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SECOND RAPSCALLION CREATED:

Jim Barr Brews His Way to RR&R Honor and Fame

There was an easy way and a hard way to answer Rogue Challenge Number 16: Get a beer named after the RR&R to be sold in at least four bars.

Jim Barr, a Rascal since 2002, chose the hard way.

On March 11, 2023, in the upper room at the Doylestown Maennerchor Society Building, Lair No. 3 gathered to witness the historic creation of the second Rapscallion. Befitting the specialness of the evening, many donned elegant attire. The Revs. **Alex Aimette** and **Mark McDowell**, chaplains with the St. Andrew's Society, wore kilts and all the Scottish finery. While the pals from Princeton Seminary looked like Highland Lairds, **Mike Landis**, a graduate of Yale Divinity School, also work a kilt but went for a more bare-knuckle barbarian vibe.

Dan Morrison channeled a nineteenth century parson in his black Amish mutza suit and a black broadbrim Amish hat.

Well-cut suits, jackets, and neckties abounded in such a profusion that the cockles of **Peter Marino's** heart would have been warmed, had he been there.

Michael Moscherosch arranged a premium menu for



Michael Moscherosch, right, congratulates Jim Barr on being elevated to the rank of Rapscallion, while Dan Morrison looks on. Barr's Rogue Challenge presentation was made on March 11, 2023 at the Maennerchor Society Building in Doylestown.

the evening. Instead of onion rings and cheesesteaks off the bar menu, the Maennerchor kitchen prepared a 20-pound prime rib roast, potatoes au gratin, and broccoli.

Jim had been working on his Rogue Challenge for years. Trained as a chemist and working for more than 20 years as a patent lawyer, Jim retired from Johnson & Johnson in 2018. He already was adept at wine and fortified spirits. But

with his retirement, he began to study beermaking as well.

In March 2019, Jim hosted Lair No. 3 at his house to take part in brewing a batch of beer in his basement brewery. The following month, the Lair met again at Jim's house for the Rascal Ball and sampled the beverage concocted a month earlier. This all was preparation for Jim's Rogue Challenge.

The easy way to meet the challenge of getting an RR&R-

branded beers sold in four bars would be to hire a contract brewer to make the suds and then sell kegs to local taverns.

The hard way was to create a brewery from the ground up.

At the March 2023 meeting, Jim gave a presentation about how he and his son **Galen Barr** started the Van Lieus Brewing Company in Perkasio, Pa., a process taking more than three years and bountiful heaps of cash. The brewery opened its doors to the public in October 2022.

Throughout the evening, Maennerchor waitstaff served pitchers of Jim's new beer, a beer that was also available on tap at JT Bankers in Sellersville, Pa., the Plumsteadville Inn in Plumsteadville, Pa., and the Van Lieus taproom in Perkasio, Pa. A hazy New England style double IPA, the beer is the best the Rascals ever had at the Maennerchor.

After explaining the travails of constructing a brewery and dealing with government regulation, Jim provided the formula for his beer. He also gave assembled Rascals and friends beer glasses bearing the Rascal flag and the name of this new beer, Rascals, Rogues, and Rapscallions™.

Then lights in the room began to flicker – it seems there was a short in the wall switch – and eventually went out, leaving the East German Interrogation Room lit only by the glaring bulb of the projector.

After Jim's presentation,

the Order of Rapscallions left the room to confer and decide if Jim had met his challenge. The decision was not hard.

Michael Moscherosch, Abbot of the Order of Rapscallions, announced that Jim, indeed, had met his challenge and was thus duly elevated to the rank of Rapscallion. **Dan Morrison**, Prior of the Order of

Rapscallions™ from the Van Lieus Brewing Company.

Also present were **Jordan Goretti** in two-tone wingtips, **George Green** the hard seltzer critic, **Jon Haines** minus his rabbit mittens, **Ray Hull III** after a year's absence, **Roger Hull** still working the bricks, **Rich James** fresh from Atlantic City, **Sean McVan** looking every inch a Republican, and **Calvin**



Singing the opening Interesting Thing around the table laid with the evening's prime rib and sides are (l. to r.) Mark McDowell, George Green, Jeff Sivek, Mike Landis, and Sean McVan.

Rapscallions, draped the decoration of the Order around Jim's neck.

Notable guests were **Chris Power**, who attended the first meeting of the Rascals, Rogues, and Rapscallions in 1989, **Jeff Sivek**, charter member of Lair No. 1 making his first RR&R meeting since January 1996, and **James Wood** of Perkasio, the first customer to order a glass of Rascals, Rogues, and

Morrison who knows how to wear a suit.

Tapping in via zoom were **Hayes Lewis** from Texas who hinted he would be the next Rapscallion, and **William Mould** up way past his bedtime in merry old England.



RASCAL CHALLENGE

Jason Enelow Goes Babylonian

The Babylonians were squaring the hypotenuse long before Pythagoras. At least according to Jason Enelow.

On June 10, Rascals met upstairs at the Doylestown Maennerchor Society to hear the lanky Texan's response to his Rascal Challenge: "Find the link between Plimpton 322 and the city of your birth."

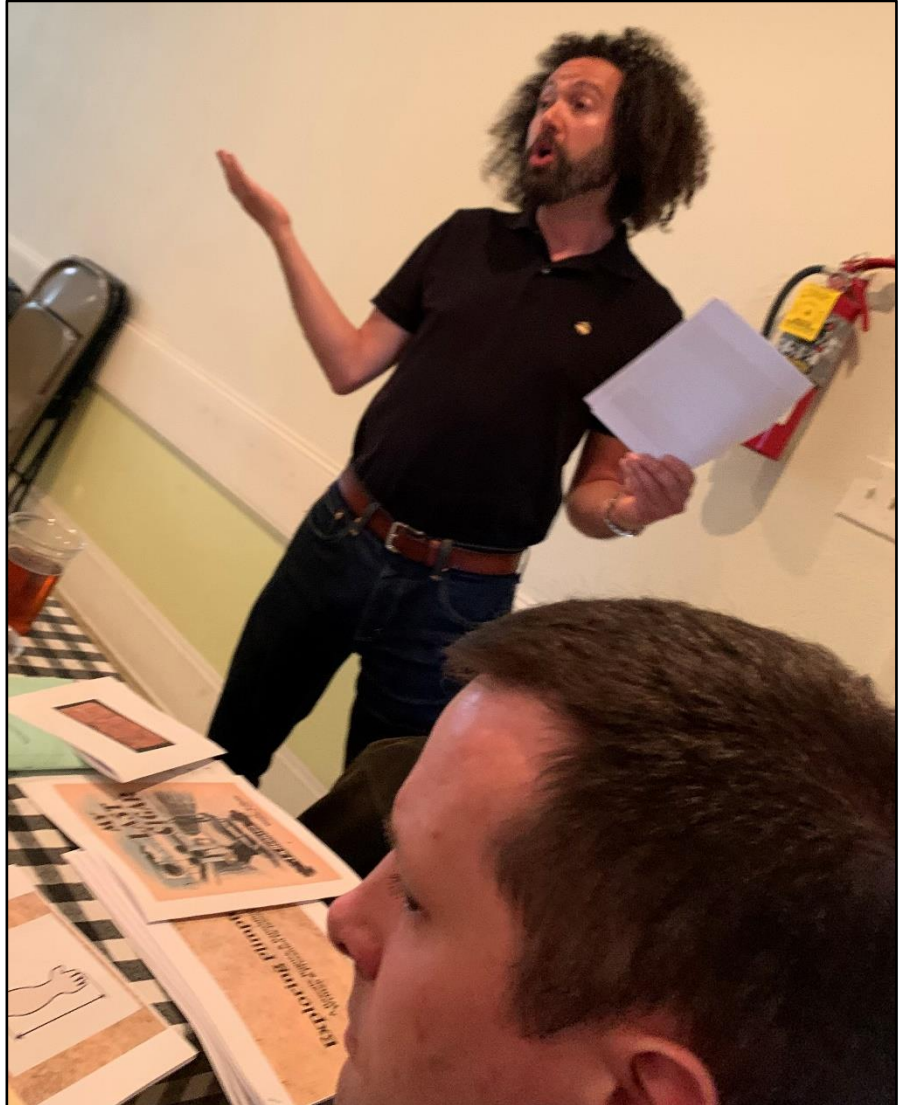
Plimpton 322 is a clay tablet the size of a 3 x 5 card at Columbia University. Around 1800 BC, it was incised with a sequence of Pythagorean triples, that is, integers a , b , and c which satisfy the Pythagorean equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

In modern times, between 500,000 and 2 million clay tablets have been excavated and as many as 100,000 have been translated. Most are accounting receipts. But Plimpton 322 is special. Perhaps a math student's homework.

Jason gave a lesson in Babylonian mathematics, which uses a sexagesimal, or base 60, numeral system. Modern remnants of sexagesimal systems include how we indicate geographical coordinates (6 times 60 degrees for the circumference of the earth), time (60 seconds per minute, 60 minutes per hour), and angles (6 times 60 degrees per full circle). He explained all the little marks on the clay tablet, showed they were not random, and argued the Babylonians beat the Pythagoreans to the punch by more than 1200 years.

And then Jason did the seemingly impossible: he connected the 6000-year-old dried clay tablet with Austin, Texas, the city of his birth. Don't ask me to explain it; you had to have been there.

When all was said and done, the Lair agreed



Jason Enelow, standing, successfully met his Rascal Challenge at the June 10, 2023, meeting of Lair No. 3. His Challenge delved into the mysterious of Babylonian mathematics.

Jason had successfully met his Rascal Challenge and he was duly elevated to the rank of Rogue.

Among those listening to **Jason Enelow** were: **Jim Barr, Dan Bramer, Jordan Goretta, George Green, Mike Landis, Hayes Lewis, Sean McVan, Calvin Morrison, Dan Morrison, and Michael Moscherosch.**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHER FOR RASCAL BALL

Moscherosch Elected “Rascal o’ the Year”



Dr. Michael Moscherosch and his wife Lisa arrive at the Plumsteadville Inn for the 2023 Rascals Ball. Moscherosch won the 2023 Rascal o’ the Year award.

FIFTY PEOPLE FILLED the dining room at the Plumsteadville Inn for the first Rascal Ball since the 2019. Pittsburgh provided three Rascals; ten Doylestown Rascals showed up. With them came wives and children, parents and friends. Silly songs were sung, stories were told, cigars were smoked. And a new Rascal o’ the Year was elected for the first time since 2005.

“All in all, it was a satisfying evening,” said Lair Director **Dan Morrison**, “better than I expected. I think after the isolation and gloom of COVID, there was a pent-up demand for an event like this.”

As they had done in 2010, the Rascals welcomed the North American Araucanian Royalist Society (NAARS) as cosponsor of the event, adding another whimsical element to the evening.

Guests filtered into the elegant room on the evening of August 12. Several couples took rooms in the inn, having come from out of town. One local couple took a room

so they could relax and not rush home at the end of the evening.

Originally, the Rascals had reserved the enclosed porch of the Plumsteadville Inn, but when the demand for tickets exceeded the capacity of that room, restaurant gave over the whole of their main dining room to the Rascal revelers. The buttery-yellow walls of the room were covered in paintings by Bucks County artists.

The NAARS contributed flags of the Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia and photos of Prince Frederic. Table displays gave a survey of the history of the Kingdom for those new to the story.

The gathering had the feeling of an old-home week, as some attendees hadn’t seen each other in years. Husbands and wives were decked out black-tie finery and the room positively buzzed with the friendly chatter of adults and the excited laughter of children.



Four grandchildren of Connie Hull were among the partygoers at the Plumsteadville Inn, in Plumstead, Pa.

During the cocktail hour, guests mingled as old acquaintances were updated and new introductions were made. Farthest from home were **Hayes** and **Shana Lewis** of Benbrook, Texas, though **Charles George**, who lives in Pittsburgh, had come farthest that day, having flown from South Korea. **Jeff Sivek** and **Dennis Looney**, alumni of Lair No. 1 in Pittsburgh, had not seen each other since a Rascal meeting in 1997! They had some catching up to do.

A buffet dinner was served, and once people had an opportunity to settle into their meal, **Dan Morrison** rose to propose the first toast of the evening: to the health of Prince Frederic, the Prince of Araucania and Patagonia!

Accompanied by pianist **Susan Clark**, tenor **Josh Bruce** sang Guillermo Frick's *Himno a Orllie*, quirky unofficial anthem of the defunct Kingdom. He also sang a half dozen other songs with some connection to the history of the Rascals, including



Jordan Goretti, standing, provided an amusing slideshow review of Rascal activity since the 2019 Ball.

A Woman is Only a Woman, but a Good Cigar is a Smoke by Victor Herbert.

Lights then were dimmed, and **Jordan Goretti** gave an interesting and entertaining 30-minute slide presentation covering the activities of the Rascals since their last Ball in 2019. That earlier event was held at **Jim Barr's** house and featured beer brewed by the nascent Van Lieu's Brewery.

For the first time since 2005, a new Rascal o' the Year was elected. The Ark of the Humidor, the gilded wooden trophy symbolic of the honor, was created in 2001 by **Michael Moscherosh** and presented for the first time at the 2002 Ball. In subsequent years – 2003, 2004, and 2005 – a fresh election was held at each annual Ball and the trophy presented by the outgoing Rascal o' the Year to the newly elected honoree. The 2005 recipient of the trophy was **Ray Hull II** and then the award seems to have fallen asleep.

In a touching ceremony, **Connie Hull**, widow of the late **Ray Hull II**, who died in 2020, handed off the trophy to Michael on behalf of her husband.

After coffee and deserts were enjoyed, and the program drew to a close, the Rascals rose to sing their closing song, *My Last Cigar*. Then some went home to relieve babysitters, but many lingered for another hour to enjoy cigars and talk on the patio outside. Everyone seemed to savor a sense of



Charles George flew to the event directly from the International Scouting Jamboree in South Korea.

satisfaction with the evening. It all went so well. The food was good, the company was pleasant, the presentations had the right mix of levity and seriousness.

Married couples included **Josh and Rosie Bruce** of Philadelphia; **Ian and Susan Clark** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; and **John and Laura Haines** of Hatboro, Pa.; **Hayes and Shana Lewis** of Benbrook, Texas; Prof. Dr. **Dennis Looney** and **Joanna Thornton** of New York City; Dr. **Saul and Nelly Mednick** of Norwalk, Conn.; **Calvin and Cheryl Morrison** of Bethlehem, Pa.; Dr. **Michael and Lisa Moscherosch** of Doylestown, Pa.; and **James and Carolyn Wood** of Perkasie, Pa.

The extended Hull family accounted for 11 people: **Connie Hull** of Hampton, N. J., was there with her two sons, **Ray III**, and **Roger**. **Ray III**, also of Hampton, N. J., brought his son **Ray IV**, daughters **Hazel** and **Annabella**, as well as his girlfriend **Margaret Salas** and her daughter **Katalina**. **Roger** who lives in Ottsville, Pa., attended with his wife **Kimberly**, son **Evander**, and daughter **Adelene**.

Other family groups included **Joan Clover** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa. who attended with her son **Sam Clover** of Southampton, Pa. **Jordan Goretti** of Roslyn, Pa. came with his wife **Crystal**, his two



Shana and Hayes Lewis traveled from Texas for the 2023 Rascal Ball.



On the patio for the after party were (l. to r.) Jordan Goretti, Hayes Lewis, Rosie Bruce, Margaret Salas, Ray Hull III, Roger Hull, and Kimberly Hull.

daughters **Karineh** and **Dafne**, as well as his parents, **John and Terri Goretti** of Philipsburg, N.J. The Rev. **Mark McDowell** brought his wife **Alice** and daughter **Morgan** while the Rev. Dr. **Daniel Paul Morrison** came with his wife **Eva** and daughter **Mia**.

Flying solo were **Jim Barr** of Ringoes, N. J.; **Charles George** of Pittsburgh; **George Green** of Philadelphia; **Sean McVan** of Doylestown, Pa.; **Ed Menegaux** of Perkasie, Pa.; **Pliny Miles** of Watertown, N.Y.; **Leon Moscherosch** of Philadelphia; and **Jeff Sivek** of Coatesville, Pa.



RESEARCH REPORTS MEETING IN DOYLESTOWN

Rascals Present Updates on Current Projects

IT WAS HOT and stuffy in the upper room when Lair No. 3 met for its Research Reports meeting on September 9 at the Doylestown Maennerchor. The kitchen was unstaffed, so we ordered food from Coach's, a nearby restaurant. A business meeting was held during which **George Green** and **Mike Landis** proclaimed their Rascal Oath of Allegiance. Then the regular meeting began with a singing of "Interesting Thing" without sheet music, as the Director forgot to bring any.

Michael Moscherosch talked about his project to bake pretzels he can eat with his newly-diagnosed diabetes. We ate his butter pretzels.

Jeff Sivek, Rascal alum from Pittsburgh and docent at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, gave a slide-illustrated presentation about the WMC.

Jordan Goretti talked about the kings of Israel, about the books of First and Second Samuel, and First and Second Kings.

Leon Moscherosch dug into claims of pre-Columbian contact with North America and a variety of fake artifacts used in such claims.

Zooming from Texas, **Hayes Lewis** talked about hacking the North Korean internet and **Jason Enelow** talked about sending a food care package to England in response to a 1947 advertisement in



Jeff Sivek discusses Washington Memorial Chapel.

the literary magazine *Horizon*.

Jim Barr discussed a Pennsylvania Dutch oversized stuffed dumpling sold at the Quakertown Farmers Market, which he brought for us to eat.

George Hindley had a story that began with an issue of *Ford Times* from 1958 and had something to do with a bridge built by U.S. Grant in California.

Zooming in from Utah was **DeAngelo Jackson-Smith** who spoke about government interference in communications.

Roger Hull displayed some gorgeous "earth star" mushrooms growing in his pile of woodchips.

Dan Morrison said a couple words about the Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia and gave out copies of *The Steel Crown* no. 19.

The meeting closed with singing from memory the first verse of "My Last Cigar" as the Director forgot to bring music.



The Ephorate consult on the roof of the Maennerchor, September 9, 2023.

MASS CHALLENGE 2023

Reversal of Fortunes for Calvin Morrison



Calvin Morrison, with his prizewinning Turkish mandolin, at the Doylestown Maennerchor, December 9, 2023.

After being saddled for two years running with the James Buchanan Medal, symbol of the worst Mass Challenge entry, Calvin Morrison redeemed himself this year by carrying off the Jon Landgraf Prize for his best-of-competition entry: a mandolin made in Istanbul.

The 2023 Mass Challenge was to restore an object made before 1950 and ten men entered the competition. Lair No. 3 gathered upstairs at the Doylestown Maennerchor on December 9. Slightly upgraded technology (larger screen, speakers) improved the zoom contact with the Texas Rascals.

Jim Barr presented a wooden box, something like a small suitcase. He showed pictures of it in its unrestored state and exhibited the spruced-up box at the meeting. He then went on to say that the box held a sexton and handed that instrument

around, which attracted a lot of attention from wannabe mariners.

Dan Bramer offered the most time-consuming entry. At the 2021 Research Reports meeting, he had spoken of a nineteenth-century lathe he was restoring. The Mass Challenge was an impetus to get this long-term project finished. While the lathe was not brought to the meeting, a detailed account of the daunting work was shared.

Jason Enelow zoomed into the meeting from Benbrook, Texas, and showed a gold-plated medal with Napoleon obverse and the looted Venus de' Medici on the reverse.

Jordan Goretti showed us his pre-Nazi German Linder Rehwappen hunting knife and gave a history of the company that manufactured it.

Jon Haines presented a partly-restored autoharp he found at a flea market. He also gave a bit of history about the maker of the instrument.

Roger Hull restored a Ronson pocket cigar lighter. Hull's grandmother once worked at the Ronson factory in Newark, New Jersey.

Calvin Morrison restored a mandolin he bought on eBay by replacing its top and patching its side.

Mark McDowell presented a "Yankee" spiral ratchet push drill that had been his grandfather's.

Dan Morrison offered a pile of shards from two dinner plates found on a railroad track in Perkasio.

Jeff Sivek showed a commentary on the Old Testament and Apocrypha written by Robert Gray, Bishop of Bristol, who had something to do with the invention of a safety lamp for coal miners.

The Voting

When it came time to distribute honors, each person present was given two votes for the best presentation and one vote for the worst. Calvin Morrison nosed out Dan Bramer for best, earning his second Jon Landgraf Medal, while Dan Morrison took the James Buchanan Medal by a large margin.



Buff Cree Barr, wife of **Jim Barr** died December 10, 2023 after a long illness. She and Jim raised two children, Erin and Galen, and were married 43 years. The couple were active with the Morning Thunder motorcycle group, with Ray and Connie Hull. Rascals will remember Buff best as hostess of Rascal events at the Barr house in Ringoes, N. J.



Buff Cree Barr in her kitchen during the 2019 Rascal Beer Ball.

Dan Bramer has been named Assistant Dean for Humanities at Holy Family University.

Ray Hull III had one minor victory in his terrible divorce war: he recovered some Rascal pins his ex has been holding hostage.

Mike Landis is likely a cousin of **Dan Morrison**. Dan's mother's mother's mother's father's mother was Sarah Landis (1832-1900). Who can work out

the genealogical connection?

Dennis Looney showed up at the 2023 Rascal Ball, his first Rascal outing since December 2007. When he met the Rascals, Looney was teaching Italian at the University of Pittsburgh. At this point, he is an independent scholar and divides his time between Manhattan and the Finger Lakes.

Peter Marino is a genuine expat these days. He lives with his wife in Todi, Italy, a hilltop town of about 17,000 in Perugia. The foundation of the apartment he lives in was part of a Roman theater built around 100 B.C.

Sean McVan received 986 votes in his 2021 bid to become mayor of Doylestown. He lost out to Democrat Noni West who received 2064 votes in the heavily-Democratic borough.

Calvin Morrison is waiting for his first child to be born. He lives in Bethlehem, just a few blocks from where his great-great uncle **Bobby Morrison**, Soccer Hall of Famer, lived.

Dan Morrison received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Fla., on May 26, 2023. Lair No. 3 regular **George Hindley** attended the graduation.

Michael Moscherosch retired from Johnson & Johnson in March 2023. He worked for the global pharmaceutical firm for more than 20 years. Along with work, Michael also has given up cigars, upon medical advice. He missed the 4Q2023 meeting as he was in Germany.

Lair No. 1 alumnus **Jeff Sivek** broke a 27-year dry spell, attending his first Rascal meetings since January 1996. In 2023, he attended the Q1, Q3, and Q4 meetings, plus the Rascal Ball.



Newest Rascals: George Green



George Green, seen here in a screen capture from one of his hard seltzer reviews, became a member of Lair No. 3 in 2023.

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2023, George Green of Philadelphia and Mike Landis of Elkins Park took their Rascal oath of allegiance, promising among other things, that they had “neither voted for James Buchanan nor canoodled with Millard Fillmore.” With those words, and with their \$100 dues, they became members of Lair No. 3.

Active RR&R membership stands at 15, while the total number of living Rascals comes to 66. At this point, 10 Rascals have bitten the dust. New members need to be nominated by two active members and elected unanimously by the Rascals attending any given quarterly meeting.

George Green

George is a Pocono-born Philadelphia bachelor. He believes Philly should be known for its roast pork sandwich rather than the much-ballyhooed cheesesteak. “You have to try John’s Roast Pork on Snyder Avenue,” he says. “Get it with sharp provolone and broccoli rabe.”

George comes to the RR&R by way of Calvin Morrison. The two encountered each other online in the Reddit Philly subgroup in 2017. Later they met face-to-face at the 12 Steps Down Bar on Christian Street and have been friends ever since.

“George is a connoisseur and thinks every well-rounded man should develop taste and expertise in some area,” Calvin noted.

George hails from Pocono Lake in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Pocono Mountain East High School in 2004. He then studied at East Stroudsburg University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in history in 2008.

After college, George joined the US Navy, learned Arabic, and served as a Signals Intelligence Analyst. At a base in Georgia (USA), he listened to transmissions in Arabic and translated them for the National Security Agency. After six years of service, George left the Navy, moved to Philadelphia, and continued his schooling. First he picked up a Master of Science in Business Intelligence and Analytics from St. Joseph University in 2015 and then a Master of Business Administration degree from Temple University in 2021.

For more than seven years, George was a data manager for IntegriChain, a Philadelphia-based IT company that serves the pharmaceutical industry.

Since the beginning of this year, George has been a Product Manager at MMIT (Managed Markets Insight & Technology), an IT company in Yardley, Pa. They make software for healthcare and pharmaceutical companies.

George’s first Rascal meeting was the 2022 Research Reports meeting at which he discussed his interest in hard seltzer. Check out his series of seltzer reviews on his Facebook page. He also brews his own beer and enjoys cooking. Oh, and he is pretty serious about keeping fit. He’s a regular at the gym, has competed in more than once Broad Street Run, and goes hiking just for fun.

But why the Rascals?

“In George’s mind, every man needs a hobby. And so the Rascals just makes sense,” Calvin said.



Mike Landis: Newest Rascals

Mike “Hinterlands” Landis

Between Kutztown and Virginville is Crystal Cave Road where Mike Landis grew up. “I was born in New Jersey, but bred in the Appalachian Mountains,” Mike said.

His mother, of old Pennsylvania German stock, was a schoolteacher for 30 years in Kutztown and his father was a pastor serving two rural Lutheran congregations in Berks County.

After graduating from the Fleetwood Area High School in 1983, Michael went to Florida Institute of Technology on a four-year Army ROTC scholarship. His goal was to become a pilot, but he hated the Army. Plan B was Muhlenburg College, a Lutheran school in Allentown where Michael discovered the English Romantic poets.

After college, Mike went to Yale Divinity School, thinking he might follow in his father’s footsteps as a pastor. Along the way, Mike realized the parish was not for him. Higher education would be his calling.

At Yale, he met Cynthia Thornton, his future wife. She had a law degree and was at Yale for a Master of Arts in Religion. In 1990, Mike took his Master of Divinity and the two moved to Philly. Cynthia worked as a lawyer for the US Air Force and Mike went to work for the Jenkintown Library.

“For four years I was the circulation desk supervisor and interlibrary loan coordinator,” Mike said. “It was kind of like being a bartender for book people.”

Mike’s teaching career began in 1994 when he was hired as an adjunct at Manor College, the only Ukrainian Catholic college in the United States. The following year he was working full-time. At present, his title is Professor, Division of Arts and Sciences, and Program Director for the Liberal Arts A.A. and Liberal Studies B.A. Programs. Next year will be his thirtieth anniversary at Manor College.

Mike and Cynthia were married in 1998. They bought their present house in Elkins Park in 2002. And in 2006 their son Alexander was born. “I have been homeschooling him for the past four years,” Mike said. “He graduates this year with his high



Mike Landis, shown here in a classroom at Manor College, became a member of Lair No. 3 in 2023.

school diploma and an associate degree from Manor College.” Next year, he hopes to attend Gonzaga University in Washington State.

Mike’s link with the Rascals is Dan Morrison. For a while, Mike’s son attended Valley Christian School, part of Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church where Dan is pastor. And for a couple of semesters, Dan worked for Mike at Manor College.

“Mike needed an instructor for a section of PL100 Philosophy and the Human Condition and I had done that kind of work back in the 1990s,” Dan noted.

But why the Rascals?

“When I was a kid,” Mike said, “I had a strange obsession with digging deep holes. My father would have to fill them in. I did an archeological dig at a Lenape site near Allentown. I think it’s the substrate that I’m interested in. The substrate of everything. I think that’s the connection with the Rascals.”



RASCAL PLANS FOR 2024

Full Slate of Activities Already Arranged

The new year has not begun, but already a full schedule has been set for 2024. More events may be added. Here's what we know so far.

First Quarter. On March 9, 2024, Mike Landis will make his Rascal Challenge. His challenge is based on a set of three telegrams sent to Oklahoma in 1934.

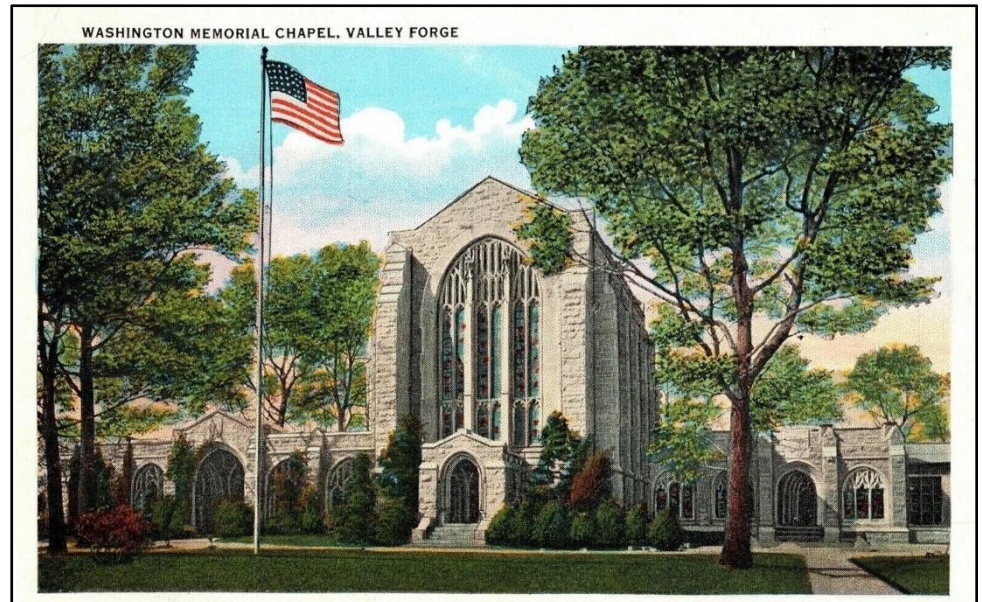
Art Bianconi Memorial Outing. Honoring a rocket scientist and friend of the Rascals, the last Art Bianconi Outing was organized in 2018 when the Rascals visited the Mütter Museum. Upon the suggestion of Jeff Sivek, the Rascals will visit the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge for a tour of the bell tower and an opportunity to watch the carillonner play the bells. We will have lunch at the fascinating G-Lodge Café a short distance away. Tentative date is April 13, 2024.

Second Quarter. Saturday, June 8, 2024, may see the creation of the third Rapsallion. Hayes Lewis will be flying in from Texas to give his Rogue Challenge presentation, which has something to do with sonnets written in Maori and published in New Zealand.

Third Quarter. The annual Research Reports meeting is slated for September 14, 2024. This is always an interesting meeting as Rascals and friends give updates about extracurricular projects.

Fourth Quarter. The Mass Challenge for 2024 has not yet been chose, but the presentations will be made on December 14, 2024.

Readers are reminded that all Rascals are expected to present at the Research Reports meeting and to compete in the Mass Challenge meeting.



Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, Pa., will be the site of the 2024 Art Bianconi Memorial Outing.

2024 Rascal Ball? While the 2023 Rascal Ball was a hit, there are no plans yet for a 2024 reprise. Anyone interesting in taking on the responsibility of creating another Ball should step forward.



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