about his Blue Angels. Thank you Bob for bringing this interesting topic to us today.

Alex is a native of Hungary and lived under Communism for over 9 years. He was a Hungarian Freedom Fighter against the Russians in 1956. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1957.

Upon graduating from college he joined the U.S. Navy and fulfilling his dream became a pilot. Four squadron tours and 12 deployments took him all over the world. He accumulated over 7,800 flight hours in 14 different aircraft, putting him in the top 5% among Navy pilots. He retired as a Captain with 30 years of active duty.

Captain Alex stated that

"If you find something you really like, you never have to work a day in your life." And it surely showed as he made his presentation!

He indicated that it was an honor to give his service to our country. Becoming a pilot was his greatest accomplishment.

He asked the group what was the most important wing?? It is the one that the pilot tests!

The Blue Angels worked for him and he would coordinate their schedules. He flew with them as well. The mission was to showcase the work that they did with the Army and Marine Corp. thru flight demonstrations. The officers serve as ambassadors in the world and give their time visiting hospitals and schools. They visit close to 50,000 a year.

The training cycle begins in January until March. The air shows start in April and go thru November. Then in December they regroup and restart all over again.

At some point the planes fly within 18 inches and they fly at 400 mile an hour. They start the show fairly far apart and then get closer and closer. How exciting.

Alex showed us some very interesting pictures of the formations and how close they really get to each other.

A typical week starts out in Pensacola with training exercises and Fridays for their ambassador duties. On the weekends they hold the air shows and Sunday they head back to Pensacola. So it is definitely a demanding job that demands a lot of discipline and trust.

It is an honor and privilege to be chosen as a Blue Angel with only 272 pilots currently. They are away 280 days a year on average. This job does not come without sacrifice and they have lost 27 pilots.

They have flown the F18 Hornet since inception and in 2021 they will switch over to the F18 Super Hornet. This plane can be sent to battle in less than 72 hours. This new plane is 1/3 larger than the normal one and holds more fuel and easier to bring on ship. It weighs 8,000 more and can fly an extra hour.

The criteria for a pilot is flying skills, being able to interface well with people and themselves. Teamwork, pride, professionalism and excellence are musts. The average age of a Blue Angel is mid to late 20's.

This gives us all such pride to know that Captain Alex is so passionate about this program and his career in the Navy. Thank you Bob for bringing us such an inspirational program.

## CLASSIFICATION TALK NOVEMBER 17, 2020



The Classification Talk this week will be Joe Hansley. Come out in person or by Zoom to hear more about Joe and what he has accomplished. We look forward to hearing from you.

**November 25, 2020**  
[David Stephenson/John Skrobiszewski](#)  
Meals On Wheels - Fourth Wednesday

**December 01, 2020**  
[Debra Aleck/Les Halstead](#)  
December Greeters

**December 01, 2020**  
[Nancy Quell](#)  
Meeting Opener

**December 08, 2020**  
[Karl Quinn](#)  
Meeting Opener

**December 08, 2020**  
[Debra Aleck/Les Halstead](#)  
December Greeters

**December 15, 2020**  
[Debra Aleck/Les Halstead](#)  
December Greeters

**December 15, 2020**  
[Jim Rhodes](#)  
Meeting Opener

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## Birthdays

Robert F. Brewer  
November 24th

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## Wedding Anniversaries

Leslie H. Halstead Jr.  
December 15th




**THE FOUR WAY TEST**

**FIRST** IS IT THE TRUTH?

**SECOND** IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

**THIRD** WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**FOURTH** WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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## CHRISTMAS CLUB

Margaret is chairing the Christmas Fund this year and is requesting that all members consider a \$50.00 donation. Our club has been sponsoring this event for many, many years and this year is even more special. She will accept your check at the next meeting!

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## PEANUTS, POPCORN AND CRACKER JACKS!

NO, really just PEANUTS this year. First order has been placed by this time and second one if need be will be before Christmas. Hand in your orders in person to Nancy or Margaret or online.

Remember this is our ONLY fundraiser this year. We cannot continue to give back to our community without projects like this.

And the peanuts are delicious and addictive for sure.

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## REMINDERS

Bring in those canned goods

Bring in your change for the bucket

Bring your check for Christmas Fund

Bring in your Peanut Orders

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## QUEEN OF HEARTS

This week's winner was Margaret who won \$8.00 and donated it to the Christmas Fund. Good Going Margaret. Next week we will have 14 cards so it keeps getting closer to the big WIN for someone.

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## REMEMBERING

Dennis and Patricia Price  
Good to see you again Dennis and keep it going!  
Dennis is having surgery today so please everyone keep him in your thoughts and prayers

President Jim is having surgery Wednesday so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers

Dan and Marcia Matthews

Please let me know anytime you would like someone added.

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