

Rotary



Club of Rich-Mar (Valencia)



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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DATE\)](#)**

January 17: Police Appreciation Day

Show your appreciation to our local police officers who will be our guests, and join with your fellow Rotarians on Wednesday, January 17th at noon at the Treesdale Country Club as we honor the men and women in blue who serve us and our communities so faithfully.



Rich-Mar Rotary & SBCBA Mixer

Show pride in your Rich-Mar Club and attend the mixer with the Southwest Butler County Business Association on January 18. (Food and Drink are Free!)

Several businesses you may frequent or be involved in (e.g. Stick City in Mars) are part of SBCBA.

We want to have a strong turnout from our Club!

Contribute to how we can collaborate with SBCBA and we can possibly gain new Rotary members from SBCBA in the process. We also hope to have Richland Township representatives there, as SBCBA would like to reach into this area. See the flyer below.

January 24th
**Rich-Mar (Valencia)
Weekly Club
Meeting**

January 31st
No Meeting

February 7th
**Rich-Mar (Valencia)
Board Meeting**

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Meeting**

Birthdays

Jane Anderson-Wymer

January 21st

Jim Roddey

January 26th

J (Bob) Robert Utz

February 6th

Edward L. Vogel

February 10th

Alfonso Marsico

February 10th

Club Officers



**Thomas
Kvederis**
President



David Hein
President-
Elect



**Mac E.
Purvis Jr.**
Secretary



**Gary
Weston**
Treasurer



Jim Long
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Joe Schmitt
Membership
Chair



**Brandon
Barg**
Community
Service Chair



Roger Barna
Club
Programs
Chair



**Seth David
Prentice**
Club Service
Chair



**Robert Louis
Sigmund**
International
Service Chair



**Charles
Matthew
Schellhaas**
Youth
Services
Chair



Mary E. Lord
iPast
President

Help Light of Life Mission Get Donations to Many Area Organizations



As a Donation Center Volunteer, you will have the opportunity to sort and organize donated items
Light of Life receives throughout the week.

Bring friends and family â€”

we have committed to 10 volunteers

and can also expand this to other Saturdays if volunteer levels warrant!

Minimum volunteer age: 16.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17 FROM 10-12

Light of Life Ridge Avenue facility â€” North Side of Pittsburgh â€”
near Allegheny Community College North Side campus

Contact Brandon Barg brandonbarg@hotmail.com to sign up.

Light of Life receives many types of donations (clothes, home goods, etc.)
that are distributed to individuals in Light of Life recovery programs
and to other organizations that serve the needy.

February 9: Night at the Races



Get your gambling shoes on, and be prepared to lay down your bets at the annual Rich-Mar Rotary Club's Night at the Races
on Friday evening, February 9th, at the Richland Fire hall on Meridian Road in Richland Township.
For more information, contact Dan Goss at dangoss11@gmail.com.

February 12, 13, 14: Mars Career Day



Rich-Mar Rotarians - consider helping Mars School District on their career day (February 12-14). Talk about your current (or past) career to spark interest in these elementary school students (the same students we give dictionaries to). If you have interest, reach out to the school counselor contact in the flyer below.

Mars Area School District

We Are Mars!

Motivated Accountable Respectful Safe

Dear Career Day Volunteers,

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our first Career Day here at the Elementary School! All the staff and students appreciate your time and are looking forward to sitting through the career presentations. Below are additional details for the day.

If you are presenting in the morning, please arrive by 9:15am. If you are presenting in the afternoon, please arrive by 1:15pm. (These times apply to all three career days) You can park in any open spot in the parking lot. There will be three thirty-minute presentations with 5 minutes in between each presentation. Mr. Lape will announce on the loudspeaker when classrooms will rotate.

Dates you can volunteer: Monday February 12th for 2nd grade, Tuesday February 13th for 3rd grade and Wednesday February 14th for 4th grade. You can sign up for one or more slots any of the given day or sign up for multiple days.

The morning time slots are as follows: **9:20-9:50, 9:55-10:25, 10:30-11:00**

The afternoon time slots are as follows: **1:30-2:00, 2:05-2:35, 2:40-3:10**

The secretaries in the front office will scan your driver's license and give you a guest badge. You will NOT be able to participate in career day if you do not have your ID with you. The secretaries will give you a schedule and map of the school once you are scanned in the system. The schedule will state the classrooms you will be presenting to and the location you will be going to for the presentations. You will stay in one location and the classrooms will rotate to you. Classroom teachers will be present with their classrooms throughout the presentation. Each classroom has approximately 25 students if you plan on bringing supplies to hand out. Each classroom has a ViewSonic board so you can connect to a computer if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tchilders@marsk12.org

Again, thank you for your time and we look forward to Career Day!

Thanks,

Taylor Childers, Mars Elementary School Counselor

March 5: World Affairs Institute

On March 5 the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, in cooperation with Rotary International and Sustainable Pittsburgh, will host the "53rd Annual World Affairs Institute: Navigating Climate Intersections." There will be two tracks - one for adults and one for youths. Our club has contacted the local high schools about Rich-Mar paying for several students/teachers to attend the "Youth Changemakers" track. This will be the subject of our February 7 program.

Some of our Rich-Mar members might like to take part in the "Changemakers Across Sectors" program for adults. (See below). Roger Barna does plan on attending, and has offered to drive any other members who attend.



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Sustainable PGH



**Registration is open for the 53rd Annual
World Affairs Institute!**

It's time to reserve your spot for one of our largest convenings of the year, in partnership with **Rotary International** and **Sustainable Pittsburgh**!

Join us on **March 5, 2024, 8AM-3PM at the University of Pittsburgh** as we navigate our new climate reality and chart a path to a more secure and sustainable future for all. Whether you're interested in topics like fast fashion and the circular economy, climate migration havens, clean transportation, or green space access, the Institute will allow you to dive deeper into local and global climate intersections.

This year's Institute will have two tracks.

Changemakers Across Sectors

We define **changemakers across sectors** as people at all stages of their careers across the nonprofit, public, and private sectors who want to make Pittsburgh a more globally minded and globally connected city.

The private, public, and nonprofit sectors must act in alignment to address climate change and its impacts. Whether you are an artist or entrepreneur, a college student or retiree, an emerging professional or a senior executive – you are invited to connect and learn more about the impact of climate change on Pittsburgh and how to build more sustainable spaces and institutions.

[REGISTER](#)

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Youth Changemakers

Designed by and created for youth, the World Affairs Institute for Youth Changemakers engages students in discussions of key issues in international affairs so that they can understand and think critically about their world. **All high school students (grades 9-12)** are eligible to attend.

Educators and Rotary chaperones should [register for this track](#) along with their student groups. However, during the day, educators and chaperones will attend the Changemakers Across Sectors track.

*Note: **Registration is now open for Rotary-sponsored and school-sponsored groups.** Full scholarships are provided by local Rotary Clubs. Interested in having your school attend the Institute but unsure if scholarships are available? Contact your local Rotary Club, Interact Club, or school district: [Rotary District 7305 \(Southwestern PA\)](#), [Rotary District 7280 \(Northwestern PA\)](#), [Rotary District 6650 \(Eastern Ohio\)](#)*

[REGISTER](#)

We hope to see you there!

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World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh
worldpittsburgh.org

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 conducting a gun raffle fund raiser for their trip. Tickets are \$20. It is a "March every other day raffle" based on the PA Lottery Pick 3. If interested, contact Billy Ruhe at william.ruhe@gmail.com.

They will also be having a Night at the Races fundraiser on March 9, 2024. If anyone is interested, contact Billy at william.ruhe@gmail.com.

If anyone is interested in taking part in our mission trip (June 9 - 14, 2024), contact Billy at william.ruhe@gmail.com.

January 27: Rotary Membership Summit



We are all
responsible for
growing Rotary's
membership

[Register NOW](#) for the **District 7280 and District 7305 Membership Summit - January 27, 2024, Camelot Event Center, Wexford, PA**

All Rotarians interested in the long-term viability of their club, need to attend this event. Your district and zone leaders have been busy putting together an agenda chocked full of valuable information on:

- How to promote the growth and development of the club
- How to prevent long-time members from wanting to leave the club
- How to continue to show our newer members why it is important for them to stay
- How to engage ALL of our members
- Much, much more!

The truth is that no club ever grew by accident, and standing idly by, watching our clubs dwindle in size is not a viable membership strategy.

As we move into a new calendar year, why not make it a resolution for you to help grow the membership of your club. Please plan to join us for a fun, educational and interactive day by clicking on the registration link above.

Best wishes for a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season,

Ken Fleeson

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.
and/or to help out at one of their service projects or fundraising events.

Volunteers are always needed to help.
May 4, 2024

Shred-It Day Fundraising Event. 8:30 - 11:30am.
Location to be announced.

May, 2024

Lighthouse cleaning. Teri and Jerry to get specific date.

June 30, 2024

Feeding the homeless on the North Side with Harvest Street Mission from 11:30am - 1:30pm

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March 5th: Ethics Symposium

In an effort to learn more about the Erie Rotary Club **Ethics Symposium** again, I attended their recent 2024 planning committee meeting. After attending the symposium years ago, I was so excited about its content and purpose that I started one at Grove City College that lasted a few years before I moved to NC. It is my hope that the Keystone Rotary Club could possibly find a way to bring this great program to others in the district and/or create a zoom event for our international members and our Keystone International Rotaract Club.

So, my first step is to get others from our club and district to attend the **March 5th Ethics Symposium at Mercyhurst University** to see what it is all about, or if you have attended in the past, to learn about their revised content. Tentatively, I plan to come in from NC to attend. The Erie Rotary Club could use any Rotarians attending to help facilitate and have offered to accommodate our Grove City High School Interact Club when I inquired about the possibility of including them if they were interested and available. Please mark your calendar and let me know if you are interested in learning more and possibly attending with me. --

Make a great day!

Darla

Darla Motta, Assistant Governor & Club Treasurer
Keystone Rotary International E-Club of District #7280
KeystoneRotaryClub.org

District 7280 Keystone Rotary International Eclub

Keystone Rotary International E-Club



[KeystoneRotaryClub.org](https://www.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 Jim Roddey and his wife in your prayers.
They both had surgery. His wife is at home but Jim is still in Saint Barnabas Nursing Home for rehab.
Jim's home address is 1002 Curran Court, Valencia, PA 16059.
Saint Barnabas' address is 5827 Meridian Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

Please see the following note from Chris Abernethy:
After a couple of false starts and an issue with our mover, we are now safe and sound in Charlottesville. Our new
PERMANENT address is 1220 Dunlora Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

"Happy Dollar" items?
Health concerns or hospitalizations?
Other Announcements?
Please email any items to Gary Weston
glweston65@gmail.com

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?

