

Rotary



Club of Rich-Mar (Valencia)

January 15: Honey Bees and Beekeeping

At our meeting on January 15, 2025, "Beekeeper Joe" from Country Barn Farm will discuss honey bee biology and beekeeping.

Joe Zgurzynski is a second generation beekeeper with a lifelong interest in beekeeping and entomology. The beehives are managed as part of Country Barn Farm which is located a few miles north of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania city limits in O'Hara Township. He takes an active role mentoring new beekeepers. More information is available at www.CountryBarnFarm.com. Joe will also have honey to sell. Hopefully you can support him, as he has given of his time to educate us on this interesting topic.

Join us at noon at the Pine Community Center for this interesting topic. You may even get to taste some of the different honeys.



Club Meeting

Rich-Mar (Valencia)
Meets at Treesdale
Country Club
One Arnold Palmer
Drive
Gibsonia, PA 15044
Time: Wednesday at
12:15 PM

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Upcoming Events

January 15th
[Rich-Mar \(Valencia\)
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Speaker: Joe
Zgurzynski
Subject: Life of Bees

January 22nd
[Rich-Mar \(Valencia\)
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Speaker: Chuck Berry
Subject: Interact
Clubs - Mars & Pine-
Richland

January 29th

Denise Kvederis (wife of Past President Tom Kvederis) died.

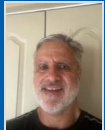
No Meeting

February 5th
**Rich-Mar (Valencia)
Weekly Club
Meeting**
Speaker: Dave Hein
Subject: Club
Assembly /
Appalachian Impact

Birthdays

Jane Anderson-Wymer
January 21st
Alfonso Marsico
February 10th
Edward L. Vogel
February 10th

Club Officers



David Hein
President



Seth David
Prentice
President-
Elect



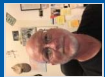
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Purvis Jr.
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Weston
Treasurer



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Kirchner
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Joe Schmitt
Membership
Chair



Brandon
Barg
Community
Service
Chair



Roger Barna
Club
Programs
Chair



John D.
Chips
Club Service
Chair



M. Denise Kvederis Obituary

M. Denise (McIntyre) Kvederis, of Pittsburgh, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 10, 2025, age 64, beloved wife of Thomas, loving mother of Amy Patterson (John Reiber), Samuel Patterson (Alyssa), Gregory Patterson (Maria), step-mother of John Kvederis, Paul Kvederis, Jacqueline Kvederis, Megan Kvederis and Jessica Kvederis, daughter of Dennis and the late Nancy McIntyre, sister of Aileen Sutter (Mark), Judy Moschella (John), Carolyn Swidorsky (David) and the late Dennis McIntyre, also 4 grandchildren; Tyler, Chase, Reid and Elleana. Denise was a founding member of Delta Gamma Sorority of IUP. She worked at NexTier Bank in Wexford. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the David J. Henney Funeral Home, 6364 Library Road, South Park. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Thomas More Church (Resurrection Parish), 126 Fort Couch Road, Pgh., PA 15241.

Please keep Past president Tom and all of Denise's family in your prayers. Tom's address is 126 Washington Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

President's Message for January 12th

President's Message

We continue to have a great impact in the community and spread the good name of Rotary. You saw the pictures in the last newsletter from the satellite's efforts to gather food donations (some came from the main club too) for North Hills Cares, one of the charities that the satellite focuses on. Following is a wonderful letter from North Hills Cares which drives home the positive impact (and I highlighted the Rich-Mar shout-out).

Hi Friends,



Jim Long
Community
Liaison



Robert Louis
Sigmund
International
Service
Chair



Charles D.
Berry
New
Generations



Thomas
Kvederis
iPast
President



I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the work you've done for North Hills Cares all year, and particularly for the Community of Music. Let me share some facts with you that show the impact your work has had.

We raised over \$10,000 associated with the event, and the mail campaign is continuing to bring in donations. Proceeds are up about 12% over last year so far.

Over 1,200 food items were collected over two days, a 22% increase over last year. **Much of the increase was thanks to the huge collection of food brought in by the Rich-Mar Satellite Rotary.**

Participation increased from five to six school districts and an increased number of performers. This year our volunteer slots were 100% filled on both days.

So, what does this fundraising do for the community? Here are some examples from just this month:

- On Friday of last week we had a request from one of Shaler's counselors about two sisters, ages 6 and 7, lacking clothing for school. Thanks to super shopper volunteer Linda Belack, we were able to provide each girl with a week of school clothes, underwear, socks and pajamas, plus winter jackets, gloves and hats. All delivered Monday morning!
- Today I was privileged to deliver \$1,600 in Target and Giant Eagle gift cards to North Hills High School. Counselors will identify 64 students who will receive a gift card to help with Christmas.
- And this Saturday, NHC board members and our families, along with the Rich-Mar Rotary, will pack food for 60 families to help parents cover breakfasts and lunches over winter break. Here is a look at last year's project.

I hope you know how much you are valued by North Hills Cares. Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Best,
Lynne Sciulli

Thanks to Matt Schellhaas, Joe Schmitt, Chuck Berry and Sharon Scheidemantle for preparing and distributing dictionaries to third-graders as has been our lasting tradition.



Sharon Scheidemantle hands a Rotary Dictionary to one of the Mars Students

We also recently donated to Mars Library a set of books to enhance young reader's experiences and will reach out similarly to the Northern Tier Library. Educational impact is a big Rotary goal.



The books donated to the Mars Area Library

If you attended the holiday concert on December 18, you saw very talented Mars High School choral and chamber orchestra talent. Any time they can perform to an audience they hone their skills. Furthermore, they truly enjoy this annual event and they also learn a little about Rotary.



Rich-Mar Rotarians enjoying the concert put on by the Mars High School Students

Rotarians Support the Harvest Street Mission

On multiple occasions each year, the Rich-Mar Satellite (and a few members of the Rich-Mar Appalachia Impact Group) provide a full lunch to over 100 people on the North Side of Pittsburgh, as part of Harvest St. Mission (pictured below are all the volunteers - some beyond our Rich-Mar members). Harvest St. Mission was once called Mission from Mars, started by a dedicated woman from Mars, PA who wanted to help feed those in need each Sunday at noon. This mission has been in existence for many years now having been renamed about three years ago and now includes both the lunch and many clothing/hygiene product provisions. It is an excellent way to help those with food insecurity and in need of these other provisions. We applaud those in the club that have developed a strong partnership with Harvest St. Mission which regardless of snow, rain, sleet or sunshine provides this service 52 Sundays every year.



Seeking Your Suggestions for

One of our more interesting speakers this year was Taylor Bittle, who spoke about her experiences on a mission to Ghana. Taylor was suggested by club member Jane Wymer. As we finalize our speakers for the next six months, we would like to include someone who represents a cause important to a member, has an interesting story to tell, has an interesting perspective in their line of business, or can inspire us in our lives. Unfortunately, we cannot pay a speaker's fee, but we do provide lunch. If you have any suggestions for a speaker, please contact Program Chair, Roger Barna at rogerbarna@mac.com. Include a little about the speaker and topic plus their contact information. Thanks for your help!



Rich-Mar Satellite Club



The Satellite Club of Rich-Mar Rotary invites everyone to attend one of their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30pm at Willees Tavern in Valencia. All are also invited to help out at one of our service projects or fundraising events. Volunteers are always needed to help.

For more information contact:

Cindy Fleeson

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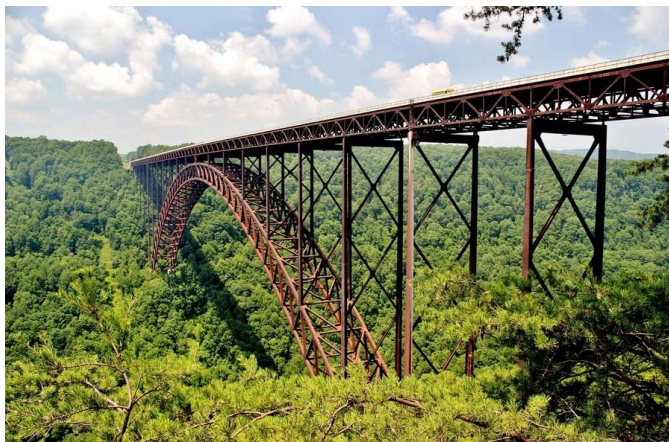
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Rich-Mar Appalachian Impact Club

Rich-Mar's Appalachian Impact Club travels to Appalachia each year to do work projects, helping to make life better for those who live in rural Appalachian communities.



They are currently conducting a raffle for half a cow and a chest freezer to help fund the trip. The drawing will be held on December 1st.

If anyone is interested in taking part in our 2025 mission trip, applications open on September 15th.
Contact Billy at william.ruhe@gmail.com for more information on all of the above.

District 7280 Keystone Rotary International Eclub

Keystone Rotary International E-Club



KeystoneRotaryClub.org

Are You unable to make the Rich-Mar Meeting?
 Are you interested in connecting with other Rotarians from around the world?
 Do you want to find out more about what Rotary is doing in other locales?

Join the District 7280 Keystone Rotary International Eclub on Thursdays at 2 pm.

Click below to join via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89457260709>

Meeting ID: 894 5726 0709

Passcode: 7280

Other Items of Interest

Please keep Past President Chris Abernethy in your prayers.
 Chris' wife, Bif, has congestive heart failure and is currently under hospice care.
 Chris' address is 1220 Dunlora Drive, Charlottesville VA 22901

Please continue to keep Past President Mary Lord in your prayers.
 Her cancer has returned and she is no longer receiving treatment.
 Mary's address is 117 7th Avenue, Valencia, PA 16059.

On a happier note, please celebrate the following birthdays and Rich-Mar anniversaries:

January Member Birthdays:

Tim Heim January 3

Jane Anderson-Wymer - January 21

January Member Anniversaries

Rich Mangel - 19 years

Jim Long - 5 years

"Happy Dollar" items?

Health concerns or hospitalizations?

Other Announcements?

Please email any items to Gary Weston

Four Way Test

OF THE THINGS we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

