

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

DECEMBER 15, 2020

ZOOM MEETINGS UNTIL END JANUARY

Unfortunately the virus cases have increased and new restrictions have been set for Virginia. We will now meet via ZOOM on Tuesdays. Please join in so that we can keep the momentum going. Davis has provided each of you with a link to get you connected. Hope to see your smiling face on zoom a Tuesday!

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2020

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Bob led us in prayer, Margaret with the Pledge and Lupe with the 4 Way test. Breakfast followed.

After breakfast, Jim welcomed those on zoom: Duraid, Vernon, Dennis, Karl, Leroy and Renae. Thank you for your dedication this week we had 19 Rotarians attend in person.

No birthdays or anniversaries this week to celebrate.

Les made an announcement that honey would be available this year from Walnut Spring Farms and he would be creating an order form. After matching grants the contribution to polio plus came to 62,169.00! So if interested let Les know so we can help raise the bar! The 13 1/2 oz jar is \$8.80 and 23 oz is 13.50 I understand that there is nothing like the taste of raw honey so I plan to make a purchase for sure thanks Les!

Happy dollars came next. Connie donated her \$25 that she made at her community yard sale to the Christmas Fund. Charles Berge to announce that his grandson turned 4 months old and that Iowa came out the winner over North Carolina basketball! Jim was happy that the National Football Team beat undefeated Pittsburg. Lupe is always thankful and her niece was visiting from California and she was able to enjoy family time. Maureen was really happy because she is getting Two weeks of vacation and Boss Bill granted!

Jim asked everyone to please remember to bring in food donations. People are especially in need this year.

Bell ringing Saturday and Oasis on Sunday.

Jim and Ashton went to the Food Lion in Bennett's Creek in advance to scope out the pricing and mark specific isles for items. Anyone interested should meet at 12:15 tomorrow to shop for groceries for 9 families.

CLASSIFICATION TALK DECEMBER 8, 2020





Kristin Anne Macan
Club Director



Roland Martin
Club Director



Pamela N McWhorter
Club Director



Philip Ashton Page
Club Director



William D. Pollard Jr.
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Membership Chair



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Attendance Secretary
Bulletin Editor



SuAnne Hardee Bryant
Assistant Governor



Speakers/Events

December 15, 2020
Debra Aleck/Les Halstead
December Greeters

December 15, 2020
Jim Rhodes
Meeting Opener

December 17, 2020
David Stephenson
Meals On Wheels - Third Thursday

December 17, 2020
Board Meeting
Cincinnati Chili

December 22, 2020
Debra Aleck/Les Halstead
December Greeters

December 22, 2020
Kendra Robinson
Meeting Opener

This past week we had the pleasure to hear from Connie and her journey in life. Connie was born in Roanoke, Virginia, and her father was a pastor in the Church of the Brethren. She grew up attached to the church and still is very involved to this day. After 3rd grade, the family moved to Pennsylvania and she remained there until the 10th grade. They then move to Elgin, Illinois, where she graduated High School.

When a senior in High School she and her best friend were called to the principal's office and they were very scared. To her surprise, she and her friend were nominated for the humanitarian award. She ended up winning the award that year.

She attended Bridgewater College and majored in psychology and hated it. She changed to biology and after graduation went to EVMS and got her degree. She went to Brown in Rhode Island to complete her residency and went out to start a solo practice there. She remembers seeing one patient in particular that had recurrence of poison ivy and found that the problem was the hat! She remembers the extremely cold weather and on one evening she states it took her 3 1/2 hours to get home due to the heavy snowfall. She then moved to Hawaii for two years and had a great time and who wouldn't?

She then went to Elizabeth City, N.C. and was there for 10 years. This is where she met Tim, got married and had to daughters. Both daughters are in college and doing well. Tim, who was a mechanical engineer recently retired and is enjoying life!

After 10 years in Elizabeth City, they moved to Virginia and she practiced in Smithfield for two years. She then did 10 years of hospital work at CHKD. She is currently a physician in urgent care at the Newport News campus. It is a challenge during this time and she is seeing less patients due to the virus.

Her hobbies include reading, sailing and traveling. She and Tim live on a marina in Hampton. She also loves whale watching, has visited all 50 states and traveled 16 countries.

Her youngest daughter, who attends TCC, recently wrote an essay on "What it takes to be a good person."

She shared her daughter's essay and it was most impressive. She talked about Rotary and how the 4 Way Test was the backbone of the organization. She discussed the dedication that people to the organization and all the good work they do in their communities and the world. She spoke about Polio Plus and how Rotary has worked so hard to eradicate it from the world. It brought such a good feeling to me and everyone else in attendance to know that Meredith was inspired by Rotary to write such an awesome paper!

Connie first joined the Rotary Club in Elizabeth City and it was a lunch club of 100 members. While in Suffolk, Bill Pollard and Nancy worked on her to join our club. Thank you Connie for all that you do in our Rotary Club to support our community!

BOARD MEETING CHANGE OF LOCATION

The board meeting this month will be held at Ashton Page's house located at 419 Patrick Street, Portsmouth, at 5:15 pm
All board members, please plan to attend.

GROCERY SHOPPING FOR EDMARC

Last Wednesday 9 of us met at the Bennett's Creek Food Lion and filled up 9 baskets with turkeys, hams, fixings for pumpkin pie, green bean casserole, stuffing, cranberries, macaroni and cheese, potatoes and much more. Thanks to Jim and Mary, Bill Pollard, Sandy, Nancy, Ashton, Marshall, David and Bob. We then loaded up and headed over to Edmarc to unload it all. What a wonderful project and we thank you for that \$50.00 donation which went toward the purchase. Thank you Jim and Ashton for streamlining the process with lists of food by isles!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Wow we had 17 Rotarians and one husband to Ring the Bell this past Saturday. They were Sandra, Sandy, Rod, Les, Bob, Jim, Bill Barrera, Charles Owen, Marshall, Ashton, Renae and husband Dan, Margaret, Charles Berge, David, Maureen and Lupe. Thank you Sandra for organizing this very important event for our Club. It was heartwarming to experience the generosity of folks this time of year. I had the 3 pm shift and the kettle was getting full by the time next shift showed up. Great job to all those bell ringers! I am still hearing that ringing in my ears!

December 29, 2020
[Debra Aleck/Les Halstead](#)
December Greeters

December 29, 2020
[Mark Sidwell](#)
Meeting Opener

January 05, 2021
[John Skrobiszewski](#)
Meeting Opener

January 05, 2021
[Kristin Macan/Bob Brewer](#)
January Greeters

January 12, 2021
[Kristin Macan/Bob Brewer](#)
January Greeters

January 12, 2021
[Wanda Smith](#)
Meeting Opener

Birthdays

Maureen Adele Bonenfant
December 21st

Pamela N McWhorter
December 28th

Barclay Kruger Weisberg
December 31st

Kendra Shanice Robinson
January 9th

Wedding Anniversaries

Leslie H. Halstead Jr.
December 15th

Lucas Kemeni
December 27th

Lupe D. Sweeden
December 29th

Barclay Kruger Weisberg
January 5th

OASIS

Oasis food preparation and distribution event was held on Sunday, December 13 at 7 am. What a wonderful experience to see the joy we brought to those in need. Thanks Debra for organizing and to Jim, Sandy, Dale, Debra, Bill Pollard, Lucas, Bob, Charles Owens and Pamela. With all of our efforts, we were able to feed 60 some people a delicious breakfast consisting of breakfast sandwich, hash brown, cheese grits, chips, coffee, water and a couple more goodies in bag. Hats off to the Service League for volunteering their time with us.

REMEMBERING

Dennis and Patricia Price

Dan and Marcia Mstthews

John Skrobiszewski

QUEEN OF HEARTS WINNER

The winner last week was Maureen and she took home \$6.00. We may have to check that ticket stub next time. Ha ha. She is one lucky gal. Congratulations!



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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