

NYSBS 2019 FALL MEETING SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Dr. Dean C. Rust

President of The Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania
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- Graduated from Ohio State University Dental School in 1972 Moved to Lancaster, PA in 1972
- Born and raised in Eaton, OH (near Dayton)
- Practiced dentistry in Strasburg: Drs. Weaver, Gieniec and Rust, Ltd. For 18 years then 1940 Old Philadelphia Pike for 15 years- retired in 2005
- Wife, Shirley M. Royer-Rust, and 4 children: Tammy, DeeDee, Shaun and Laura, 11 grandchildren
- High school and college field hockey umpire for 19 years (started in 1997) Currently umpires DI, D11, D11 college games and indoor hockey in winter months
- Lancaster County Coordinator for Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania
- Monitors 17 Bluebird Trails in Lancaster, York, Dauphin and Chester County
- Approx. 350 nest boxes- fledging 600 to 700 bluebirds each summer
Hobbies: gardening, woodworking and watching all songbirds & waterfowl nesting wood ducks the last three seasons on Conestoga River behind our home Resides in East Lampeter Township near the Lancaster Country Club
- Short-term Medical-Dental trips to 3rd world countries as a Dentist; Dominican Republic (2), Guatemala, Honduras (5) Nicaragua (2) Panama, and Afghanistan
- Speaker's Bureau member for BSP and NABS
- Power Point: "The Ecology & Management of the Eastern Bluebird"
- Personal website: www.bluebirdconservation.com
- Authored new book in 2016, "The Beloved and Charismatic Bluebird"

Rick Marsi

- Rick is a freelance writer, photographer, lecturer and nature guide. Rick graduated from Colgate University and is a former Peace Corps Volunteer in India. He also has served as director of the county's Finch Hollow Nature Center.
- Since 1980, Rick has written a syndicated nature column for Gannett News Service and contributed hundreds of outdoor and environment stories to the Binghamton, N.Y. Press & Sun-Bulletin.
- During his tenure at the Press & Sun-Bulletin, Rick won 12 Associated Press writing contest awards, including 1st place awards for both column and feature writing.
- As a photographer and lecturer, Rick has given hundreds of slide programs on various outdoor-related subjects. He is a former 1st Place winner in both the Outdoor Writer's of America Photo and Writing Contests.
- His photographs have appeared in Sports Afield, Men's Health, Bird Watcher's Digest, Birder's World, Reader's Digest Books and other publications.
- Rick lives in Vestal, NY with his wife Jan. They have two adult children, Stephen and Kate.