

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

JANUARY 19, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2021



President Jim called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Bob led us in prayer, Nancy in the Pledge and Maureen in the 4 Way test.

Jim welcomed everyone and announced that yesterday was the Rotary Club of Churchland's birthday. As a club, we are 36 years old! Dan Matthews and John Skrobiszewski are the two remaining members that are charter members. The first President was Neal Davis who was an orthodontist and is still living. He mentioned other charter members to include Tim Little, Ben Wiggins, Mike Moreland, John Stone, Al Taylor, Durb Donahue. Jim said that we should be proud of our club and that we do make a difference in the Rotary world.

Next, members were asked to mention what memories they had while in the club.

Karl said fellowship and our work in the community stand out for him.

David remembers fondly of the Group Study Exchange team that came from Argentina. He and Rebecca housed the team leader who spoke no English. They used their respective dictionaries during the week to communicate. David, Rebecca and their daughter went to spend time at their home in Argentina and said they were treated like royalty! This led to establishing a grant in Argentina and it was the largest grant distributed in the district.

Jim talked about the trip to Guiana and several past members that were instrumental in making that a success. This was the start of the relationship with Duween and past member Ector Hamrick and his family.

Sandra says that it's the people and friendships she has made in our club that stand out.

Bob agreed with that and remembers his experience with the Portsmouth and Suffolk clubs that led him to our club and as President.

Ashton stated that having made great friends stands out to him. Our club is a nice group of people.

Kristin mentioned that her team was recently at Park Place School to feed the kids and there was a plaque in hallway of a lady and little girl. Come to find out it was Debra Aleck and her grandmother Pearl!

Debra enjoyed the paint your heart out project and the group study exchange from Carribean. She also remembers the dental program with Clay and helping those with their dental needs.

Marshall remembers the Churchland elementary school project that was a huge hands on for our members.

Sandy too remembers the Argentina Group Study Exchange and that she and Dale housed two ladies for about two weeks. They also hosted a Germany and Carribean group. She enjoyed the trip to San Antonio as incoming President with members Bill B, Jim Rhodes, Mike Moreland and David Stephenson.

Dennis was brought into club just after it was chartered by Ben Wiggins. The Christmas fund



[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
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[SuAnne Hardee Bryant](#)
Assistant Governor



Speakers/Events

January 19, 2021

[David Stephenson](#)
Meeting Opener

January 19, 2021

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

January 21, 2021

[Brennan O'Connor](#)
Meals On Wheels - Third Thursday

January 21, 2021

[Board Meeting](#)
Cincinnati Chili

January 26, 2021

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

January 26, 2021

[Sandy Stewart](#)
Meeting Opener

project stands out for him and that we can bring joy and assistance to needy families. Also, he mentioned that he was chairman of the scholarship committee for many years.

Maureen has enjoyed the projects especially the Oasis feeding the hungry. She also enjoys hearing about all the members.

Les remembers the Honduras project with fellow Rotarians Mike Moreland, Ernesto Luciano-Perez and others where the clinic was built in honor of Julia Knight who was a past member and president of our club.

Renae stated that she loves working with the youth and that RYLA and scholarships are important to her. We need to take care of our youth as they are the future to our community.

There were no birthday or anniversaries this week.

Kristin mentioned that Mercy Drops and Mercy Chefs are partnering with Pantry Box to collect snacks to distribute to hospital workers. She suggested that donations could be dropped off at Jojacks.

Also Joe F mentioned that they are collecting socks, lotion, deodorant etc to give to foster agencies. More info to follow.

CLASSIFICATION TALK JANUARY 12, 2021



This week we heard from Raleigh with his classification talk.

Raleigh has been a financial advisor since 1989 and achieved professional designation as a Certified Financial Planner professional in 2007. He started his own firm, Great Circle Wealth Strategies in 2014 and serves the financial planning, investment and insurance needs of his clients.

He grew up in Melbourne, Florida during the heyday of NASA space program which was an ever-present feature of life in Brevard County, home of Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center.

He played on the tennis team during his three years of high school. He also took auto mechanics since he planned to cube one a mechanic (or a long-haul trucker) after graduation.

His parents on the other hand encouraged him to go to college instead. He had participated in the Air Force Jr. ROTC program and received a Navy ROTC scholarship to attend college. He first planned to attend the University of Florida but ended up at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In addition to ROTC he joined Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship and still remembers fondly the friends and experiences at UNC as some of the best of his life.

After college, he was assigned to the USS Nimitz CVN 68 in Norfolk, Va. While in Norfolk, he met a group of young Christian men who lived together in a large house near Little Creek base where he then moved. They had a Bible study on Wednesday evenings and one night a beautiful woman named Shirley came to the study with one of her friends who was hoping to find a husband. Shirley was not looking, but fortunately for him, although the friend did not come back, Shirley did and 3 years later they were married.

In 1988 they had twin sons, Kyle and Ryan. Then in 1992, their daughter Kari was born.

All three children are successful and they have one grandson Nolan who is 2 1/2 and granddaughter Zoey who is 3 months He said that they are blessed to keep both 2 days a week!

Raleigh says he is blessed to enjoy all the friends he has made in Rotary and the opportunities to serve together He prays that the recent turmoil of COVID and the political and social upheavals will cause good people to examine themselves and commit to being a part of the solutions.

He grew up during the civil rights and anti-war era and knows that Americans are capable of doing good when faced with a crisis. He is thankful that Rotarians are committed to living out the 4 Way Test. He stated that we should strive to be an example of that to our neighbors.

Thank you Raleigh for sharing your journey and we are proud to have you as a member of the

January 27, 2021

[Terry Fraley/Bill Pollard](#)
Meals On Wheels - Fourth
Wednesday

February 02, 2021

[Lupe Sweeden](#)
Meeting Opener

February 02, 2021

[Brennan O'Connor/Sandra
Imel](#)
February Greeters

February 09, 2021

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February Greeters

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[Rod Triplett](#)
Meeting Opener

February 16, 2021

[Jeff Vierrether](#)
Meeting Opener

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February Greeters

Birthdays

Renae Kaye McConnell
January 19th

Eugene Winston
January 24th

Dennis R. Price
February 3rd

Marshall C. Bolton
February 9th

Wedding Anniversaries

Eugene Winston
February 1st

Leroy Benz
February 14th

CLASSIFICATION TALK JANUARY 19, 2021



Tomorrow we will hear from Ashton and his life travels. Tune in on Zoom tomorrow to learn more about our Rotarian Ashton! We look forward to hearing from you!

LOOKING TO NEXT YEAR



Tomorrow Debra will announce some plans for next year so stay tuned!

BOARD MEETING

There will be a board meeting Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. The location will be announced. All members are asked to attend. This is open to all members as well.

Remembering

Dennis and Patricia Price

Dan and Marcia Matthews

John Skrobiszewski

Bill Barrera who recently lost a special loved one.

Please keep these members in your prayers. Let me know if anyone you would like to include.

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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