

Centreville Rotary Club

Report to the Community 2022–2023

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Who, What, Why is Rotary?

Rotary Clubs are where neighbors, friends and problem solvers come together to share ideas and work on projects for a community. They build connections with a motto, "Service Above Self."

Local clubs are part of Rotary International, a non-political and non-religious service organization that brings together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service and advance goodwill and peace around the world.

Rotary is represented by 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in 144 countries. Rotary focuses resources to eradicate Polio; to provide clean drinking water for those without; to make food accessible; to promote health care resources; and to provide education opportunities for everyone.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT





In today's busy world where we are surrounded by thousands of brands on a daily basis, it's not surprising for friends and colleagues to ask the question "What is Rotary?"

While Rotary began initially in 1905 as a fraternal group in Chicago, its reach and vision soon extended to humanitarian service. Quickly growing beyond its roots, towns and cities across the United States— and beyond—realized that an organization like Rotary with dedicated, service—minded members could have a tremendous impact on their communities.

The Town of Centreville responded to that call by forming our Rotary Club in 1927. We are one of the earliest clubs in District 7630 comprised of all of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Our Club currently has 42 members—women and men from a range of vocations who contribute their time, wisdom and financial support to projects and programs that positively touch the lives of the citizens of Centreville, Queen Anne's County and beyond. Our Club is proud to be part of a worldwide team of more than a million Rotarians who lead beneficial change around the globe.

As you read through this Report, you may be surprised to learn of the broad scope and geographic impact of our activities. From supporting transitional housing for Mid-Shore families in need, addressing local food insecurity and helping County students attend leadership programs, to bringing clean water to villagers in Africa, Centreville Rotarians truly walk the walk when it comes to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

We meet bright and early at 7:30 on Thursday mornings at the Centreville United Methodist Church planning upcoming projects and learning from regional experts and leaders about issues facing our community. Please stop by and learn about the Rotary experience. Consider becoming part of an outstanding organization that leads change in our own backyard and across the world by making a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Feel free to reach out with any questions: jwarfieldprice@gmail.com or centrevillerotary1927@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Judy Price
Judith Warfield Price
Centreville Rotary Club
President 2022-2023



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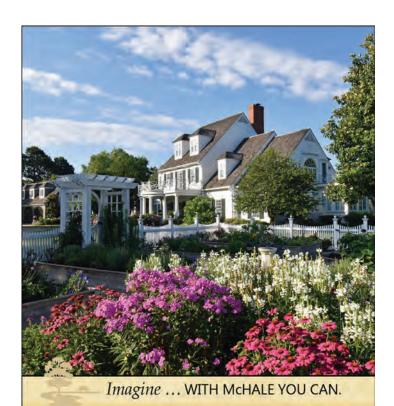
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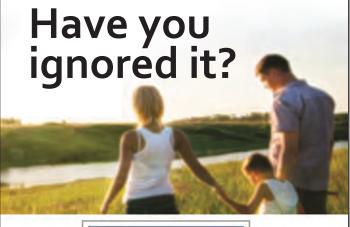
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Maryland Youth Crisis Hot Line 410-422-0009

Suicide Prevention Hot Line 800-273-TALK (8255)

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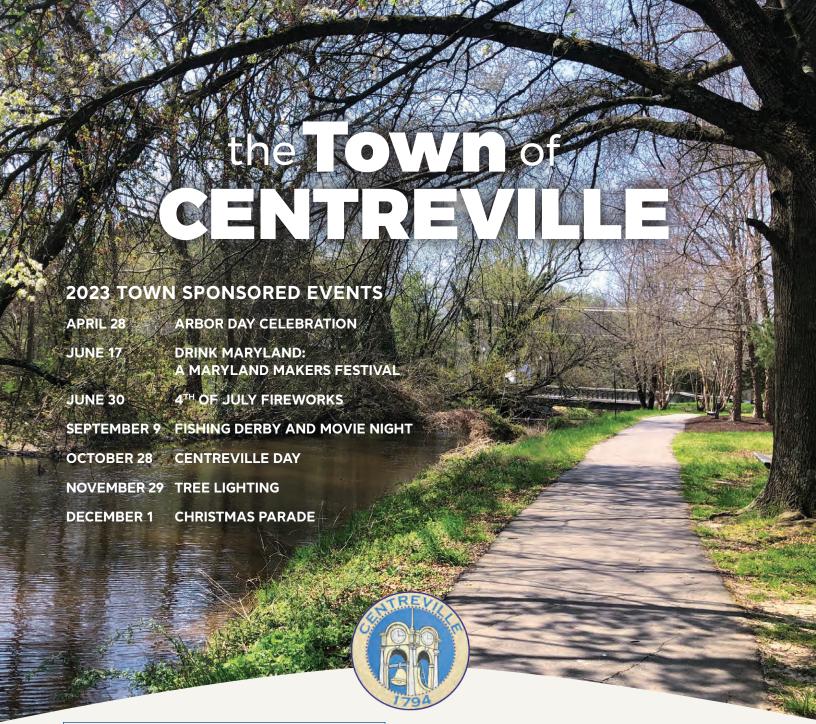
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Town Services:

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1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m. Liberty Building, 2nd Floor 107 North Liberty St., Centreville, MD

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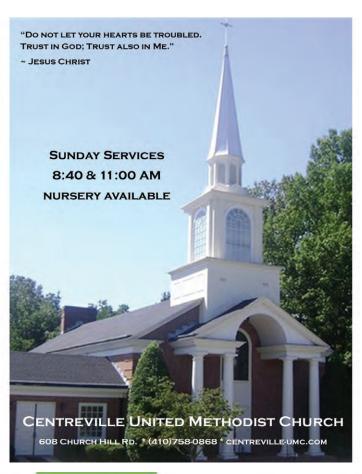
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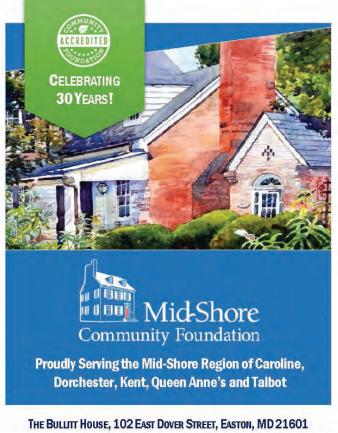
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CENTREVILLE ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL CRAB RAFFLE

The Centreville Rotary Club held its Annual Crab Raffle in the fall 2023 to raise funds to provide food supplies to those who are food insecure in our community. This year's Crab Raffle proceeds were directed to our project to support the Food Pantry Truck operated by Haven Ministries in the Sudlersville area. The Club also made grants totaling nearly \$5,000 to five local food pantries and providers in the Centreville area.

We are most thankful for the area businesses who contributed the necessary items for the raffle. Thank you to **Buddy's Crabs, Draper Brothers**, the **Cranky Crab** that helped us offer the prizes of a delicious Crab feast, and to **Minuteman Press** for the contribution of the printed raffle tickets.

In October, the lucky winning tickets were drawn. First place winner, Paul Green received a bushel of crabs from Buddy's Crabs with 2 cases of beer, and the second place winner, Elaine Studley received a half bushel crabs from the Cranky Crab, along with a case of beer provided by Draper Brothers.

Thank you again to our generous sponsors and to all those who purchased one or more raffle tickets in 2022!



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Centreville Rotary and a Rotary District Grant supports HAVEN MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY TRUCK



The Centreville Rotary Club completed a project addressing food insecurity among underserved communities in Northern Queen Anne's County. The club provided more than \$3,000 in funding —and nearly half of the club's members contributed service hours—to support the Food Pantry Truck operated by Haven Ministries in the Sudlersville area.

With an increasing Hispanic population in the northern portion of the County, The Centreville Rotary Club readily stepped in to support the purchase of culturally relevant foods to be distributed through the Food Pantry Truck for a four-month period.

With the support of the Rotary grant, an average of 72 households and 160 family members benefitted each month from the food available to them at the Food Pantry Truck.

Additionally, Centreville Rotarians donated their time to help Haven Ministries in offering vehicles and manpower to transport food items received from the Maryland Food Bank to the Haven Ministries Headquarters located in Queenstown and to the Food Pantry Truck.

Centreville Rotary Club President Judy Price noted that "Our Club was honored and delighted to assist Haven Ministries in helping serve the needs of individuals and families in the Sudlersville area who greatly depend on the Food Pantry Truck for nutritional support. Helping address food insecurity in our community is one of the key priorities of the Club." Peter Grim, Executive Director of Haven Ministries thanked the Club for its efforts by commenting "On behalf of Haven Ministries and our governing board, thanks very much to the Centreville Rotary Club for your contribution of time and funding toward our goal to provide culturally relevant food to our Food Pantry Truck to serve the needs of our vulnerable population at a time of great need within our community of Queen Anne's County."



HAVEN MINISTRIES FOOD BANKS:

Food Pantry and Resource Center

206 Del Rhodes Ave., Queenstown, MD M, W, Th, F 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Tue 7 am-7 pm

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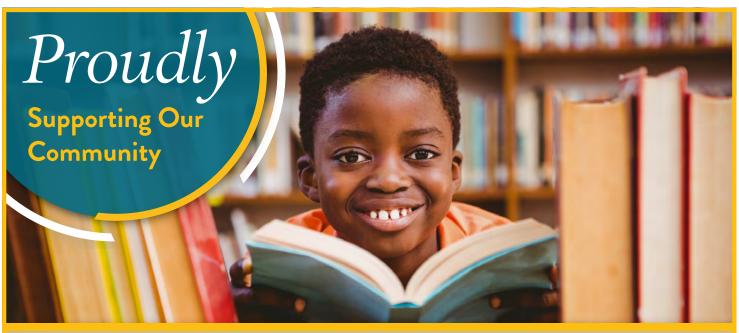


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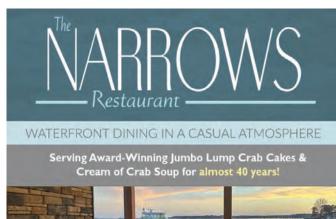
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CENTREVILLE ROTARY HOUSE a 'Safe Place'

Even today, many women and children live in abusive relationships and have difficulty removing themselves from harm. The Centreville Rotary House came about 20 years ago when club members decided the community would benefit from a 'safe house' that would be available for women and children who suffered from domestic violence.

The professional and talented members of the Centreville Club initiated a capital fund campaign, acquired land, designed and built a two story house (divided into two, three bedroom living units) and partnered with the Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence (MSCFV) to find occupants for the house with those who would benefit.

The Rotary House is maintained by the Centreville Rotary Community Fund, Inc. a 501(c)3 non-profit that funds the maintenance and upkeep of the house. The Centreville Rotary Club dedicates the funds they raise from the FLAGS FOR HEROES PROJECT to support the Centreville Rotary Community Fund, and also identifies additional fund raising activities to ensure the house is well maintained.

From the beginning, the Club formed a partnership with MSCFV, which vets the families who live in the house, provides mentoring to the families, makes resources available, and manages additional services. To have a safe and stable place to make a home is critical to the recovery of victims of violence.

The house costs approximately \$10,000 a year in general operating expenses (utilities, security and internet access, lawn and tree care and over all maintenance of the house and appliances). When one family leaves, the living unit is cleaned, repainted and repaired so a new family can then occupy the unit.

The Rotary House has been in continuous use since 2008. Donations can be made directly to the Centreville Rotary Community Fund, PO Box 533, Centreville, MD 21617

10th Annual Centreville Rotary Club

FLAGS FOR HEROES

Memorial Day May 29 to Flag Day June 14, 2023

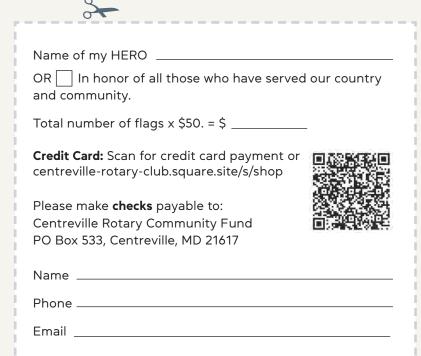
Proceeds benefit CENTREVILLE ROTARY HOUSE

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Additional nominees from other law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in Queen Anne's County included Nominees names were: CPL Todd Svehla, Centreville Police Dept; Officer Terral Conaway, Dept of Corrections for Q.A. County; SGT Jamie Tyler, MD Natural Resources Police; Officer Mark Linton, MD Transportation Authority Police; and DFC. George Betts, QA Co. Sheriff's Office.

Approximately 20 officers from the various agencies were in attendance for the May breakfast and each received a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding service and dedication to the community. As the 2022 award winner, TFC Daigle, received an engraved plaque. A master plaque recognizing all past award recipients is displayed in the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County in Centreville.

The Sergeant Wallace J. Mowbray Memorial Award has been presented by the Centreville Rotary Club since 1975 when Sgt. Mowbray was killed while investigating a suspicious vehicle. The club makes the award close to May 15, which is the National Law Enforcement Memorial Day.



Sergeant Wallace J. Mowbray Memorial Award nominees

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



The Centreville Rotary extends a Citizen of the Year Award to an outstanding individual who has impacted the local community. Paige Tilghman, Club President for 2021–2022 recognized Dr. Joseph A. Ciotola as the 2022 Citizen of the Year for his outstanding leadership in the implementation of the Mobile Integrated Community Health Program; for service in opioid addiction awareness; and for commitment to our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Baltimore native, Dr. Ciotola graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. In 2005 he was appointed as Queen Anne's County Medical Director for Emergency Services. In 2012 he became Health Officer for Queen Anne's County and currently holds both positions.

Ciotola graciously accepted the award, attributing his success to the "tremendous efforts of over 300 staff and workers, and the community support that got us through the COVID pandemic."

"We are fortunate to live in this country, and it is our service that defines us. If we live and work together as a community, we thrive as a community."

—Dr. Joseph A. Ciotola





Richard C. Graves, past Club President (left) and Dr. Joseph A. Ciotola







LIFETIME WELLS

CLEAN WATER IN GHANA AND TANZANIA

Water is our most basic need. We can't live without it. Yet many are forced to rely on contaminated water to survive, risking illness and even death every time they take a drink. The World Health Organization estimates that there are still 785 million people that do not have access to clean water.

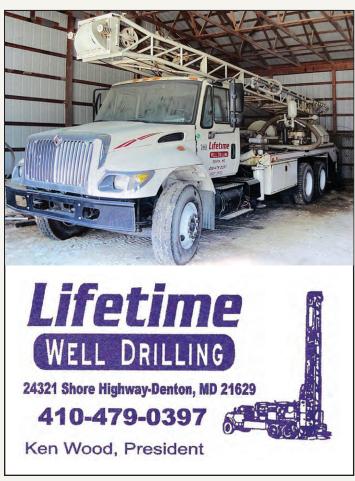
Centreville Rotarian Ken Wood, an Eastern Shore well driller, uses his decades of experience to help address this need in Africa by traveling to Ghana and Tanzania an average of four times per year to bring clean water to hundreds of communities. Ken's story began in 2006 with the sale of a used drilling rig to a Pennsylvania church that had a passion for helping the people of Ghana in need of clean water. One can't just pick up a book to learn how to use a drilling rig, or how to find water, so the church convinced Ken to travel to Ghana to teach their team how to drill. Seeing the need and realizing that this mission would need his experience. Ken responded by accompanying the rig to Ghana where he found a new mission for his life.

After years of collaboration, Ken and his organization Lifetime Wells for Ghana partnered with another dedicated well driller, David Powell of Wells for Relief, to form a new non-profit organization **Lifetime Wells International**. In the last nine years, they have provided more than 3,000 water wells in Ghana and Tanzania.

The Centreville Rotary Club has supported Lifetime Wells International with annual grants for several years and is also working diligently on a Rotary International Global grant that will further support Ken's mission by providing wells in more than twenty additional Ghana communities lacking access to clean water.

Members of the public interested in contributing to the effort of providing clean water in Ghana and Tanzania can do so by visiting lifetimewellsinternational.org.































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INTERACT CLUB & SCHOLARSHIPS

Centreville Rotary supporting our youth through scholarship awards and the Queen Anne's County High School Interact Service Club.

The QACHS Interact Club is an active and vibrant club modeled after the adult Rotary Club; the students participate in many worthy service opportunities in our community as well as within their school. Coming together to serve others is the best reward and these students learn this first hand. Thank you to the students in the Interact Club and Mr. Bob Willis, Guidance Counselor, for his guidance and leadership.

Each year, Centreville Rotary Club presents selected graduating seniors from Queen Anne's County with college scholarships. Students are awarded and recognized for their outstanding achievements, impressive records and future goals. In 2022 our Rotary Club was able to support the following students with their educational goals: Lindsay Meyers from Wye River Upper School, and Tara Palmatary, Kendall Clark and Anna Edwards from QACHS. For the "Service Above Self" scholarships, we awarded: Abby Zoltn,Wye River Upper School, Evan Greer, QACHS and Julia Buchanan from Gunston School.

Each student applying for a Rotary Scholarship must participate in clubs, extra-curricular activities and submit transcripts plus two essays demonstrating the Rotary and Interact motto "Service Above Self." Our scholarships support our mission in Rotary to enhance quality of life through education.



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (R.Y.L.A.)

R.Y.L.A. is an annual weekend leadershiptraining event for high school students. It focuses on teamwork, speaking skills, community service, ethical behavior, problem solving, and program planning.

In 2023 Centreville Rotary sponsored five students who participated in groups from across the Rotary District 7630 to find solutions to social and community problems. Working as teams the students developed hypothetical plans for fundraising and work together for a common goal. They competed for best projects, presenting them to the entire group on the last day of the conference. Rotary clubs throughout the district comprised of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore sponsor students from their local high schools to attend.

This year's attending students were Campbell Riggs and Bailey Pinder from QACHS, Trent Hudson and Lydia Antonelli from Wye River Upper School and Allie Fitzgerald from Gunston School.

The value of this program is evidenced by former RYLA attendees who come back to donate their time and energy as leaders at the conference. RYLA is a tremendous program that gives back to communities. Students have unanimously had positive, amazing experiences making life long friends and learning how to be outstanding leaders.



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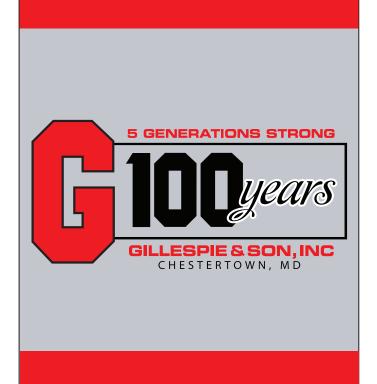
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CAREER DAY



QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CAREER DAY

In Spring 2022, the Centreville Rotary Club embraced a new initiative by holding the 1st Annual High School Senior Career Day. Superintendent Patricia Saelens came to the Rotary club with a goal to offer the noncollege bound QAC high school graduating seniors a window of opportunity by learning about different types of careers and possibly even a job interview on the spot. Members of the Centreville Rotary Club worked in partnership with Queen Anne's County Tourism and the Queen Anne's County High School administration to identify seniors who may be looking for post-graduation employment.

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Over 50 students signed up for the Career Day event. Arriving via school busses at the Centreville Methodist Church, the students gathered to learn and listen to several guest speakers who shared information about how to manage personal finances, write a resume, and prepare for interviews. Dale Walls, a local motivational speaker, who served in the military and founded Corsica Technologies, gave a robust presentation that offered students time to engage in questions. In addition to his current career, Walls is the founder of the Lions Guide, an organization with the mission to improve the lives of others in the area of personal and professional leadership development.

After a catered lunch, students had time to communicate with over 20 local businesses onsite that represented various careers. They were able to identify and meet with actual businesses that were of interest to them post-graduation. Businesses ranged from types of contracting work or trades to hair stylists and representatives from local, county and state government. Students were also given the opportunity to participate in the Chesapeake's College's new CDL simulator for the experience of driving a truck.

Overall the students gave the event such positive feedback that the Centreville Rotary Club hopes to make this an annual event. The club seeks to expand the participating diversity and number of local businesses and community organizations. Additionally, the Club would like to include students attending from the other high schools in the County.



Centreville Rotary supports the NEW QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY FAMILY YMCA



left to right: Brad Lundberg (KIRC), Judy Price (CRC President), Tony Sigmon (YMCA), and Janet Salazar (KIRC President)

The new Queen Anne's County Family YMCA located in Centreville will provide needed programs for every stage of life, from cradle to career to retirement for all citizens, regardless of income barriers. Although Queen Anne's County is one of the more affluent communities on the Eastern Shore—with an estimated 6% living in poverty—26% of the population is considered working poor and 25.47% of children qualify for free and reduced meals during the school year. Last year, the YMCA awarded approximately \$76,382 in financial assistance for residents living in the county.

The Centreville Rotary Club, in collaboration with the Kent Island Rotary Club, agreed to donate \$25,000 to be used for one of the multi-purpose rooms in the planned Wellness Center. Currently under construction, the new Queen Anne's County Family YMCA is across from the Queen Anne's County High School and is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2023. It will be a full facility YMCA that also includes a dedicated Career Development Resource Center and a Senior Center that will lead senior-based services five days a week.

Judy Price, 2022–2023 President of the Centreville Rotary Club noted "The Centreville Rotary Club has been supporting the needs of our local citizens for more than 95 years. Our members are particularly proud to join with the Kent Island club in helping to bring this outstanding YMCA facility to Queen Anne's County. From youth development and swimming instruction to job development resources and a senior center, this is such an outstanding community investment which we are honored to support."

"The YMCA is proud the local Rotary Clubs from Kent Island and Centreville are helping make this transformational project become a reality for all the people in Queen Anne's County. Shared values and vision of making our community stronger will always be evident as the YMCA grows in size and reach. Once open, we fully expect the YMCA to be a gathering place and the front porch of the community. We look forward to hosting group exercise classes in the Rotary Studio at the new YMCA," commented Tony Sigmon, Vice President of Development for the YMCA of the Chesapeake, who is also a Centreville Rotarian.

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ANNUAL DICTIONARY PROJECT



Every year the Centreville Rotary Club gives each third grader in the school district their very own dictionary. The club provides a hard copy of a dictionary for the students to keep. Over the last two years, dictionaries could only be delivered to the school offices, however, Centreville Rotarians look forward to hand delivery to each student in the future.

When club members visit the classrooms to deliver the books, it is obvious how excited

the children are to receive them. Some have anticipated having their own dictionary because an older sibling or classmate has one.

The dictionaries, which are also almanacs, help students learn new words, see the longest word in the language, go over a list of the presidents of the USA, and even learn a little about American Sign Language. This year, Rotarians asked teachers if the dictionaries were widely used considering that students are now using more advanced technology. The teachers strongly supported the dictionary project and Rotary's donation of the books indicating that they are used every day in their classrooms and students love them.

One of Rotary's goals is to support education, a goal "to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy." The Dictionary Project is one way to support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. In a time when many use technology in place of hard-copy books it is rewarding to give each third grade student their own dictionary to use and explore!



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WILLIAM CHESSHIRE

Owner/Operator of Chesshire Design Studio, Queenstown, MD. I design new homes, additions and renovations providing architectural services to home owners, builders and

developers. I was introduced to this work by my uncle, Howard Wheeler, who was a lifelong Rotarian. The values, goals and principles of Rotary continue to inspire me. I am interested in providing economical, quality housing for First Responders, Caregivers, Educators and members of the Military. I also advocate and support renewable energy and responsible, sustainable development.



KATHLEEN COPPERSMITH

I am a retired Medical
Laboratory Technologist and
currently I make mixed media
art, ornaments, greeting cards
and more. I sell my cards in
Earles Cove Trading Post in

Centreville and my art and cards in A Happy Place, which is a gift shop in St. Michaels. I also work on commission for those who desire personalized art. I want to be involved in volunteer work in the community in which my husband and I live and have found great friends in the Centreville Rotary. When I joined their club, I found warm and generous people who lived the Rotary motto, which is "Service Above Self." I have had rewarding experiences working with others on scholarships, RYLA and my favorite, the Dictionary Project!



NANCY J. DAVIS

Director of Accreditation–CT
Division, Intersocietal
Accreditation Commission,
Ellicott City, MD. I joined Rotary
as a means of serving my
community once my three boys

were grown. My background is patient care as a medical imaging professional. In my adult life I live by the Rotary's motto "Service Above Self". This is my first year in the Rotary. I am so thankful to Jeanne Kent for inviting me to learn and join this amazing organization! My favorite projects are when we work with our community youth. I love meeting these extraordinary individuals and giving them opportunities to grow through RYLA. I also enjoy gifting dictionaries to 3rd graders in our community. Through Rotary I have found a wonderful group of friends that are passionate about helping others.



WENDY TAYLOR EMERSON

Coast Guard Foundation Regional Director of Philanthropy in D5 (So. New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina). I raise

funds to support Coast Guard members and their dependents, and have worked in fundraising for 20 years for several national organizations. In addition to Rotary, I belong to numerous civic organizations including Centreville Planning Commission, PEO, DAR, Junior League and Kappa Alpha Theta and have held leadership positions in most. Supporting and being involved in Rotary is important to me. I am committed to its mission of "Service Above Self".



DIANE EWING

President, Ewing & Associates, Chester, MD. I joined Rotary approximately 15 years ago when I attended a Rotarian sponsored Casino Night and a member asked me how I spent

my charitable dollars and invited me to attend a breakfast. I did and I was hooked. I like knowing where my charitable dollars are being spent and that the resources and efforts go back to the local community. My favorite Rotary project is the RYLA FUND where high school juniors and seniors are sent to a weekend retreat to learn leadership skills and team building. My favorite Rotary activity is helping Kenny Wood dig wells and cure eye problems in Africa.



REVEREND MARY FRIEL

Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Centreville MD. An important part of the mission of St. Paul's is to be a welcoming faith community and a center of outreach for those in need. I became involved in the

Centreville Rotary Club in 2015, when I came to St. Paul's and some very active Rotarian members recruited me. I enjoy working with the Scholarship Committee to review applications and help guide the scholarship award process. It has been inspiring to be able to help young people in their pursuit of higher education.



RICHARD C. GRAVES
Richard Graves, CPA &
Associates, Accounting
services with offices in
Centreville, Easton and
Stevensville, MD. I joined the
Centreville Rotary Club

because someone asked me to join. I stayed because I asked others to join. Rotary has connected me to people I would never have the chance to meet otherwise. When we are working on Rotary projects, our friendships just get better. My most fun year was my year as Club President. We worked together as a club and completed all the requirements needed for the highest club award in Rotary, the Presidential Citation.



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Queen Anne's County. The Rotary Club has been a part of my life one way or the other and I am proud to be a 4th generation Rotarian.

My great-grandfather, grandfather and my dad were all Rotarians. Being a part of Rotary is very rewarding when we work on service projects together and knowing that we are helping people in our community. It was a great honor to serve as club president for the 2020-2021 year during the COVID pandemic. I am so proud of the members of the club as we did not let the pandemic slow us down during that time as we still held our meetings virtually every week and had a successful year with projects.



THOMAS S HARLAN

Retired Sales and Product Manager, DuPont Chemical, Wilmington, DE. I retired to White Marsh Road in Queen Anne's County with my wife where we grow peaches and

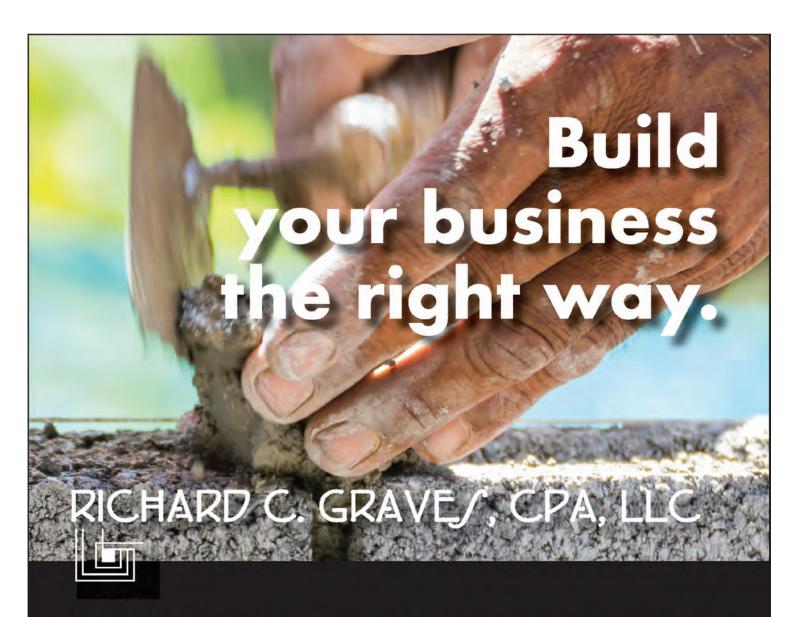
Christmas trees. Rotary membership provides an opportunity to 'give back' by helping others in significant ways. Rotary International leadership has almost totally eliminated polio from the planet for all people, so our youth can develop their abilities to the fullest. I am committed to the Lifetime Wells project and helping Ken Wood with funding to provide more wells to villages in Africa. My proudest moment at Rotary is seeing the positive impact on high school students who participate in the RYLA program.



JUSTIN HOYT

Attorney with Stevens Palmer, LLC, located in Centreville, MD, a full service, general practice law firm. I became a member of Rotary in 2021 because I have an interest in

public service, developing new relationships and friendships, and becoming more involved in my community. I believe being a member of Rotary is a wonderful way to pursue all of these interests. I look forward to beginning my work with my fellow Rotarians in service to our community.



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MARTHA WENTZ KENDALL

In 2021, I completed my career in non-profit fundraising and communications. My work experience focused on directing professional advancement fundraising programs for

Catholic and independent schools on the Western shore and with The Gunston School, Centreville. I currently represent Luminis Health AAMC Foundation as the part-time fundraisingcommunications liaison to donors and friends within our Mid-Shore communities. After moving to the Eastern Shore in 1993, my husband became a member of the Centreville Rotary Club, an experience that created many lifelong friendships. Later, while working for The Waterfowl Festival, I served as a member of the Easton Rotary Club. Following my husband's legacy, in 2022 I joined Centreville Rotary Club. I am particularly interested in projects such as Rotary House, Flags for Heros, and helping to produce our Annual Report to The Community. These are a few examples of the many ways Centreville Rotary Club provides hands-on service and financial support to help those in need while engaging organizations that build a better community.



JEANNE KENT

A successful Realtor with Chaney Homes, Stevensville, MD since 2009. Prior to entering real estate, I worked as a television advertising account executive selling on a

national level in New York City. My four children are grown and I felt it was time to give back to the community and get more involved with helping others. Rotary seemed to be a perfect match and I joined in 2021. In my short time with Rotary I have worked on the Meals of Hope and Delmarva Food Bank program: sold 14 advertisements (9 were new business) for the 2022 Report to the Community; Interviewed high school students for the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference; helped distribute dictionaries to county 3rd graders; and served as Club secretary. The benefits of being a Rotary member are working with other stewards of the community, to learn and get motivated by them, which could make a difference in local/ regional and global lives!



JOHN A LEWIS, IV

Head of The Gunston School, since 2010, a college preparatory independent high school located in Centreville, MD. I'm an avid reader, traveler, and a busy,

involved dad with two children. I was inspired by the Rotary mission of 'Service Above Self', and I wanted to be involved with an organization and with individuals who give back to our local community. My favorite Rotary moment was making the introduction between member Kenny Wood of Lifetime Wells and Kevin White of Global Vision. That simple introduction created a partnership that now combines the gifts of water and sight to thousands of people in need.



JENNIFER G. NOWAK

Attorney in DE and MD and business owner. Previously, I been involved with Rotary in Dover, De and joined the Centreville Rotary in 2021. I appreciate the Rotary motto

of 'Service Above Self', as well as the ways Rotary supports the community both locally and worldwide. Through Rotary, I have been involved with many different local service projects including helping with food drives, distributing dictionaries to 3rd graders, sending high schooler's to the RYLA leadership training conference and supporting wells for drinking water in other countries. Rotary also helps in many ways globally. I have enjoyed getting to know other service oriented members of the community and making great connections.



CENTREVILLE ROTARY MEMBERS



CHRIS PERKINS

Manager, Haven Ministries Food Bank, Queenstown, MD. My proudest Rotary moment was when I traveled to Kenya, Africa to work in a village with children who had been

orphaned due to the AIDS virus. As I stood by the guest house, a truck drove up with a Rotary Wheel poster on the side. I recognized Rotary from the United States. The manager of the village was a Rotarian, the local high school had an Interact Club and Rotaract members volunteered in the village gardens. I recognized Rotary as a worldwide organization and wanted to be part of it. As a member of the Centreville Club I asked for support to sponsor a Character Counts Scholarship (2005) that is still being awarded today.



MALCOM L. PETERSON

Retired Program Manager, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. Retirement gave me an opportunity to join Rotarians and give service

to my community. Rotary has an international dimension and that also appealed to me, including Rotary's battle to eliminate Polio. My Sister had Polio in the 1950s and barely survived. Today she is affected by Post-Polio Syndrome. I have found Rotary to be above politics and focused instead on our common bonds. I have made wonderful friends in the process.



JUDITH WARFIELD PRICE

Retired Director of Aspen Institute's Wye River Campus; former Executive Director of the Waterfowl Festival and Deputy Counsel of the MD Attorney General's Office.

I'm a proud native of the Eastern Shore and enjoy time spent on or around our rivers and the serenity of our local waterfowl and wildlife. I followed my father's footsteps in joining Rotary because of the opportunities it provides to make a difference in the lives of members of our community, the nation, and the world who are less fortunate. I also find my involvement with Rotary particularly inspiring through its programs that support our youth in becoming future leaders. It has been an honor to serve as club president this year.



HAROLD T. REECE

In 1958 I served in the United States Air Force, was stationed in England, and met and married my wife Heather. We moved back to the U.S. and I served 25 years with the

Maryland State Police. In 1985 I was appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Centreville and invited to join the Centreville Rotary Club. I remain active today on numerous committees. In 1990 I was serving as Centreville Club President and had the honor of being chosen to lead a Rotary Group Study Exchange Team to Brazil. I was then elected District 7630 Governor for Rotary 1993-94 and received the Presidential Citation for Balanced Club Achievement. I have been recognized with the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award by the Rotary Foundation. Today I serve as the Centreville Rotary Club Foundation Chair and am Chairperson for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Mostly, I enjoy the people who are members of the Rotary.



WILLIAM G. RYON

Founder and CEO of Ryon Wealth Strategies. I have been helping successful business owners, executives, and professionals preserve, protect and pass on their

wealth since 1994. As a Financial Educator, Author, Speaker and Wealth Strategist I have contributed to Yahoo Finance, Morningstar, Wall Street Journal's Market Watch, and co-authored the book, Retire Like A Shark, with Kevin Harrington, original "Shark" on ABC TV's Shark Tank. I joined Centreville Rotary in December 2019 after moving to Centreville with my wife and two daughters, as a way to get involved and help serve our new community. My service to our country in the US Marine Corps expanded my leadership skills and experience and I am now active with many organizations, including Board of Centreville Rotary, Hockey Players in Business, and Navy Youth Hockey.



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DINAH RIORDAN

Branch Manager/Senior Loan Officer at Atlantic Coast Mortgage In Stevensville, MD. I joined Rotary because I want to give back to our local community. I love that the

Rotary club is supporting our local youth/schools and putting together things like the Career Day where the kids can learn about local trades and the opportunities that are available. For a relatively small club, we can still have a big impact on the local community in so many positive ways.



PATRICIA SAELENS, ED.D.

Patricia Saelens, ED.D.
Superintendent, Queen
Anne's County Public Schools,
Centreville, MD. I joined Rotary
to build partnerships and
collaborate with local businesses

to better serve our community and specifically our students. Rotary provides opportunities for me to get involved and give back. Teamwork is the dream work as they say! I look forward to continuing my service with Rotary and making a difference in our community. My favorite Rotary Project is honoring those who have or who continue to serve our country with the Flags for Heroes.



MATTHEW SCHIWY

Vice President, Gunther Electric, Inc. located in Wye Mills, MD. I enjoy a variety of outdoor, hands-on activities from hunting and fishing, to snowboarding and

woodworking. I have been fascinated by Rotary since I was a young boy, watching my father and grandfather participate in club activities for many years. I have always known that as soon as I was ready, I would want to become a member of the Centreville Rotary Club. It brings me great joy to volunteer my time to help my local and global communities.

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DOUGLAS STORCK

Branch Leader for the Truist Bank (formerly BB&T) in downtown Centreville, MD since June 2019 with nearly 30 years in banking. I specialize in assisting small business

customers of the area with all of their financial needs. I joined Rotary because I have always believed in giving back to the community in which I serve. Elected to the Centreville Rotary Board in 2020, and serving as the Vocational Chair, we will be working on our second Career Tech Fair in partnership with Queen Anne's County High School, and inviting local businesses to meet with seniors who are graduating without a career path, to help them find work in our community.



STEPHAN STROTHE

Former U.S. Correspondent for the German news channel "WELT-N24". After retiring from the news front, I transitioned into real estate, and I recently joined the Washington Fine

Properties brokerage—with clients on both sides of the Bay Bridge and in Washington, DC. We have a small farm in Centreville, MD. Rotary is a family tradition: My stepfather was a Rotarian in Hanover, Germany. I love to give back to our great community. My favorite Rotary projects are those that address food insecurities and hunger in the richest nation on the planet.



PAIGE R. TILGHMAN

Owner of Set the Table For Me, 'Elegant Table Settings Delivered to your Door.' As a small business owner in Centreville, I understand a healthy community is important

to the success of my business. Rotary offers a network of dedicated business people who provide service where it is needed, locally, as a district and internationally. My role as immediate past Rotary President was rewarding in our efforts to support a better place for us all. I especially enjoy recruiting new members to the club. I am also an active member of Third Haven Friends Meeting in Easton; a member of the Queen Anne's County Garden Club; the Queen Anne's County Historic Society; and serve on the Central Committee for the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage; and on the Board of the Art Academy Museum in Easton.



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GREG TORCHIO

Architect, Torchio Architecture, Centreville, MD, since 1990. Soon after moving my family to Centreville I learned about the Centreville Rotary club through my veterinarian and

my attorney. After visiting the Club for breakfast, I was invited to join in 1995. Rotary opened up a world of service opportunities to me. Serving as Club President 2001–2002 was an honor but, the highlight of my Rotary time was heading the design and construction of the Rotary House, a project that continues to serve women and children who are impacted by domestic violence. The Rotary House was made possible through the support from our community and provides a chance for families to get back on their feet. I am grateful and proud of this ongoing project.



JOHN WHEELER, III
Public Health Inspector, State
of Maryland Health
Department, Centreville, MD.
My introduction to Rotary
began in 1999 when the Queen
Anne's County Health Officer

asked me to apply for the Rotary Group Study Exchange. This is a Rotary program that involves a team of 5 non-Rotarians to visit a foreign country that, in turn, sends a team to the U.S. for the purpose of building friendships and goodwill in addition to the development of Rotary projects. I was selected for the team traveling to the Philippines. This was truly a life changing experience to witness the culture from the wealthiest to the poorest in addition to participating in the development of life saving Rotary projects. Upon returning to the U.S., I wanted to be a part of the organization that does so much good locally and around the world, so I joined the Centreville Rotary Club. Since joining Rotary we have hosted Group Study Exchange Members from all corners of the globe.

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KEN WOOD

Owner and Operator, Lifetime Well Drilling Company, Denton, MD and Lifetime Wells International, a 501C3. I raise money to dig water wells in Ghana and Tanzania, Africa.

Recently, the work has been expanded to provide resources and services to correct the high incidences of sight impairment and blindness that I have personally witnessed in these villages. Every chance I get, I am on a trip to Africa to improve life for people living in remote villages. I work through Rotary to expand this mission.



LELIA (LEE) WRIGHT

CPA with Brent Carroll, CPA, located in Centreville, MD. I was relatively new to the area when I was invited to join Rotary and I thought it would be a good way to meet people and to

serve the community. Eighteen years later I have done both, by making friends with Club members and serving as a Past President and as Treasurer for the Club for many years. I am especially proud of the Rotary House project that provides a safe place for women and children who suffer from domestic violence. It has been rewarding to help these families. I also enjoy listening to the reports from high school students whom we have sent to RYLA, and how much that weekend experience has impacted them.

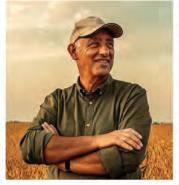
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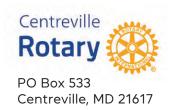
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