

Rotary



Club of Rich-Mar (Valencia)



Club Meeting

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

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Upcoming Events

January 24th
[Rich-Mar \(Valencia\) Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 31st
No Meeting

February 7th
[Rich-Mar \(Valencia\) Board Meeting](#)

February 7th
[Rich-Mar \(Valencia\) Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 14th
[Rich-Mar \(Valencia\) Club Assembly VIA ZOOM](#)

January 25: Anthony Savannah from the Passavant Hospital Foundation



PASSAVANT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Be sure to join your Rotarian friends on January 24 when Anthony Savannah will tell us about the Passavant Hospital Foundation and how it helps our community. The Foundation supports UPMC Passavant in McCandless and Cranberry, advancing health and wellness through education, outreach, and grant making. It is a visible extension of the Passavant legacy of caring, making the region a leader in healthcare awareness, accessibility, and quality. The Passavant Hospital Foundation was incorporated as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit foundation in 1981. Funds contributed by the community are used exclusively to develop new hospital services at UPMC Passavant in McCandless and Cranberry and to provide health, education, and outreach programming in the community.

Anthony R. Savannah joined the Foundation staff in 2014 as Director of Community Engagement, with 20 years of development, business and brand marketing, corporate and community fundraising experience. His expertise is developing business support through event fundraisers, putting the customer in front of the donor while charitable funds are being raised. Mr. Savannah enjoys building solid relationships through networking and follow-up, wearing the Foundation's mission on his sleeve. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing, from Geneva College where he played football on scholarship and earned pre-season All-American status. A life-long resident of our area, Mr. Savannah has coached youth football and most recently served as Executive Director of Marketing and Corporate Development for St. Barnabas Health System.

Rich-Mar/SBCBA Mixer Is A Great Success

On Thursday January 18, we had a great social/mixer with the new Southern Butler County Business Association (SBCBA) at the Richland Township Municipal Building. Representatives from Richland Township administration and the board of supervisors (including our District Governor John Marshall) were also present, as both of our organizations see opportunities to assist the township and its businesses.

In addition to great food, drink and socialization, both Rich-Mar Club and SBCBA spoke to their mission and how they are carrying it out. It increased our public image and celebrated many of our organizational virtues and potential. We look forward to continued collaboration with SBCBA.

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
Dan Goss
February 18th
Thomas Kvederis
February 18th

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

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Rich-Mar President-Elect Dave Hein Enlightens the SBCBA Members About Rotary



Rich-Mar Shows Our Appreciation For Our Local Police Forces

On January 18th Rich-Mar hosted representatives from three of our local police departments in order to express our appreciation to them work the work that they do. Rich-Mar's Foundation Chairman, Jim Long (who is himself a retired police chief) introduced the officers pictured below from left to right:

From Northern Regional Police Department: Chief John Sicilia and Captain Brian DeWick
From Butler County: Sheriff: Mike Slupe
From Adams Township Police Department: Assistant Chief Robert Scanlon and Chief Shawn Anglum





After enjoying a delicious meal of roast pork, potatoes, vegetables, soup, salad dessert and drinks, the officers shared a little about their personal histories, and also updated us on some of the issues facing police departments today, including recruiting and retention issues, policing in the schools, and increasing criminal activity. It was a very informative meeting.



Thank you to these dedicated professionals for their service to our communities.

January 27: Rotary Membership Summit

Rotary
District 7280
District 7305



**MEMBERSHIP
SUMMIT**

JOIN US

All Members Welcome!

**Is your club experiencing
membership, engagement,
recruitment, or retention
issues?**



Jan 27, 2024



**Registration 8am
Event 9am – 4pm**



**Camelot Event Center
250 Swinderman Road
Wexford, PA 15090**



If so, we would like to invite you and your club members to join us on **January 27th** for the **Membership Summit!** This event will introduce new strategies that can help your club foster **growth** and **development**, prevent recurring attrition, increase **retention** and **engagement**, and much more!

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 are interested, 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

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.

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 plans on attending, and has offered to drive any other members who would like to attend.



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Sustainable PGH

Register today!

**53rd Annual
World Affairs
Institute:
Navigating Climate
Intersections**

**March 5, 2024
8AM-3PM
University of
Pittsburgh**

Rotary Sustainable PGH worldpittsburgh.org/institute

**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 â€” 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 Chanaemakers

World Affairs Institute for Youth Changers

Designed by and created for youth, the World Affairs Institute for Youth Changers 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 Changers 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.

Appalachian Mission Trip

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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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

See Jim Roddey's comments below regarding his rehab:

At age 91 I don't expect to heal quite as fast as in past years and I now have lots of time to reflect on my illness, recovery and things I miss. High on that list are Rotary meetings and activities and sharing time with good friends like you. Please let everyone know that I look forward to my triumphal return and the opportunity to share my stories, many of which are actually true.

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?**



