

Happy November!

The month of November is a reminder of so many special days to all of us.

Here are some examples that are near and dear to a Rotarians' hearts and souls:

7th - National Cancer Awareness Day 10th - World Science Day 11th - Veterans Day 13th - World Kindness Day

State Delegates Johnny Mautz and Chris Adams presented the proclamation on the Rotary Club of Easton's Centennial from the House of Delegates to our club.

Our Rotary Club is blessed by the exemplary power of dedication to Service Above Self. On October 15th and 16th many of our Rotarians participated in the Rotary Day of Service for District Governor Hugh Dawkins' Meals of Hope for District 7630. Our club, in collaboration with Rotarians from the Tidewater, St. Michaels, Centerville, Denton, Chestertown, and Cambridge Rotary clubs, packed more than 100,000 meals at Chesapeake College for delivery to our respective communities.

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Our club delightfully inducted four new members—Frank Gunsallus, IV, Sherye Nickerson, David Wheeler, and Maureen Curry. Welcome! The Rotary Club of Easton is now 108 strong!

We have been advocating for the importance of member engagement and participation. I encourage the sponsors of our new members, along with committee chairs, to guide and pave the way for the active participation and engagement of our new members in club projects and programs.

President Elect Nominee, Derek White, delivered an utterly inspiring and thought-provoking speech during the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. His message of love, care, kindness, and dedication was well received and appreciated.

Connie Loveland and Lonnie Green are co-chairing the "Drop for Scotty" Community Food Drive. I encourage the engagement and participation of all in this utterly critical program for our community.

Rotarians express their gratitude each and every day for the blessings of service to others. Every day is a day of giving thanks for Rotarians. Thanksgiving Day is the national day of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for all the blessings that we receive and enjoy throughout the year.

Finally, we remember November 11th and Veterans Day. With much gratitude and appreciation for all the sacrifices by veterans and their families to protect and ensure our freedoms.

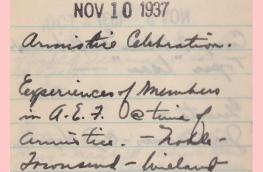


1958 - Ensign Jacques Baker (3rd from left)

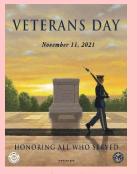
Jacques Baker is a model Rotarian who has performed every duty in the Rotary Club of Easton, including his role as President in 1997-1998. His record of 43 years of perfect attendance (and counting) will likely never be broken. He also answered our country's call of duty and served in the U.S. Navy, so we honor this special man and Rotarian on Veterans Day 2021. Thank you, Jacques, for all you have done for our country, our community, and our club. You are truly one of a kind.

Another page from J. Carter Richardson's 1937-1938 Easton Rotary notebook and accompanying November 12, 1937, **Easton Star Democrat a**rticle about Armistice Day

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EASTON ROTARY HAS A NUMBER OF EX-SOLDIERS

Several Of These Relate Their Experiences When Armistice Was Signed

RUMORS WERE AT FIRST CONSIDERED FALSE

In the membership of the Easton Rotary Club are a dozen or more men who saw service in the World War. At the meeting of the club last Wednesday some of these men were called upon to relate their experiences. J. Carter Richardson, president of the Rotary Club, by way of introducing the subject, related his experiences during the war.

While only a high school student at the time, he joined the boys' brigade and had considerable experience in drilling and in camp.

John W. Noble, now major, was in Parls when the armistice was signed. He said the men fighting at the time did not know what armistice meant other than a cessation of hostilities. When he first heard of it while in the French capital he saw the vehicles as well as the pedestrians come to a standstill. Sirens sounded throughout the city, sirens which usually sounded when an air raid was approaching.

The populace was undecided on what to do. Gradually they emerged from their lethargy and began to celebrate. By night the celebration became hilarious, and it was continued for two or three days. This so impressed him at the time that when Armistice Day rolls around he has vivid recollections of the wey Paris accepted it and which eventually developed into hilarious celebration. It meant much, he concluded, to a nation which had been fighting for four years, and probably affected them more than it did others.

Ralph Townsend said he had made up his mind to enlist in the navy. (Continued on Page 8)

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THE EASTON STAR-DEMOCRAT

He went to Baltimore with this on his mind, but when he landed at Light Street he saw an army man who had been in Easton and who persuaded him to eventually join the army.

At first Ralph refused, saying he came to Baltimore to enlist in the navy. He therefore went to the navy headquarters about noon and found the office closed. As he walked away from the office he again met the army man, who persuaded him to join his branch of the service. This he finally decided to do provided he could be sent to Anniston, Ala., where Earl Withgott was stationed. Ralph was sent to Washington, where he made known his terms of enlistment. Soon he was rolling southward with about \$25 in his pockets. When he reached his destination he found that he was penniless. He jumped in a cab and was driven to the camp where he borrowed money to pay the cab driver.

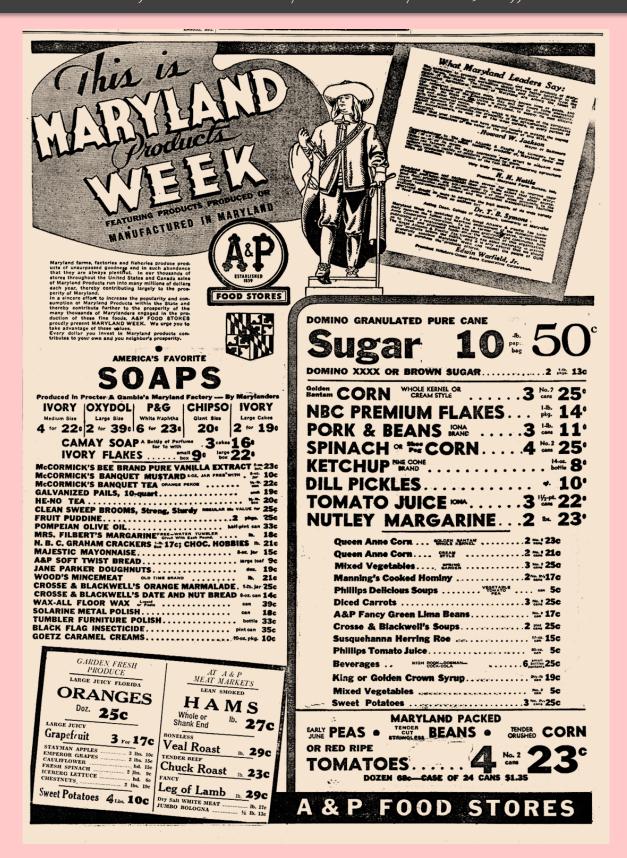
He got along very nicely and was made corporal. Some slight infraction of the rules sent him in the kitchen for several weeks, his sojourns limited to the company street. Hard work, he says, engaged his time here. Then he was put back in the ranks and was promoted to sergeant. He was later promoted to first class sergeant.

From Anniston he was sent to an officers' training camp, and from there he went to Battle Creek, Mich. He was advanced and finally was instructor in a machine gun unit which he says topped all other units in his section.

When the armistice was signed he says the boys celebrated for three days in France.

Charles Wieland was called on for his experiences. He was with the artillery branch of the service and just before the armistice was signed he was confined to a hospital. Coming out of the hospital he was ordered to the 83d division, regular army unit. He and a companion did not like this transfer much, and while roaming around from one place to another he heard something about an armistice. He had no faith in these rumors, but found out later that it meant much. He and his companion celebrated, his chum singing while Charles looked on and enjoyed himself.

If you went to AzP to buy groceries on November 12, 1937, what would they cost? The value of a 1937 dollar today is \$19.05 today – a HUGE difference!



A few other ads from the November 12, 1937, Easton Star Democrat



Still in business today, C. Albert Matthews is now run by Past President Albert Pritchett's brother, John. "Tates" Matthews was a longtime Easton Rotarian and friend and Albert's grandfather.



PLYMOUTH for 1938 GREATEST OF ALL

Behind the big, beautiful Jubilee Plymouth for 1938 are 10 years of great cars! And this newest Plymouth . . . the greatest of them all . . . is here now, in our salesroom, for you to see and drive.

It's the glamour car of 1938. With sparkling new style . . . extra size and room . . . amazing luxury!

You'll be astonished . . . delighted . . . to experience the faster steering and easier handling of this great new Plymouth. Brilliant engineering has given Plymouth smoother operation, longer life and greater economy than ever before . . as you'll discover when you learn of the advancements that are yours in the 1938 Plymouth.

Of course, this newest, greatest Plymouth has a Safety All-Steel Body and Double Action Hydraulic Brakes. And, of course, it has the long life engineering and construction that have made Plymouth known everywhere as the car that stands up best.

Come in today. Bring the family. Try the ride sensation of 1938 . . . in a big, beautiful 1938 Plymouth.

THE EASTON MOTOR COMPANYPhone 482Easton, Maryland





A bedside telephone makes answering and calling easier and quicker. A home extension costs less than 3 cents a day.

Give your order now.

Telephone the Business Office

EASTON 9900





Kristina, Kip, z Mike Henry – October 27, 2021

Mike Henry – A Quiet Rotarian

It seems as if Mike Henry has lived in Easton his whole life- that's how much a part of our community he is. A helicopter pilot and Vietnam War vet, he came to Talbot County to run Easton Airport, but he didn't just run it, he transformed it. Now the second-busiest airport in Maryland, all of the modernization and organization there is due to him. Of course, he would say that's not the case, but it is. Your editor is his sponsor, and we met immediately after *The Star Democrat* announced airport expansion plans that included re-routing U.S. Route 50 and razing Easton Ford, your editor's dealership. That was certainly an interesting start to a great friendship! Since then, Mike has been an effective, quiet Rotarian, always there lending a helping hand. Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Rise Against Hunger, Flags for Heroes, and Waterfowl Parking are only a few of the Rotary Club of Easton activities he participates in. He's always there at special events, too, along with his bride, Kristina, adding sparkle and interest to each one. Mike is a true friend, and what more could you say about anyone than that? On Veterans Day 2021, it's also important to remember that Mike flew many dangerous missions in Vietnam, but in a workman-like way, without regard to his own life and always with his mission first. Thank you, Mike, for everything, and for exemplifying "Service above Self," in ways most of us cannot even imagine.



The Meaning of Thanksgiving By Tim Kagan

In this great country, we have so much to be thank ful for, and who better than Tim Kagan to remind us of the gratitude we should feel and the action we should take as a result? He wrote this on November 15, 2000, but it is more relevant today than ever...



A few months ago, when I last served Meals on Wheels, I was making one of my deliveries and was asked by a neighbor if I would assist an invalid in the adjoining home. When I walked in the front door, I was greeted by the most delightful little black lady that it had ever been my pleasure to meet. Her gentle, loving spirit and beautiful smile transcended her many physical limitations. She was a double amputee and needed oxygen to breathe, but as she spoke and shared how blessed she was, I couldn't help but feel a twinge of guilt as I thought of all the blessings I take for granted. Her home was modest to be certain, but it was filled with love, and I feel she dispensed that commodity to all who entered her presence. She asked if I would help her from her wheelchair into her bed. As I gently lifted her out of her chair, laid her into bed, and pulled up the covers around her, I realized how ill she was. When I leaned over to kiss her goodbye, she hugged me and again reminded me of how blessed she was and how much the Lord loved her. As her head sunk into the pillow, I will never forget the beautiful countenance that crossed her face. Even asleep, her smile radiated through. I just learned that she recently passed away. Heaven became more beautiful by the presence of this very special lady.

The lesson for each of us as we approach the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, is to be more aware of the needs of those around us and to not take for granted the many blessings we all enjoy. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way. Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery, and Today is a Gift, and that is why we call it "The Present!"



DG Hugh Dawkins' District-wide effort to help the hungry in OUR communities

The Sunday Star from October 17, 2021



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SUBMITTED PHOTO Meals of Hope

Local volunteers, Rotary Clubs and other community groups came together Saturday. Oct. 16, as part of the Meals of Hope effort to provide food boxes to neighbors in need.

Past President Richie Wheatley brought the Easton High School field hockey team to Chesapeake College to help pack meals. They alone packed over 7000! They are wearing their "Elgin Army" t-shirts in support of a teammate who suffered a medical setback at practice in August. This is a perfect example of young people putting "Service above Self!"

Sherye Nickerson – a 5th-Generation Rotarian



Sherye Nickerson with her family and sponsors upon her induction into the Rotary Club of Easton on September 7, 2021. Pictured are (l-r), Sponsor, Abby Graves; Sherye's dad, Clem Hathaway; Sherye; Sherye's husband, Michael Nickerson; Sponsor, Casey Baynard; & President Reza Jafari.

Rotary: Continuing My Family's Heritage of Service above Self By Sherye H.Nickerson

As far back as I can remember, a duty of service was always encouraged in my house. Growing up, my sister Ashley and I were involved in many extracurricular activities. There was a rule: you can do a sport, but you must do a civic organization as well. I chose dance, volleyball, swim team, and Girl Scouts. In Girl Scouts, I remember my parents' involvement. My mom was our co Scout leader, and my dad picked up all the cookies and stored them in our house for my troop to pick up before we delivered. My father worked a full-time job but liked doing something extra for his daughters in his free time. As I got older, I learned that my father was also part of a grown-up civic organization called Denton Rotary. I watched as he became Treasurer then President and spent a lot of his free time helping others in our hometown of Denton: delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders, Flags for Heroes, Sporting Clays fundraiser at Schrader's, and the unbearable heat that he and other Rotarians suffered through so that the community could enjoy a funnel cake at Caroline Summerfest—not to mention the numerous boards he sat on. It seemed that no matter who I met, they all knew my father from some service he has done for them or their organization. The call to do community service has always been part of my upbringing. It's something that my grandfathers started before me, setting an example for me to follow. Being a Rotarian is a chance for me to carry on the tradition my ancestors started, but a chance to add my own flare.

I have big shoes to fill, yet I get to carve my own path. I am a fifth-generation Rotarian, and the first to be female. I watched my late grandfather (3rd-generation) be heavily involved in his church and vaguely remember him talking about his time in Rotary. To me, I not only have a sense of pride and duty, but I also feel excited that now it is time to have a female start her own journey in her Rotarian heritage.

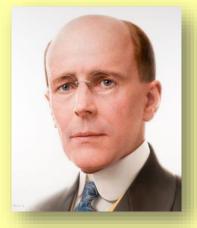
I waited until this year to put in my application for several reasons. As a mom of hopefully 6thgeneration Rotarians, my duty for the past nine years has been concentrating on feedings, diaper changes, and play dates. Being a mom of three sons has been challenging yet rewarding. I've had a part time job teaching swim lessons at the local YMCA and served on various boards throughout the community. I essentially followed in my father's footsteps, but my cup wasn't 100% full. I realized in 2019, that with all the havoc COVID-19 created for the community, it gave me the ammunition to set my stone.

My first sense of empowerment was slowly declining my spots on the boards that no longer filled my cup. They were hard decisions, but it became apparent that I no longer was making a difference in our community. With gyms shutting down, teaching swim lessons stopped as well, but water safety was still important. I realized I could start my own swim-lesson-instruction business. Being my own boss, setting my own hours, and providing a service to the community in the comfort of smaller group classes or at their own private pools gave me a sense of purpose. Finally, a dream of mine was in reach. Therefore, Three Fish Aquatics, LLC, was established. I am doing a job that I love but I still need to fulfill my family's rule of civic duty.

Finally, I felt confident that now was the time to add to my family heritage, and I put my application in to join Rotary. I know that my community service with other nonprofits and past jobs at corporate and nonprofit organizations will help me be the best Rotarian I can be. I am inspired by my father and local leaders that are a part of Easton Rotary. I embarked on my first Rotary project—Rotary Day of Service—and as I worked sealing the Meals of Hope bags, I felt content. I was excited to work alongside my parents and other Rotarians from different counties. It did not feel like work but a chance to meet others. I am excited for other opportunities to arise where I can make a difference in our community, where I can continue my family's legacy and show my sons that their mom helps others. Hopefully, my efforts— along with my dad's—will lead my sons to want to help others as well. Being a Rotarian today is not just for my fulfillment but for my sons' future as well.







If you have the love of your fellow men in your hearts, my friends, you are a potential Rotarian.

> Paul Harris – June 27, 1933 RI Convention Boston, Massachusetts

2nd-Annual Drop for Scotty!



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The Rotary Club of Easton and other community partners are teaming up again this year to host the "Drop for Scotty" Community Food Drive during the months of November and December.

The food drive is named after the late Lord "Scotty" Scott Sr. who passed away in January 2020. Scott was well-known throughout Easton and Talbot County for hosting his annual "Operation Christmas Spirit" event at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. Established in the 1970's, Operation Christmas Spirit made the holidays brighter for thousands through a large community meal and gifts for local children supported by volunteers and donations.

"Scotty was a force of nature in our community, and this food drive is just one way we can honor his legacy," said John Flohr, Past President of the Rotary Club of Easton. "Our club is privileged to have the support of Scotty's family as we continue his good work and provide direct relief to our community during this holiday season, as many families continue to struggle with COVID-19 and its resultant economic effects. Last year, we collected over 9000 pounds of food and \$11,000, and we hope to surpass that this year."

"My dad, "Scotty," had a heart of gold, and I want his passion for feeding people to continue," said Shalonda Baston, Lord Scott's daughter. "It didn't matter your race or sex, everyone mattered to my dad."

Individuals and organizations may drop off non-perishable food at the Easton Family YMCA location on Peachblossom Road, the Talbot County Free Library, Mid-Atlantic Tire Pros, Provident State Bank on Harrison Street, Shore United Bank on Dover Street, and the Star Democrat Offices on Airpark Drive.

In addition to dropping off food, the community may also make a financial contribution to the Easton Rotary's Youth and Community Fund by visiting www.eastonrotary.org. Funds raised will be used to purchase additional food and critical supplies. All food and financial donations will stay local and will support vulnerable families in Talbot County.

By Megan Miller

November Meetings

04 - Bob Willey Mayor, Town of Easton

11 - Jim Normandin Brighter Christmas Fund

18 - Milton Oriono Easton Police Department

25 - Thanksgiving

Invocation Leaders

04 - Lisa Felts 11 - Jack Anthony 18 - John Hurt 25 – Thanksgiving

God, You are my Faith. I believe in You. You help me. I trust and love you. Amen

Mary Anne Hatcher – October 1993

MEALS WHEELS AMERICA November

- 01 Peter Dietz/Mike Henry
- 03 Bill Skelton/Megan Miller/Mia Cranford
- 05 Liz Connelly/Dana Newman
- 08 Jed Anthony/David Anthony
- 10 Lonnie Green/Andrew Walsworth
- 12 Curry Wilford/Marc Alderfer
- 15 Steve Shearer/Anne Farwell
- 17 Connie Loveland/Bob Grill
- 19 Sherye Nickerson/Richie Wheatley
- 22 David Lee/Brad Watts
- 24 Megan Cook/Marvin Foster
- 26 Closed
- 29 John Flohr/Abby Graves/Fran Jenkins

November **Birthdays**

02 Rick Rider 09 Ron Flohr 17 Casey Baynard 19 Bob Grill 20 David Fike 25 Abby Graves





Mary Anne Hatcher July 29, 1982 -November 15, 1993



Spark Editor George A. Hatcher, Jr.

November Anniversaries

None







Wheatley for his vision as President and for resuming this significant publication when it seemed as if it were lost forever.

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