



Club Business/Announcements from President Steve Truax:

- Pete Mulford gave us updates on our participation in the Rotary Foundation and the Shelterbox program. and presented President Steve with the Bronze Club Award that we had been awarded by Shelterbox USA for our previous donations.
- Chris Johnson discussed our Rotary Foundation raffle and other Foundation fund-raising efforts. April is Rotary Foundation Month.
- On April 23rd, we will have another of our annual health screenings. See Elaine Bartoldson to volunteer.
- John Lucas' Celebration of Life will be Saturday, April 30, at 1:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn in Martinsburg. Dress will be casual. There will be some appetizer stations but no planned formalities, and guests will be welcome to come and go as they please.
- The Pancakes for Polio Breakfast is May 30th at War Memorial Park.
- The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 18th at The Woods. Craig Martin has flyers.
- RYLA will be June 15th through 17th at Shepherd's Spring just a 30-minute drive from here. Applications are available, and I believe two Faith Christian students are in the process of applying, but I'm not aware of any other applicants so far. The deadline for applying is May 6th, so students still have time to apply.
- Our district has five outbound Rotary Exchange Students who are beginning to get ready to travel abroad next year. We would like to be able to offer host families – please see Doug Frye or Pete Mulford if you would consider doing this.
- Our Installation Dinner will be July 7th, and there will NOT be a lunch meeting that day. Pam and Michelle are heading this dinner up, stay tuned for updates.
- We have been asked to run the Apple Harvest Pancake Breakfast again next year, and the Board has agreed to take this on. We need a chair or co-chair for this – see Steve Truax or Pete Mulford.



Guests: Special Guest, District Governor – Elect Vickie Zimmerman. Tim Smith was a guest of Charles Mason. John Cox was a guest of Joshua Webb. Donna Van Metre was a guest of Keri Goodwin.

Program: Wes Mackall, Valley College



Providing Quality Career Training Since 1987

Valley College was founded in 1987 to deliver career education programs to local communities in West Virginia. Since then, the college has evolved over time as the needs of its students and local employers have changed. We aim to provide you with the support you need to graduate and start a rewarding career.

Our mission is to meet the educational and professional needs of the community by delivering quality degree and certificate programs, which are flexible and career-oriented.

Valley College's objectives are to:

- Provide quality educational programs
- Offer career-oriented programs
- Deliver flexible programs
- Use current technology
- Meet the educational needs of the community
- Support the professional needs of the community



VALLEY COLLEGE

Job Placement Assistance – The Valley Difference

Whether you are a current student or a recent graduate of Valley College, you will receive ongoing support from our dedicated Career Services professionals. We'll work with you one-on-one to make sure you have the resources and support it takes to compete. We are a career-focused school and aim to provide you with enough support to feel well-prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation.

The Valley College Career Services Office provides students with a centralized service to assist them in their employment search.* Career Services Advisors meet with students during their program and are available to answer questions and assist students/graduates during their job search. Career development is an ongoing process that occurs throughout the student's tenure.

Looking for more career support? We will also provide you with a career plan that can be completed in-person or over the phone. The career plan involves 3 career-related meetings to discuss goals/objectives, resume/cover letter assistance, and help you submit resumes to employers as well as complete mock interviews.

As a Valley graduate, you will enter the professional world with confidence, fully prepared to make a smooth transition from student to working professional. Your skills, professionalism, and how easily you adapt is what keeps local employers coming back to Valley College to staff their businesses.

Valley College locations:

Akron Info Center: [330-969-8200](tel:330-969-8200)

Beckley: [304-362-6929](tel:304-362-6929)

Cleveland: [216-453-8201](tel:216-453-8201)

Martinsburg: [304-451-3172](tel:304-451-3172)

Princeton Info Center: [304-579-8767](tel:304-579-8767)

Fairlawn: [330-997-8900](tel:330-997-8900)



Next Program Start Dates:

- Apr 25th: [Business Administration Training](#)
- Apr 25th: [Medical Administrative Assistant](#)
- Apr 25th: [Health Services Administration](#)
- Apr 25th: [IT & Security Administration](#)
- Apr 25th: [Veterinary Technician](#)
- Apr 25th: [Veterinary Assistant](#)
- Apr 25th: [Medical Front Office](#)
- Apr 25th: [Cybersecurity Training](#)
- Apr 25th: [IT & Network Administration](#)
- Apr 25th: [Practical Nursing](#)
- Apr 25th: [Medical Clinical Assistant \(MCA\)](#)

April Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	
Chambers, Terry	2-Apr
Stover, Bill	6-Apr
Reid, Kim	10-Apr
Wertman, Bill	16-Apr
Van Derhoof, Frank	22-Apr
Miller, John Douglas	25-Apr
Rodgers, James	26-Apr
Parsons, Jared	29-Apr

Wedding Anniversaries:

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Hite, Michael & Pam	17-Apr	30
Parsons, Jared & Emily	25-Apr	6
Collis, Berniece & Craig	28-Apr	43

Future Programs:

- Apr 21 – South Middle Robotics Team & Club Assembly (Committee Chairs be ready to report)
- Apr 28 – Donna Van Meter, James Rumsey
- May 3 – Board Meeting
- May 5 – Gabrielle Tokach, CATF
- May 12 – Emelly Salazar Berrera, Eagle Scout
- May 19 – **OFFSITE @ Purple Iris** SSgt Vanessa Moser & Military Recruiters

Member Anniversaries:

Member Anniversaries	Years
Lorensen, Maria	25
Kamath, C. Ramadas	3
Simms, Megan	3
Bartoldson, Drew	6
Glover, Christine	6
Beckwith, Andrew	6
Chambers, Terry	11
Parsons, Jared	1
Stedman, Jason	2



Celebrate Diversity Month, a celebration that was initiated in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, organizers hope that people will gain a deeper understanding of each other.

Autism Acceptance Month, established to raise awareness about and acceptance of the developmental disability that impacts an individual's experience of the world around them.

2 World Autism Awareness Day, created to raise awareness around the globe

2-11 Chaitra Navaratri, a nine-day festival which starts on the first day of Hindu Luni-Solar calendar

2-May 2 (sundown to sundown) Ramadan, an Islamic holiday marked by fasting, praise, prayer, and devotion to Islam

8 The Day of Silence, during which students take a daylong vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment

10 Palm Sunday, a Christian holiday commemorating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It takes place on the last

Sunday of Lent, at the beginning of the Holy Week.

10 Ram Navami, a Hindu day of worship and celebration of the seventh avatar of Vishnu (Lord Rama). Devotees typically wear red and place extravagant flowers on the shrine of the god.

14 Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), the Christian holiday commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time before the crucifixion. It is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter.



14 Mahavir Jayanti, a holiday celebrated by the Jains commemorating the birth of Lord Mahavira. It is one of the most important religious festivals for Jains.

14 Vaisakhi (also known as Baisakhi), the celebration of the founding of the Khalsa (community of the initiated) and the birth of the Khalsa

15 Good Friday, a day celebrated by Christians to commemorate the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. It is recog-

nized on the Friday before Easter.

15 Lord's Evening Meal, celebrated by Jehovah's Witnesses in commemoration of an event believed to have occurred on the first night of Passover in approximately 33 CE, i.e., the Last Supper

15-23 Passover, an eight-day Jewish holiday in commemoration of the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt

16 Lazarus Saturday, a day celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox Church and Oriental Orthodoxy to commemorate the raising from the dead of Lazarus of Bethany

17 Easter, a holiday celebrated by Christians to recognize Jesus' return from death after the crucifixion

21-May 2 The Festival of Ridvan, a holiday celebrated by those of the Bahá'í faith, commemorating the twelve days when Bahá'ú'lláh, the prophet-founder, resided in a garden called Ridvan (paradise) and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age

22 Earth Day promotes world peace and sustainability



of the planet. Events are held globally in support of environmental protection of the Earth.

23 St. George's Day, the feast day of St. George celebrated by various Christian churches

24 Armenian Martyrs' Day recognizes the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey.

27-28 Yom HaShoah, Israel's day of remembrance for the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust

29 Ninth Day of Ridvan, a festival of joy and unity in the Bahá'í faith to commemorate the reunification of Bahá'ú'lláh's family and by extension the unity of the entire human family the Bahá'í faith calls for. It permeates the symbolic meaning of the Ninth Day of Ridvan.

29 Laylat al-Qadr, the holiest night of the year for Muslims, is traditionally celebrated on the twenty-seventh day of Ramadan. It is known as the Night of Power and commemorates the night that the Quran was first revealed to the prophet Muhammad.

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Diversity Holidays

Community Announcements:

- Main Street Martinsburg is going to have a Juneteenth celebration this year, and we may ask to have a booth there and do some recruiting.
- The 5th Annual Fulton Walker Jr. Scholarship Golf Classic will be held April 29th, see Robert Sowell for details.
- Monday, May 2nd is the Annual JUMP Golf Tournament. Time is 11AM and location in the Woods. If you are interested in playing, donating or sponsoring please see Eric Stenger.
- May 15 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of Berkeley County, West Virginia! The Berkeley Arts Council (BAC) is having an exhibit in honor of this anniversary from May 18 to June 25 at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 North Queen Street.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Eastern Panhandle Alumnae Chapter is hosting a Golf Tournament at Locust Hill on May 27th. This supports scholarships and youth mentoring. POC Cheryl Roberts 304-707-2020.
- The Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle are sponsoring a “Stefani Pierson Champion for Youth Dinner” May 19th.
- The Chamber of Commerce Gold Tournament will be held June 29th at the



Woods

- Martinsburg Wine Festival May 28th at Boydville, one day only. Robbie will update that as we get closer
- There will be a 5K Color Run at Poorhouse Farm May 15th.



Club Presentations:

- Pete Mulford presented President Steve with the Bronze Club Award that we had been awarded by Shelterbox USA for our previous donations.
- President Steve read Kendell Burke, Mark Ingle, Lynette Scallion, and Bob Williams for membership!



#InvestInOurPlanet

As People of Action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years. Fifty years ago, the first Earth Day was held on 22 April, 1970, launching a wave of action to protect our environment, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. Other countries soon followed suit. Every year since, the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet.

As people of action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well-suited for the challenge. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources.

The [Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group](https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-and-earth-day) (ESRAG) assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in building awareness, inspiring action, and planning service projects that focus on environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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