

Chester Village Association 2021 Board of Directors



Vernon Williams
President

I am a retired banking and credit union executive with over 35 years of executive leadership experience having served at Bethpage Federal Credit Union, PNC Bank, First Market Bank (now Atlantic Union Bank), and Central Fidelity/Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo). My positions included Head of Retail Banking, Market Sales Manager, Corporate Training Manager and Human Resources Division Manager. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree from VCU, a Graduate Degree in Retail Bank Management from University of Virginia, as well as other technical and professional certifications. Where ever I have lived, I have supported the community through active involvement in numerous community organizations; Leadership Metro Richmond, National Urban League, Chesterfield County Communities in Schools, Chesterfield Education Foundation, Friends Association of Richmond, Police Athletic League of Philadelphia, Nassau Community College Foundation Board, and Long Island chapter of the American Heart Association. My passions are art, travel and spending time with my two adult sons, Christopher and Randy, their wives and my three grandchildren.



Kate Wiltsie
Vice President

I was born in Milwaukee, WI and lived there until the age of 38. At that time, I entered active duty with the US ARMY NURSE CORPS, serving for 20 years and retiring in 2009. I was also married during this period with 2 kids, ages 10 and 7. Both of my children now live in Maryland along with my three grandchildren. After military service, I helped start the RN program at Bryant and Stratton College and served as liaison for students. I support veterans with PTSD at Poplar Spring. My prior volunteer work includes member of the KIWANIS, volunteer as a facilitator for Reboot Recovery-(12 week faith based program for Vets and spouses), and board member for Crater Community Hospice. I am the current chair of the We Honor Vet committee. I arrange the pinning of Veteran hospice patients to honor their service and sacrifice. I also work part-time as a Head Nurse of a small Assisted Living Home.



Nikki Forman
Treasurer

While born in Colorado, I grew up mainly north of Atlanta and went to college at Georgia Tech - where I met my husband and graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Once graduated I moved to northern Virginia (where my husband is from). While my educational background is ME, I have been a "structural" engineer for the most part since leaving school, working first for Pulte Homes in Manassas, and for the past 10 yrs for Moment Structural Engineering + Design - a small architectural and engineering firm based out of Fairfax, VA. I have lived in the hood since summer of 2007 - and worked from home since then - when my husband and I moved south to escape NOVA. You might see me out running a lot in endless loops throughout the neighborhood - I do run half marathons on a regular basis - or out with my two fur kids - Sophie - who never passes up a good treat where she can find one, and Izzy, who prefers napping to walking. My husband and I usually spend all our free time off traveling as much as we can all over the world.



Keith Claassen
Recorder

Originally from Northern Virginia, I came to the greater Richmond area to attend VCU. I spent more time at VCU than I would like to admit, earning degrees in Biology, Chemistry, German Literature, Biology Education, Educational Leadership, and a doctorate in Leadership. My career path is in PK-12 education where I brought about 6 years of research lab experience (genetic transformation in plants, abnormal human pathology at Walter Reed Hospital, and trial research drug R&D for a pharmaceutical company) into the science classroom. After several years of teaching high school in an inner city school system, I accepted a position as an elementary school administrator in a rural school division. I am passionate about helping students see the value in a high-quality education and mentoring teachers in creating caring, inclusive learning environments where students can thrive. We have two semi-grown sons, Andrew and Joshua, and if you glance out your front window in the evenings you may see me and my wife, Kim, walking Piper, our toy poodle.



Russ Carter
Member at Large

I am a native of Hampton, Virginia and the middle child between two sisters. I graduated from Hampton University with dual degrees in Marketing and Management. As a Commissioned Quartermaster officer, the majority of my military experience was focused in support of our troops managing the Army-wide logistics supply-chain within the United States Army; As a NH4 Executive Manager, I managed and deployed logistics-based computer systems world-wide for the Department of Defense. In 2015, I celebrated my retirement after 38 years of honorable service. Through my company, RMC & Associates, LLC. I acquire, and manage residential real-estate in my free time. My wife Brenda and I have been married for 30 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Spencer (35) and Ryan (29). Whenever I find additional time, I enjoy a round of golf.

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