

Rotary



Club of Churchland

Club Meeting Information

Churchland
Meets at American Legion Hall
- Churchland
3107 American Legion Road
Chesapeake, VA 23321
Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM

Club Leaders



[Charles Lee Owens](#)
President



[Duraid Alnaif](#)
President-Elect



[Debra J. Aleck DPM](#)
iPast President



[David W. Stephenson](#)
Secretary
Past President
Webmaster



[Nancy D'Amico Quell](#)
Treasurer
Past President



[James N. Rhodes](#)
DDS
Sergeant-at-Arms
Past President



[Robert F. Brewer](#)
Club Director
Past President



[Sandra Sasser Imel](#)
Club Director
Past President

[Lucas Kemeni](#)

Sunday, January 29, 2023

The Rotary Club of Churchland's 38th Annual Charter Night Celebration

By Charles Lee Owens on Sunday, January 29, 2023

On Thursday, January 19th, 2023, The Rotary Club of Churchland celebrated its 38th Annual Charter Night. For many members of the Club, 1985 was not that long ago. The conversations that filled our banquet hall were focused more or less on what we were doing then and how great we were then! I am convinced that some of these recollections have been embellished to say the least! But since there is no way to disprove these *claims*, I guess we have to accept them as, ummmm, *truth!* One thing is for certain, the passing of these past 38 years has gone too quickly.

So what is the measure of our Club's impact since 1985? Since our founding, our members have left an indelible mark around the world. Our members have reached out internationally on humanitarian efforts in Colombia, nationally through involvement with organizations such as Roc Solid and locally through participation with Meals on Wheels and the H.E.R Shelter, among many other charitable efforts too numerous to list. The Rotary Club of Churchland's roots run deep into its foundation of Service Above Self.

But along with all the nostalgia and remembering fondly what we have been up to these past 38 years, there is a real sense of the **now** that permeates our club and was also a note hit soundly by our Guest of Honor, District 7600 Governor, Mr. Kenny Janes. The "now", 2023, is as important as the "then" for service Clubs. There remains a lot of work to do – more feeding the needy, more serving our community, more community outreach, more teaching our youth, and more welcoming our community into Rotary. There is more to do in the now and a need to do it more urgently.

As DG Janes pointed out, a lot has changed in a mere 38 years – the price of gas, the cost of a first-class postage stamp and even the almost unbelievable minimum wage (\$3.35)! These things allow us to see stark differences between then and now. Just like we have had to adjust to the changes in prices, we must adjust and adapt to the changing environment we exist in.

DG Janes made it a point encourage our Club to continue to focus forward and to continue to key in on the things we have done to impact our local communities. He stressed that those who established this Club did so with greater goals in mind and we owe it to those who came before us to uphold that ethos of action and selfless service. It is only through our positive actions can we continue to maintain not only our relevance but also to continue to be the agents of positive change and progress.

So, let us raise our glass and toast to the accomplishments of the past 38 years. Now, let's set our glasses back on the table, roll up our sleeves and see what amazing things we can achieve in the next 38 years!

Some of the highlights of the evening:

Lupe Sweden accepts her award as 2022 Rotarian of the year from 2021 Rotarian of the Year, Dr. Bob Brewer



Club Director



Margaret K. Lane
Club Director
Past President



Renae Kaye
McConnell
Club Director



Kendra Shanice
Robinson
Club Director



Wanda Smith
Club Director
Past President



Roderick Triplett III
Club Director



William D. Pollard
Jr.
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Past President



Joe Lee Hansley
Membership Chair



Janet Marie
McCaskey
Assistant Governor



District Governor Kenny Janes administers the Oath of Office to 2023 – 2024 President Mr. Duraid Alnaif



(Standing) 2023 – 2024 Club Officers and Directors





IMAGINE ROTARY

Speakers/Events

January 31, 2023

Jenny Lester, Opener: Wanda Smith, Greeters: Bob Brewer, Ashton Page
Red Cross

February 07, 2023

WBHS Interact, Opener: David Stephenson, Greeters: Lucas Kemeni
Installation of Officers

February 14, 2023

TBA, Opener: Sandy Stewart,
Greeters: Lucas Kemeni

Birthdays

Dennis R. Price
February 3rd

Marshall C. Bolton
February 9th

Wedding Anniversaries

Eugene Winston
February 1st

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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