



Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association



January 2022

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Upcoming Events

January Monthly Meeting

- No January monthly meeting

February Monthly Meeting

- When: Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7pm
- Where: First United Methodist Church, 510 W Maple Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410
- Topic: Business Meeting
 - Review and Approve 2022 Budget
 - Finalize Monthly Activities for 2022
- Presenter: Gary Wylie, SRVBA President.



Message from the President

Hello SRVBA Members!

As we approach 2022, I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Hope everyone is having a great holiday season and enjoying time with friends and family.

This is my first letter to our members since being elected SRVBA President for 2022. I feel like I have some big shoes to fill, since the SRVBA has had some really great leaders. I can assure everyone that I'll do my best to help advance the Club and try to keep our monthly activities interesting for our members.

I really appreciate and want to thank Tom Rathbun for the way Tom led our Club through the Covid-19 lockdowns, and helped to hold the Club together through this very difficult time. Tom also did a great job keeping Club members informed and working with Dr. Stone to get virtual meetings up and running when we couldn't meet, in-person. Under Tom's leadership, during 2021, while most other clubs were offering only virtual beekeeper classes, SRVBA conducted three in-person "new beekeeper" classes. I want to commend Tom on a job well done!

On Monday, December 6th, we had our annual SRVBA Christmas Party. The party was well-attended by at least 50 members. In addition to sharing fellowship and a great meal, we raffled many great items, had drawings for door prizes, and had a 50/50 drawing. A great time was had by all!

We also held elections for 2022 SRVBA Officers at the Christmas Party. The results of elections are as follows:

President

Gary Wylie

Secretary

Kim Root

Directors

Chris Earnhart

Jackie Kindred

Rosemary Clifford

Vice President

Dr. Michael Stone

Treasurer

Tami Wylie



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1. Fill out membership form

<http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>

2. Mail form to: SRVBA, c/o
Tami Wylie, 1000 CR 312,
Bellevue, OH 44811

Message from the President (continued)

The newly elected 2022 SRVBA Officers met on December 12th to draft the 2022 SRVBA annual budget and to begin mapping out our monthly meeting activities for 2022. I'll send a questionnaire in early January to our members asking for your input on topics and speakers for next year. Please use this opportunity to provide input into our Club activities. We'll use your input at the February meeting to finalize the topic/speaker schedule.

Please watch your email for the questionnaire and complete and return as soon as possible. Also, please plan on attending our February meeting where we'll review and approve the annual budget, and finalize, as much as possible, topics and speakers for 2022. Our next meeting will be the February monthly meeting, on February 7th. There is no monthly meeting in January.

Please remember our annual dues for 2022 will be collected during the months of December, January, and February. The annual dues are due on or before the March 2022 meeting. The dues are still \$20.00 for the year.

Please pay dues to Tami Wylie, SRVBA Treasurer. Please pay dues in-person at the February meeting or send via mail to:

SRVBA, c/o Tami Wylie

1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

I'll end my monthly letter on a sad note. We lost another great member of SRVBA on Wednesday, 12/8/2021, Jerry Eakin. Jerry had been a beekeeper for just a few years but he loved the beekeeping hobby. Jerry attended every meeting and always had a great question or solution to a problem. Jerry will be missed by our bee club family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Eakin family. I included Jerry's obituary later in this newsletter.

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie

SRVBA President

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SRVBA Christmas Party



In Remembrance

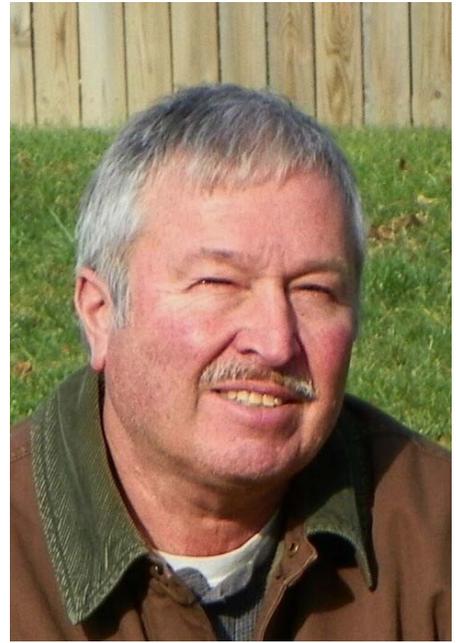
Jerry M. Eakin

June 4, 1943 ~ December 7, 2021 (age 78)

Obituary

Jerry M. Eakin, age 78, of Sandusky, passed away Tuesday morning December 7, 2021, at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, following a brief illness.

He was born June 4, 1943, in Sandusky, and graduated from Margareta High School in 1961. Jerry was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Sandusky, was an electrician for over 30 years with IBEW Local 129, Lorain. He also was a member of VFW, AMVETS, American Legion, and the Beekeepers Association, Clyde. Jerry was an avid outdoorsman; and enjoyed gardening, hunting, and shooting.



He is survived by his daughter Jennifer (Jeff) Cook; son Jason Eakin; two sisters Judith McDurfee and Janis (Doug) Wiedle; three grandchildren Joseph Eakin, Derek Seitz, and Melissa Thornton; God-daughter/niece Cortney Rapp, nephew Ed Kennedy, and several other nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Inez (Raitz) Eakin.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Ransom Funeral & Cremation Service, Castalia, is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.ransomfuneralhome.com