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December 2022

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The Rotary Club of Easton was the first Rotary Club in the world in a town of less than 10,000

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



“Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveller, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home!”

Charles Dickens ♦ *The Pickwick Papers* ♦ 1836



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## *The Coffee Bean With President Kelly*

Happy Holidays Fellow Rotarians!!

The Thanksgiving season has come and gone, yet the hustle and bustle of December is upon us. We will soon be celebrating the winter holiday seasons, so it is a beautiful time of the year to reflect and pay forward. December is a month many of us will be making charitable donations. For those wanting to make a donation to impact our local community, please consider sponsoring a student for RYLA or making a charitable donation to our local Drop for Scotty and Operation Christmas Spirit.

December is also Disease Prevention and Treatment month. Rotary International has made great strides with efforts to eradicate Polio around the world, but lately we have had a setback. For those wanting to support international efforts, consider contributing to the eradication of Polio through Rotary International and/or supporting the efforts being made to support Ukraine through Disaster USA or Rotary International.

Please consider supporting all of these efforts!

As coffee brews in the brisk, cool air of December, please remember those that are less fortunate and give back. Find the silver linings each day and be grateful! Begin each day this month with this old African adage,

“Good, Better, Best  
Never Let It Rest  
Until your Good is your better  
and  
Your Better is your Best!”

Be the Coffee Bean and make a difference in someone else's life!

*Kelly*





*Jack & Nancy Anthony on a Christmas morning many moons ago*

## CHRISTMAS 2022

December is always a time of mixed emotions and can sometimes be a very difficult month to navigate. We can become very stressed by the thought of all those New Year's hopes and dreams that have long since fallen by the wayside. Another year gone by. Don't they just seem to speed by faster and faster as our pace seems to grow slower and slower. Too little sunlight—too much darkness. But then, just after the shortest day of the year, a miracle happens. I call this miracle Christmas, but you might call it Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, or any other celebration of new life or new beginnings. It is a special time of reflection on who we are as well as on whose we are. I love this time of year. It fills me with true emotions. The joy of wonderful times past as well as the sorrow of departed loved ones no longer physically with us. Traditions we share, memories we hold on to, and love make my holiday season complete.

As I prepare for this Christmas in the year 2022, I reflect on what makes it a special time for me. I invite you to do the same.

1. Kneeling next to my mother, surrounded by family, singing Silent Night holding a candle in a darkened church on Christmas Eve.
2. Our annual family tradition of decorating The Christmas Tree while listening to Bing Crosby sing "How Lovely is Christmas."
3. Watching our two favorite Christmas movies.....Christmas Vacation with Chevy Chase and Scrooge with Albert Finney.

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1. Reading O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi."
2. Christmas morning quiche.
3. The smells of Christmas: cookies baking, fresh greens in the house, and a turkey baking, among many.
4. Children and grandchildren. Toys, toys, and more toys.....everything from Socker Boppers to Lightsabers.
5. Remembering the joy of watching my mother open a present, any present. She was the best gift receiver of all time.
6. Listening to "Pop-Ed" tell his flashlight story—one more time!
7. Christmas evening... Nancy and me opening our Christmas stocking by ourselves, reflecting on the day just past.

The most precious gifts that we receive and hopefully pass along to others at this time of year—or really at any time—are the gifts of our presence in the lives of our loved ones. It is truly in giving that we receive. May this Christmas bring you that special joy.

*Jack Anthony, Past President 1978-1979*  
*November 28, 2022*



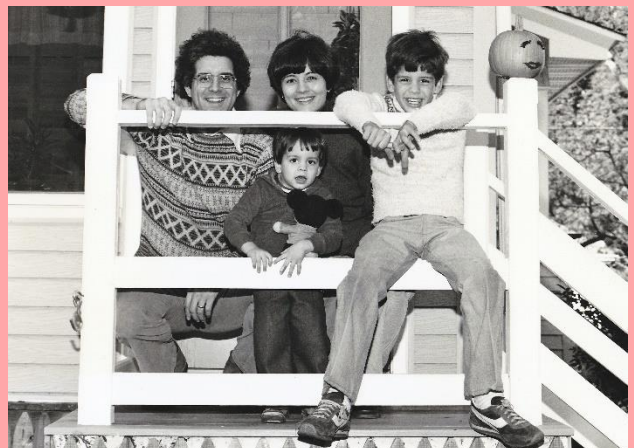
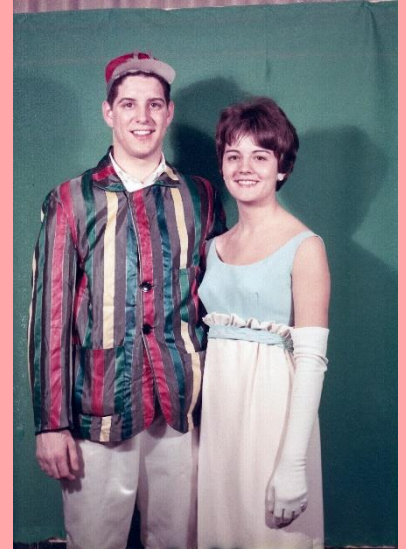
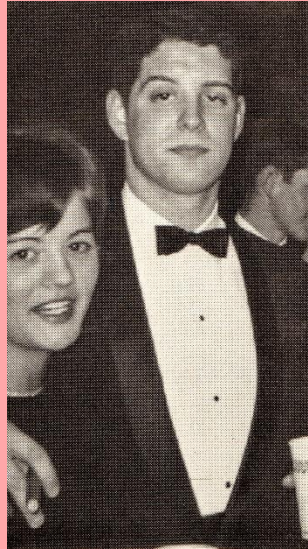
At our regular meeting on December 1, 2022, Jack Anthony delivered a meaningful and powerful Christmas message which, if you missed it, you should really watch on our YouTube channel here:

<https://youtu.be/92qQb89s-KA>

One exhibit that he forgot to bring was a photo collage which proved to his children and grandchildren that he was not born with white hair. Your obliging editor can correct that oversight with a selection of those photos. I must call your attention to Jack “The Jockey” & “007” Jack! Shouldn’t Nancy have known better???



**Jack Anthony  
with dark hair,  
a perm, and a  
beautiful girl!**





# Operation Christmas Spirit



**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11am to 1pm**

**at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department**

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- Hot Christmas Dinner (dine in or carryout) • Grocery Boxes
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# DROP FOR SCOTTY LOCATIONS

YMCA of the Chesapeake ♦ 202 Peachblossom Road

## Other Locations

The ARC Chesapeake ♦ 18 N. Hanson Street

Bay Capital Mortgage ♦ 115 E. Dover Street

BSC Group ♦ 114 Bay Street

Easton Fit 4 Life ♦ 8859 Mistletoe Drive

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy ♦ 114 S. Washington Street

Mid Atlantic Tire ♦ 8105 Teal Drive

Provident State Bank 142 N. ♦ Harrison Street

Queenstown Bank ♦ 274 N. Washington Street

Shore United Bank ♦ 18 East Dover Street

Talbot County Free Library ♦ 100 West Dover Street



# Sixteenth Annual Arlene M. John KOAT2 FoR KiD2

DRIVE

November 14<sup>th</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>  
2022



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### **The Rotary Club of Easton's 2022 Flags for Heroes Recognition Luncheon**

The Rotary Club of Easton's Flags for Heroes fundraiser is an annual event that provides an amazing visual display of American flags throughout the town of Easton during Memorial Day weekend. When the club started Flags for Heroes in 2012, our goal was to create a fundraiser that would engage our entire community while reminding us of the true meaning of Memorial Day—a time to remember, celebrate, and recognize the heroes that have served and sacrificed for our freedom, as well as those that serve today. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, our display has grown each year. Just as important, we have been able to provide needed funds to worthy organizations in our area, all of them serving the heroes in our midst. On Memorial Day Weekend, we displayed over 1000 flags. In 2022, we raised \$52,000, and to date, nearly \$450,000 to help local organizations. Thank you!

On November 17, 2022, a special recognition luncheon was held to thank our corporate sponsors and award grants to worthy recipients. This year's corporate sponsors and recipients are featured on the next two pages!





## 2022 Rotary Club of Easton Flags for Heroes Corporate Sponsors

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, the Rotary Club of Easton honored this year's Flags for Heroes corporate donors at a special luncheon at the YMCA. This year's amazing donors are: (left to right): Robert Fogarty; Jackie Wilson, Provident State Bank; Danny Morris, AQUA Pools & Spas; Hugh Dawkins, Dawkins Management, Inc.; Hali Leeson, Provident State Bank; Mayor Bob Willey, Town of Easton; Jessica Hanna, Bluepoint Hospitality Group; Kelsey Wilson, Bluepoint Hospitality Group; Jessica Mumbulo, Willow Construction; Greg Remesch, Good Life Property Management; Zach Knapp, Crystal Smith & Co. with ReMax Executive; Kristina Carson, Londonderry on the Tred Avon; Matt Albers, DRS Wealth Management; Jamie Delp, Londonderry on the Tred Avon; Peter Dietz, Flags Committee; and Kim Mertaugh, The Star Democrat. Not pictured: Easton Utilities Commission, Jack and Nancy Anthony, Tom and Cathy Hill, Tim and Sally Kagan, Lewis Auto Body Shop, Livingston Septic Service, and the Preston Automotive Group.





## 2022 Rotary Club of Easton Flags for Heroes Recipients

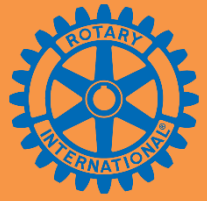
On Thursday, November 17, 2022, the Rotary Club of Easton awarded this year's Flags for Heroes grants at a special luncheon at the YMCA. Grant recipients in attendance represented the following organizations: Civil Air Patrol-Easton Composite Squadron, For All Seasons, Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Easton Volunteer Fire Department, Talbot Paramedic Foundation, Talbot County Sheriff's Department, Easton Police Department, Easton High School NJROTC, Richards Memorial Park, Operation Open Arms, Talbot Hospice, Spring Hill Cemetery, Trappe Volunteer Fire Department and Lady Patriots of the Eastern Shore.







# Easton Rotary Waterfowl Parking



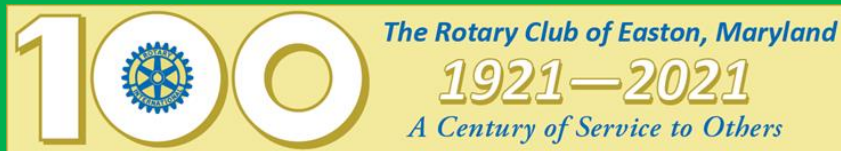
All the credit in the world for yet another successful Easton Rotary Waterfowl Festival parking effort goes to Chair, Bill Snyder. It's a huge undertaking without which visitors' experience would be a nightmare. Meticulously organizing everything down to the last detail, then continually checking all around Easton on Waterfowl Weekend, Bill made it happen just right! Thank you, Bill!











## Upcoming Special Easton Rotary Events

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November & December. **Drop for Scotty & Operation Christmas Spirit!** These are two MAJOR club projects. We need **ALL** Easton Rotarians to help. Please contact **Connie Loveland** at 410-829-0188 or [cloveland@bensonmangold.com](mailto:cloveland@bensonmangold.com) for the **Drop for Scotty** & **Lonnie Green** at 443-521-0716 or [fade2black21632@gmail.com](mailto:fade2black21632@gmail.com) for **Operation Christmas Spirit!**



ACADEMY  
ART  
MUSEUM



Wednesday, December 21, 2022 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM. **Easton Rotary Christmas Party** at the Academy Art Museum. \$35 per person.



Saturday, January 21, 2023. Waterfowl HQ at the corner of Harrison & South Streets in Easton. Contact Richie Wheatley at [rwheatley@baycapitalmortgage.com](mailto:rwheatley@baycapitalmortgage.com) for details!



## THE YOUTH & COMMUNITY FUND

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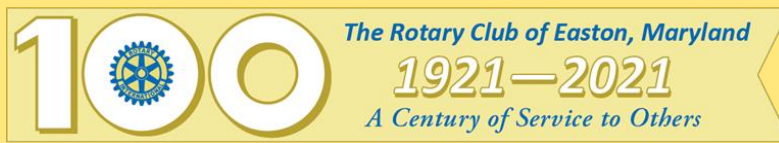
With 2022 drawing to a close, please consider making a charitable contribution to our own Youth and Community Fund. It's fully tax deductible, and it supports the vital work of our club. How could you pick a better place to support?

If you have any questions, you can contact any member of the Board of Directors of the Youth and Community Fund, but why not start with Richie Wheatley who is trying to bring increased awareness to the Fund? You may reach him at 410-924-1002 or [richie@baycapitalmortgage.com](mailto:richie@baycapitalmortgage.com). Thank you!



*January 27, 2018 - Richie Wheatley and his daughter, Annie*





## 2022-2023 President Elect & President Elect Nominee

As you know, when Derek White left Easton to improve his career with the YMCA, he left a leadership void in our club. On September 6, 2022, our board unanimously voted to fill his President Elect position with President Elect Nominee (PEN), Andrew Walsworth. At its December 6, 2022, meeting, it voted unanimously to fill Andrew's PEN position with Sherye Nickerson. Both terrific Rotarians who will bring exciting and enthusiastic leadership to the Rotary Club of Easton! Congratulations to both! The Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 will be presented to the club at the regular meeting on December 15, 2022.



*President Elect Andrew Walsworth*



*President Elect Nominee Sherye Nickerson*

# Significant Rotary Anniversaries

$$51 + 45 + 40 + 33 = 169$$



Jack "The Jockey" Anthony - 51



Jacques "Perfect Attendance" Baker - 45



Bank of America Vice President Brad Watts and Assistant Vice President Nancy Smith present Habitat Executive Director Lucretia Krantz with a \$2,500 check.

Brad "The Banker" Watts - 40



Susan "Perfect Attendance" Coulston - 33

These four amazing Rotarians have 169 combined years of Rotary "Service to Others!"





# Remembering...

*Oh, how we miss them all!*



Mike Jacobs  
1941 - 2022



Dan Swann  
1938 - 2022

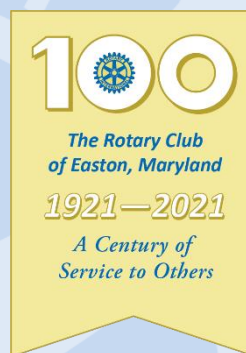


Mike Newnam  
1933 - 2022



# Kelsey Wilson, Mentoring, & Us!

Many of us have watched Jackie Wilson's daughter, Kelsey, grow up either from birth or from when she was very young. Your editor's wife, Kim, taught her in first grade at Saints Peter and Paul School, and your editor photographed her in sports all the way through high school and even sold her her first car! Now she is engaged to be married to Rafiq El Kahlaoui whom she met on a cruise during COVID when she was locked down on that ship for three months! A native of Morocco, Rafiq is a tremendous guy, and makes you feel as if you've known him forever. I had the distinct pleasure of taking engagement photographs of them just before Thanksgiving. In one way or another, we have taught, encouraged, or even mentored Kelsey throughout her life. Especially with our younger Easton Rotarians, we should always find ways to do the same thing. If we do, we'll have the same happy results these photos so clearly show!







Fourth-century depiction of a Menorah in Rehov in northern Israel

## *“Chanukah Dreams” by Judith Ish-Kishor*

*Chanukah I think most dear  
Of the feasts of all the year.  
I could sit and watch all night  
Every twinkling baby light.  
Father lights the first one—green;  
Hope it always seems to mean;  
Hope and Strength to glow anew  
In the heart of every Jew.  
Jacob lights the blue for Truth.  
Pink for Love is lit by Ruth.  
Then the white one falls to me,  
White that shines for Purity.  
How the story of those days  
Fills my wondering heart with praise!  
And in every flame one sees  
The heroic Maccabees.*

# A Mother's Love

One of the most beautiful things to see at Christmas is the love of a mother for her children. Jack Anthony talked about it during his Christmas message, and it was so obvious in Jackie Wilson with Kelsey and her fiancée. Well, it's obvious, too, with Casey Baynard and her boys. Casey is a superstar and always has been. Her accomplishments are many, and she wears her love for her family on her sleeve. The greatest gift at Christmas– or any time– is love, and if there is a better written description of it than what she wrote about her son, Chris', last football game on Facebook a month ago, it would be next to impossible to find. In this crazy world, if you're looking for something to celebrate this Christmas, look no further:



"It's hard to find the words to describe that last game. The last time he gets to be announced at Friday Night Lights. The last time he gets to run through the tunnel. The last time he catches a pass or scores a touchdown. The last time he's in the locker room with his football brothers. The last time he puts on his uniform. All of this has come to an end. The game he loves the most. The game he's played the shortest amount of time, but the one he's wanted to play since he was 5. The one I've watched him go from a newbie in 9<sup>th</sup> grade to a starting wide receiver, punter & kicker. The one that he has given his ALL for the last 4 years no matter how much playing time he got. The one I've watched him work his butt off for the last 4 years in order to be the best he can be and to earn his starting spot. The one that has allowed him to form friendships with people he otherwise would've never known. The game that has made me proud of him absolutely every single time he has stepped on the field. The one that he chose to play that gave me the opportunity to meet and become friends with some of the best football moms I know and that have ever existed on this earth. And though it didn't end the way we had hoped, I am thankful for all of that. And I will never forget this season, which has been absolutely amazing." Casey Dulin Baynard ♦ November 5, 2022





## A Box Full of Kisses

The story goes that some time ago, a man punished his three-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside it?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty, I blew kisses into the box, all for you!" The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness.

Only a short time later, an accident took the life of the child.

It is told that the man kept that gold box by his bed for the rest of his life, and whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, friends, family, and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.



# Merry Christmas 2022!



Your editor wishes you the Merriest Christmas ever and prays that the New Year brings you only long life, health, happiness, wisdom, and love. To find that deep-down feeling of worth - to make your heart feel good - embrace Rotary's motto of "Service above Self." You'll be forever glad that you did.



Kim Hershey Hatcher and our Scottie, Lucy, with a 1906 Ford Model K at Hershey in 2018. It's the same car featured in the Christmas painting above. Out of 1000 built (a large number at that time) only 23 Model K's are known to exist today, and that was the first one we ever saw.





## December Meetings

- 01 - **Jack Anthony** - Special Presentation  
 08 - **Board Meeting Report**  
 15 - **Andy Hollis** - Upper Shore Aging  
 21 (Wednesday) - **Christmas Party** - Academy Art Museum 6 PM  
 29 - **No Meeting**

## December Anniversaries

- 51 - Jack Anthony - 12/01/1971  
 45 - Jacques Baker - 12/01/1977  
 40 - Brad Watts - 12/01/1982  
 33 - Susan Coulston - 12/01/1989  
 10 - Rosemary Fasolo - 12/12/2012  
 3 - Bill Skelton - 12/12/2019  
 2 - Brenda Forbes Butler - 12/10/2020  
 2 - Josh Clow - 12/10/2020  
 2 - Scott Kane - 12/22/2020  
 1 - Kenny Miller - 12/09/2021

## December Birthdays

- 08 Liz Connelly  
 08 John Hurt  
 10 Charlie Fitzgerald  
 11 Noel Bourdin  
 13 Kendrick Daly  
 13 Jackie Wilson  
 22 Cristy Morrell  
 25 Jacques Baker  
 25 Tom Hill  
 29 Dina Daly

## Invocation Leaders

- 01 - Jonathan West  
 08 - Mike Hiner  
 15 - George Hatcher  
 21 - Lisa Felts  
 29 - No Meeting



## Partner Birthdays

December 22 - Chris Connolly



Richie Wheatley & Tim Kagan

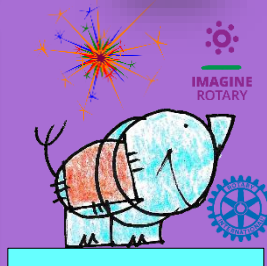


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## MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA December

- 02 David Lee/Mike Henry  
 05 Barc Upchurch/Brad Watts  
 07 Megan Miller/Mia Cranford/Peter Dietz  
 09 Sherye Nickerson/Josh Clow  
 12 Richie Wheatly/Kenny Miller  
 14 Buck Duncan/Albert Pritchett  
 16 David Anthony/David Fike  
 19 Liz Connelly/Marvin Foster  
 21 Megan Cook/Lonnie Green  
 23 Mike Kopen/Dana Newman  
 26 Closed  
 28 Curry Wilford/Brett Whitehead



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