

The world's first Rotary Club in a town of less than 10,000

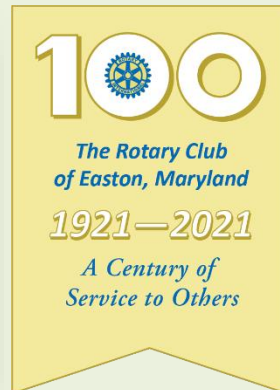
FIRST-EVER ROTARY INDUCTION AT IDLEWILD PARK

Abby Graves was inducted at Idlewild Park on September 21, 2020, marking the first time a Rotary Club of Easton induction was held there. Abby works for Shore United Bank, and her proposers were Fran Jenkins and Pat Fitzgerald. Welcome aboard, Abby!



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!

Thanks to **George Corey** and his company, **Wye Tree Landscapes**, the Rotary Club of Easton is making great progress on the Rotary Centennial Flags for Heroes Flag Court adjacent to the Easton Rotary Pavilion in Idlewild Park! It's our gift to the Town of Easton in Celebration of Easton Rotary's Centennial on September 1, 2021.



THE EASTON STAR-DEMOCRAT

ESTABLISHED BY THOMAS FERRIN SMITH, DECEMBER, 1899

\$1.50 PER YEAR

EASTON, MARYLAND, FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1935

135th YEAR, NO. 36

CHOPTANK RIVER BRIDGE COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED

Large Gathering Wednesday
At Invitation Of Easton
Rotary Club

JOHN NOBLE MADE THE
TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Committee Of Thirteen Is Nominated
And Asked To Act In All
Matters

The Rotary Club on Wednesday initiated a movement to organize a committee to represent Talbot on the occasion of the opening of the Choptank River Bridge.

Representatives were present from the County Commissioners, the Mayor and Council of Easton, the Commissioners of Trappe, of St. Michaels, from Cordova, Tilghman and Queen Anne, from the County Chamber of Commerce, the Legion, the Business Men's Club.

President Philip J. Hopkins was in charge of the meeting and J. Ellis Meintzer, chairman of the Community Service Committee of the Rotary Club explained the reason for the meeting. President Hopkins was careful to explain that the Rotary Club was not sponsoring the movement, but simply was, as Rotary always does, initiates the movement and then steps out of the picture in so far as taking credit or charge of it. He further promised the full cooperation of the Club in the plans that shall be developed.

Upon request John Noble started the discussion, followed by Mayor Wrightson and Ralph Sullivan and G. Elbert Marshall. Mr. Noble was of the opinion that Talbot was going to greatly benefit from the traffic of this bridge and he thought it was Easton's job to make itself more attractive, to be more friendly and to be more helpful. Mayor Wrightson said that Easton's contribution as to better traffic lanes through the town was a problem that was fully discussed by the Council and himself and that the thought now was to see just now the new traffic adjusted itself and then take steps to improve if necessary. He told of the suggestions to connect Aurora street to Trappe road and also to extend North Harrison Street out to the main state road. He assured the meeting that the town authorities were awake to the traffic needs.

Mr. Sullivan advanced the idea that the present road from Trappe to Easton is insufficient to care for the traffic it will have to endure and that steps should be taken to widen this road, which though was given united approval.

Mr. Hopkins asked for nominations for a standing committee to represent Talbot in the Bridge opening ceremony and also to advise as to traffic needs. The committee named is:

County Commissioners—S. W. Marvel.

Mayor and Council—J. Ellis Meintzer.
Trappe—Ralph Sullivan.

Oxford—Henry Wilcox.

St. Michaels—Curtis Sewell.

Tilghman—George Harrison and Harry Howeth.

Queen Anne—Henry Morgan.

Claiborne—B. Frank Sherman.

Rotary Club—J. Ellis Meintzer.

County Chamber of Commerce—Carroll Stewart.

Business Men Club—Albert Matthews.

Legion—E. G. Kastenhuber.

John Noble was made temporary chairman until organization is effected and authorized to call the meeting. The general opinion of the gathering was that the Rotary Club had done a very commendable thing in inviting the various groups to the meeting.

There was a little discussion as to the Bay Bridge and disapproval of the bay span was generally voiced.

BACK TOGETHER!

Dateline - Easton, Maryland - Thursday, October 1, 2020. After months of being separated by COVID-19, we returned to in-person meetings, augmented by Zoom. It's an important milestone, and we all owe President John a huge debt of gratitude for pushing forward. We are able to do the great work of Rotary because we are together and become friends. Our weekly meetings are the key, so please remember that and BE INVOLVED!





FROM THE PORCH

With President John

Rotarians,

October has come and it's hard to believe that 3 months have passed since I became President.

In September, we had Abigail Graves join Rotary which is always exciting. The induction was performed at Idlewild Park.

In October we are getting our Dictionary Program together. Because of COVID-19, we will be waiting to see how we distribute these books, so stay tuned.

On October 1st we started back at Scossa with a Zoom meeting at the same time. Going forward our meetings at Scossa will be at a reduced headcount, but I believe the group we had there was excited about getting back together. It was also good that everyone was comfortable whether in person or on Zoom. We have to deal with COVID-19, and we must always be careful to follow the guidelines. I will be sending out a signup sheet weekly.

The Easton Rotary Centennial Flags for Heroes Flag Court project is taking shape nicely, so my thanks to George Corey and his team.

Lastly, annual dues notices were sent out in July, so here is a reminder to please send in your dues.

See you this month on Zoom or in person at Scossa.

John Flohr

1951. An Easton Rotary resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland restore funds for mental health clinics and the Governor's positive response.

Feb. 14, 1951

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin
Annapolis, Md.

Inasmuch as a mental hygiene clinic in this area would save our taxpayers the difference between the \$85 per year ^{and} the \$900 per year cost of maintaining many patients in clinics and state hospitals respectively, the Rotary Club of Easton, by resolution today, unanimously requests you most urgently to include the sum of \$50,000 in your supplementary budget for the support of such clinics.

C: Senate Finance Committee, Md. General Assembly
The Talbot County Delegation Md. General Assembly



THEODORE R. MCKELDIN
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

March 12, 1951

Mr. Louis S. Welty, Secretary
The Rotary Club of Easton
Easton, Maryland

Dear Mr. Welty:

In reply to your telegram concerning the out-patient treatment of mental disorders, I am happy to advise you that I am asking the Legislature, in my supplemental budget, to restore the \$25,000 by which the original budget request was reduced.

I thank you for your interest in this matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Governor

October Zoom Meetings

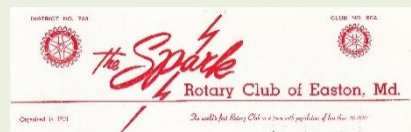
- 01 - **Bob Grill** Disaster Aid USA
 08 - **Debbie Urry** Shore Leadership
 15 - **Kelly Griffith** TCPS
 22 - **Dana Newman** Talbot Library
 29 - **Dr. Balbosa** Breast Cancer

October Birthdays

- 01 Josh Deutsch
 07 Bill Skelton
 08 Terry John
 09 Graham Lee
 10 Reza Jafari
 11 Rosemary Fasolo
 12 Tim Kagan
 19 Dan Bridges
 24 Bill Arant
 25 Ken Sadler
 26 Lori McDonald

October Anniversaries

- 16 - Kelly Griffith - 7
 05 - Geoff Turner - 4
 31 - Scott Patterson - 1



Each issue of The Spark is in honor of Past-President Richie Wheatley for his vision as President and for resuming this significant publication when it seemed as if it were lost forever.



Invocation Leaders

- 01 - John Hurt
 08 - Kelly Griffith
 15 - Mike Hiner
 22 - Jacques Baker
 29 - Brad Watts



MEALS on WHEELS AMERICA October

- 02 Buck Duncan/Josh Deutsch
 05 Lonelle Green/Anne Farwell
 07 Brad Watts/Derek White
 09 David Lee/Mike Kopen
 12 Closed
 14 Peter Dietz/Bill Skelton
 16 Albert Pritchett/Marc Alderfer
 19 Dana Newman/Steve Shearer
 21 David Anthony/Jed Anthony
 23 Caron James/Connie Loveland
 26 David Fike/Curry Wilford
 28 Tracey Johns/Liz Connelly
 30 Andrew Walsworth/Barc Upchurch



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