

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



Sandra R. Stewart
Bulletin Editor
Secretary



David W. Stephenson
Treasurer
Past President
Webmaster



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



William Barrera
Club Director
Past President



Terry Fraley
Club Director

JUNE 15, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING ON JUNE 8, 2021

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Marshall offered the Prayer, then the Lord's Prayer, Bill Barrera in the Pledge and Karl in the 4 Way Test. A hot breakfast was served and enjoyed by all.

Kristin introduced our guest, Tage Counts, Vice President Membership Development with the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

David announced that today was Shannon Glovers wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary to the Glovers.

Sunday marks David and Rebecca's 51 wedding anniversary. Congratulations on a wonderful marriage!

Happy dollars were next. Lupe was happy that we are singing again and stated that back in the day Rotarians would stand up on chairs and sing! That would not work for most of our group!

Debra announced that Becca was off her ventilator as of Friday and they are working with her while in wheel chair. She made brownies using a whisk on her forehead as well as chocolate chip brownies. She made a tie dye shirt too!

Joe Hansley was glad to be here and with us!

Karl said that after 15 months of Zoom that he was glad to be here but his chair at home is more comfortable! His wife is driving again and daughter and family are back from their mid west trip. Love seeing Laura's pictures on Facebook!

Maureen was grateful for Bill Barrera and Jim Rhodes for restoring the smike of her brother in law!

Kristin is praying for friend with cancer and hopes for recovery.

Charter Night is Saturday afternoon starting at 4 at Debra's. Will be a great celebration!

Jim thanked Sandy for her super job on the newsletter!

June 17 there will be a joint board meeting at 5:30 at Cincinnati Chili.

Next week we will hear from Lupe as she enlightens us on her life's journey! Should be interesting for sure! David will follow the next week.

Next, Kristin introduced our speaker, Tage Counts, V.P. Member Development Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

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Kristin first met Tage at Mercy Chefs last year where he volunteered along side his daughter. Mercy Chefs went on to win an award that year from the Chamber. Tage graduated from Cox and Virginia Tech. He has lived in his same house for 28 years. He spent 25 years in business sales and marketing which led him to his current job as Vice President, Member Development Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys fishing for bass and kayaking.

Tage thanked Bill Pollard for chairing the Suffolk Division Of Chamber Board 3 times and that he



Leslie H. Halstead Jr.
Club Director
Past President



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
Past President



Joe Lee Hansley
Membership Chair



SuAnne Hardee Bryant
Assistant Governor



Speakers/Events

June 15, 2021

Lucas Kementi
Meeting Opener

June 17, 2021

Board Meeting
Cincinnati Chili

June 22, 2021

Connie Ketten
Meeting Opener

June 29, 2021

Margaret Lane
Meeting Opener

July 06, 2021

Dr. Duncan
Change the World Homeless Care/Bon Secours

was a great asset to the Chamber over these years.

He indicated that the Chambers had to adapt to the communities that they are in. They are a welcome mat for new businesses and work to promote tourism, economic development and networking. Depending on the community, the Chamber changes from area to area.

Their main focus is in the 5 surrounding cities but they partner with all 17 Hampton Roads communities. Their work extends to the Virginia cities of Williamsburg, Gloucester and Isle of Wight. Being a regional organization, they find they must be focused on specific parts of a community.

He went on to tell us that the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce focuses on three aspects:

1. CONNECTOR --they hold more than 100 events during a calendar year. These events bring the communities together and are of great benefit to businesses within their boundaries.
2. COLLABORATOR--they work to connect the cities within Hampton Roads to network and work together. Not always has our region collaborated as each city does its own thing. But he goes on to say that during COVID the level of collaboration has been incredible and he believes will continue to grow.
3. ADVOCACY--the Chamber is pro business and they work to advocate on behalf of businesses in the community. They work to move businesses forward in the business community. They have 1,000 members made up of mostly small and medium size businesses and goal is to connect with these businesses and advocate on their behalf.

He says that while all of these continued efforts are very important part of his job, the best part is recognition. Last year Mercy Chefs was recognized and this year, Joe at Mercy Drops for Best Non Profit winner!

Today at noon he attends the Valor Award luncheon to honor first respondents. It is astounding to hear about the great work these folks do in our community and he gets to be a part of it.

Thank you Tage for enlightening us on the great work the Chamber does in our communities!

CHARTER NIGHT WOW!

All I can say is WOW! What a night.

Charter Night was a huge success. We had 50 Rotarians and guests attend the event held at Debra's house. The fun began at 4 p.m. with a spread of JUMBO shrimp, veggie, cheese and cracker boards prepared by Kristin. President Jim welcomed everyone, introduced our guests and asked Marshall to lead us in prayer. The Pledge was led by Debra followed with Les in the 4 Way Test. An awesome dinner followed prepared by Renae of JoJacks and was topped off with a selection of desserts prepared by Terry at Cincinnati Chili. It was all so very perfect!

Nancy and Jim next gave out three awards to Rotarians that had contributed tremendously during the pandemic--Renae, Kristin and Joe Friszolowski. They were presented a plaque prepared by Nancy. Congratulations to you three. You make us proud and what a difference you made in the community during this trying time to bring some form of assistance to those in need.

Nancy introduced our speaker, The Honorable Shannon Glover, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth. His talk was most uplifting. He spoke about several of our Rotarians and how their relationships made a difference in his life. Benny Forsythe welcomed him at our meetings and embraced him and Shannon said that it was the first time that a man kissed him! For those that knew Benny he was a warm, compassionate man who loved people and his Rotary club. He was always there for Shannon and he remembers him fondly.

Another fond relationship was Duraid and his wife who had become good friends with the Glovers. Paula had indicated to Shannon that she would not let anyone other than Bunan do a needed procedure on her. Shannon indicated that Bunan was compassionate and comforting all along the way. People like this are more than friends, they are family!

Then he talked about his relationship with Ben Wiggins. When Shannon ran the first time for mayor he asked Ben for his support. Knowing that Ben was close friend to John Rowe who was running against him, Shannon did not let this endanger their friendship. Ben indicated that he supported Shannon in many ways but not this time! Honesty and being above board are key elements in forming and keeping relationships.

Shannon went on to talk about the great leadership of our club and that he always feels at home when among us.

President Jim presented Shannon with a Honorary Membership in our club and Kristin gave him a gift.

Judith Cocherell, District Governor next installed our officers and directors. They are as follows:

Birthdays

James N. Rhodes DDS
June 24th
Thomas O Dusek
July 6th
Roderick Triplett III
July 8th
Wanda Smith
July 10th
Sandra R. Stewart
July 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

Duraid Alnaif
June 20th
Byron A. Perkins III
June 26th
Kristin Anne Macan
June 30th
Robert F. Brewer
July 4th
Renae Kaye McConnell
July 5th
Dennis R. Price
July 13th

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?

Rotary

2021-22 Officers
President, Debra Aleck
President-elect, Charles Owens
Secretary, Sandy Stewart
Treasurer, Nancy Quell
Sergeant-at-Arms, TBD
Past President, Jim Rhodes

Directors
Robert Brewer
Terry Fraley
Les Halstead
Saundra Imel
Margaret Lane
Raleigh Martin
Pamela McWhorter
David Stephenson

Judy congratulated everyone and wished our club continued success!

Rod Triplet, chair of the selection committee for Rotarian of the year along with past recipient Renae presented the award. This year's winner has been a Rotarian for many years and has been involved in most aspects of the clubs activities throughout those years. This individual possesses many qualities including patience, organized, caring, generous, witty and fun loving. This individual jumped up to the top of the class this year and chaired the only fundraiser we were able to pull off raising over \$2,000 for our club and \$2,000 for one lucky winner. This person also chaired our Charter Night and assembled the right people to pull off an awesome event. This individual loves collecting art, antiques and watches and did we mention Mercedes! This past year this person was seen at the Mercy Drops food distribution, Salvation Army bell ringing, Oasis feed the homeless, countless board meetings to name several. The selection committee announced that this year award of Rotarian of the year goes to Drum Roll Please----PHILIP ASHTON PAGE! Ashton was presented a plaque of honor!



Congratulations Ashton for a most deserving distinction in our club and recognition well deserved!

Lastly Jim thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Debra for opening her lovely home to our event. And I have to say what a gorgeous River front home she has with lovely landscaping and a beautiful koi pond! He thanked Ashton and the Charter Night committee to include, Ashton, Saundra, Sandy, Nancy, Margaret, Kristin, Les, Pamela and Lupe for pulling off a spectacular evening. Jim indicated that he's had his challenges this past year but it is members like Ashton that continue to keep the spirit going in the Rotary Club of Churchland!

The Evening ended with the Rotary motto.

GET READY FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR



We are closing in on Debra's year and there is still opportunity to sign up for a committee which is vital for the success of our club. Please see Debra at the next meeting to get involved!

CLASSIFICATION TALK JUNE 15, 2021



We will hear all about Lupe on Tuesday morning so come prepared to hear about her exciting life's journey!

BOARD MEETING

There will be a joint board meeting on Thursday, June 17th at 5:30 p.m. at Cincinnati Chili. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn about Debra's plans for our club during her year and for the WRAP UP for Jim's year!

QUEEN OF HEARTS WINNER

This weeks lucky winner was John Skrobiszewski who took home \$8! Let's keep it growing!
