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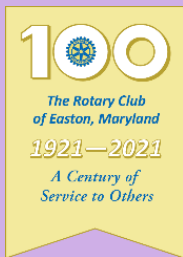
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The Coffee Bean With President Kelly

I believe our club is entering November truly blessed with such a dynamic group of Rotarians. We must remind ourselves to focus on the many blessings we enjoy and then recommit our energies to fulfilling the dream of peace and goodwill for everyone everywhere. Rotarians the world over are wonderfully suited to giving and peace, especially around the holidays. For more than a century now, we have been actively acknowledging all that we have and seeking how to help others less fortunate enjoy a better life through clean water, literacy, economic development, and conflict resolution; all made possible because Rotarians believe in, and are committed to, sharing of our time, talent, and treasure.

As each one of us finds a way to engage in some of our service community projects planned during the next couple months, it is also a time to reflect on the BLESSINGS of our club:

Being the coffee bean each day.

Leaning on and learning from one another to make a difference in our community.

Efforts of our club meet some of the real needs of our community .

Synergy is welcomed and celebrated by all members.

Spirit of the members of this club make it so exciting and rewarding.

Importance of living by our "Four-Way Test:" "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendship? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Next generation of Rotarian leaders that we are cultivating today.

Grateful for the fellowship and support of the club members.

Service above Self that we are each able to give our community.

Thank you for your service! God Bless!

Kelly





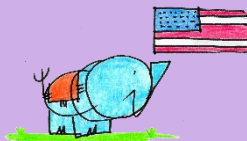
May 9, 2021 – Sue and Mike Newnam at their home in Easton

Dedication

Mike Newnam

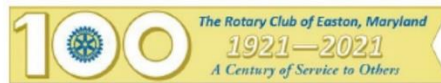
August 12, 1933 – October 11, 2022

Mike Newnam was President of the Rotary Club of Easton in 1980-1981, but he was far more than that. From the time he was a boy, he excelled at everything, and in school he was the leader in class and in sports. He continued that leadership throughout his life, and from Rotary to the Easton Volunteer Fire Department to the Newnam Funeral Home to the Marine Corps and everything in between, he contributed more to our community and to our way of life than most people could do in several lifetimes. He was a giant of a man, a public servant, and always a friend. To say he will be missed is the greatest understatement one could make. His spirit will live on like a beacon, lighting our way into a future of “Service above Self.” It is to him that this issue of *The Spark* is dedicated. The next nine pages from the February 2021 and December 7, 2021, issues of *The Spark* are about this great Rotarian and friend.



Past President Mike Newnam becomes an Honorary Rotarian

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Easton is proud to announce that Past President Maurice E. "Mike" Newnam, III was unanimously chosen to become an Honorary Rotarian. The Resolution granting him this status is below. Learn more about Mike in the next 7 pages!



Resolution

The Board of Directors
The Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland
January 11, 2021

Resolved:

Whereas Maurice E. "Mike" Newnam, III was a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Easton serving the community tirelessly and as President from 1980-1981,

Whereas has been a member of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department for 64 years,

Whereas he has been a member of the Coats Masonic Lodge of Easton for 64 years,

Whereas he has provided the most compassionate services as a Funeral Director for his entire lifetime,

Whereas he has served his community in countless other ways,

And Whereas he has been a fixture of Talbot County life,

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Easton does hereby grant Mike Newnam Honorary Membership in said club.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George A. Hatcher, Jr.'.

George A. Hatcher, Jr.
Secretary
Past President, 2004-2005
The Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland

Easton Student Is Leader Of Class

Maurice E. Newnam, III Has 3.97 Average At Phila. School

Maurice E. Newnam, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Newnam, Jr., of Easton, a member of the first year class at the Eckles School of Embalming in Philadelphia had an average of 3.97 in his course for the first semester.

This high average placed Mr. Newnam first in his class in scholarship.

"Mike", as he was known in Easton, was a graduate of Easton High School in June 1951. He was president of Pi Sigma Eta fraternity and of the student council in his senior year.

During high school he was active in all varsity sports.

THE EASTON STAR-DEMOCRAT, EASTON, MD., FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1951

Easton High Track Team Wins Fifth State Championship

Coach Smith's Boys Chalk Up 51 Points To Take State-Wide Contest

The Easton High School Track Team won the State Class B High School Track and Field Championship for the fifth straight year. Coach Emerson Smith's boys chalked up 51 points to capture the State Meet held at McDonough School on Saturday.

Twelve Class B high schools from the State of Maryland competed in the meet.

Stewart Young tied the State Class B record for the 100 yard dash by turning in a 10.6 performance. Sammy Lister, also of Easton, placed third in the 100 yard dash. Claude Patrick, scheduled to run in the 220 yard dash, was unable to do so because he was injured in a fall during one of the relays earlier in the meet.

Callahan Wins 440

Joe Callahan set a blistering pace to romp home first in the 440 yard run in 54.2 seconds. Callahan's time was just 1.2 seconds off the State Record. "Bunky" Dulin, exhibiting a beautiful kick in the last 100 yards, shot out in front to win by ten yards the 880 yard run. Dulin's time for the one-half mile run was 2:16.8. Alex Fountain placed fourth in this event.

The only relay from Easton to win was the 440 yard team composed of Joe Callahan, Sammy Lister, Mike Newnam and Stewart Young.

These boys blazed over the quarter mile route in 46.9 seconds. The halfmile team ran into tough luck. Claud Patrick, running second, fell as he came into the passing zone and dropped the stock which rolled just out of the passing zone. "Bunky Dulin," passed by all of the competing teams, went back and picked up the dropped baton, caught up with and passed all of his opponents, and passed the baton to Mike Newnam who went on to win the race. However, the Easton team was disqualified because the dropped stock had rolled out of the passing zone. Even though the stock had been dropped, the time for this race was 1:43.3 nearly equaling the State Record for the event. Patrick was injured in this event and was unable to participate in the other events in which he had been entered.

The one mile relay team, composed of Alan Whiteley, Dick Filbird, Ray Chaplain, and Alex Fountain, placed third.

In the field events Joe Callahan came with one and one-quarter inches of equaling the State Running-Broad Jump Standard with a leap of 20 feet, 11 inches. Stewart Young was second to Callahan in the broad jump.

Newnam High Jump Champ

Perhaps the most outstanding feat of the day was in the high jump where the State Class A and Class B schools competed against each other. Mike Newnam of Easton won this event eliminating 24 other jumpers and winning with a jump of 5 feet, 6 inches. "Bunky" Dulin finished second to his teammate.

Jimmy Covey with a jump of 28 4" came in second in the Hop, Step and Jump event.

Coach Emerson Smith reports that the times in the track events and the distances in the field events on the whole were on a par and in many cases better than those posted by the Fort Hill High School teams which won the track and field meet held at the University of Maryland the previous week.

Coach Smith has done an outstanding job with his track and field teams during the past five years and his pride in this year's team is well justified for the records of these boys speak for themselves.

Easton Warrior's Rally Whips Chestertown

The EHS Warriors climaxed an up hill battle with a thrilling last-period rally to dump Chestertown 33 to 26. Playing in the preliminary to the Washington College-Mt. St. Mary's game, the high school boys provided the basketball fans with a rough brand of basketball.

Chestertown led through the better part of three periods of the game. Then Mike Newnam's field goal for the Warriors closed the gap to 19 to 17 at the end of the third quarter. From this point, Easton rallied to carry off the decision 33 - 26.

The Upper Shore lads took a commanding 6-0 lead at the outset. Sharretts scored first and Landwehr followed with two field goals. Mike Newman broke the scoring ice for Easton with a two-pointer, then tallied two more points on free throws. The first quarter found Chestertown in front 9 to 4.

The Warriors' scoring machine began to work in the second period. They matched Chestertown's output with 8 points to 8 points, Jimmy Townsend scoring two nice field goals and Mike Newnam chucking in another. Halftime score was 17 12 in favor of Chestertown.

The second half of the game was characterized by extremely rough play and very poor officiating. Easton outscored Chestertown 5 to 2 in the third period to pull with two points of Chestertown.

Landwehr increased the Chestertown lead to 20 - 17 on a free throw. Then the Warriors took command. Jimmy Townsend poured in a pair of two-pointers and Jimmy Covey another to send Easton in front 23 to 20. Starkey made it 23 to 22 with a field goal. Mike Newnam sank 2 beautiful lefthanders from side court, and Jimmy Covey scored on a jump shot, making the score 29 to 22 in the Warriors' favor.

Mike Newnam and Jimmy Townsend fouled out in the closing minutes of the game. Final score was 33 to 26 in favor of Easton.

Newnam paced the Easton five with 15 points. Landwehr scored 11 points to head Chestertown's attack.

In the main event of the evening, Washington College nipped Mt. St. Mary's 68 to 63 in an important Mason Dixon Conference Basketball Game. Nick Scallion, the State's leading college scorer and Mason Dixon leader, swished the cords for 26 points.

Easton (33)

Player	F	FG	T
Townsend, (F)	4	0	8
Baynard, (F)	1	2	4
Newnam, (C)	6	3	15
Covey, (G)	3	0	6
Chance, (G)	0	0	0
Totals	14	5	33

Chestertown (26)

Player	F	FG	T
Starkey, (F)	2	1	5
Coleman, (F)	0	0	0
Stevens,	1	0	2
Landwehr, (C)	5	1	11
Sharretts, (G)	2	3	7
Williams, (G)	1	0	1
Totals	11	5	26

Luongo Announces Baseball Schedule

Coach Ernie Luongo of the St. Michaels High School Baseball Team announces the St. Michaels Baseball Schedule for the 1950 Season.

Date	Time	School	Place
Apr. 7	1:00	Stevensville	Home
Apr. 11	1:00	E. New Market	Home
Apr. 19	1:00	Cambridge	Home
Apr. 19	1:00	Cambridge	Away
Apr. 21	1:00	Centreville	Home
Apr. 28	3:30	Easton	Away
May 5	1:00	E. New Market	Away
May 9	4:00	Centreville	Away
May 16	1:00	Stevensville	Away
May 19	3:00	Easton	Home
May 26	1:00	Cambridge	Home

Talbot Sport Briefs

By. BILL PERRY

Hunters and anglers might check into deducting their license fees from Federal Income Taxes.

"Boozie" Regan and Charlie Broll, with 13 and 12 points respectively led the St. Michaels AA to a 41 to 27 Central Shore League victory last Wednesday over Centreville.

The St. Michaels Girls routed Centreville 37 to 19. Wilson of St. Michaels headed the scorers with 15 points.

The Easton Town Team received a 70 to 36 licking by Federalsburg last Monday night.

The Easton Soccer Club claimed its only victory of the season on a forfeit from Greensboro last Sunday. This was a postponed game and Greensboro forfeited so that it might get the Play-Offs started.

The Easton High School State Basketball Tournament date has been changed. Easton will play its first game on Monday, March 6, 1950, at Cambridge.

A few notes on Mike Newnam's Easton High School and college accomplishments

Joins Local Firm

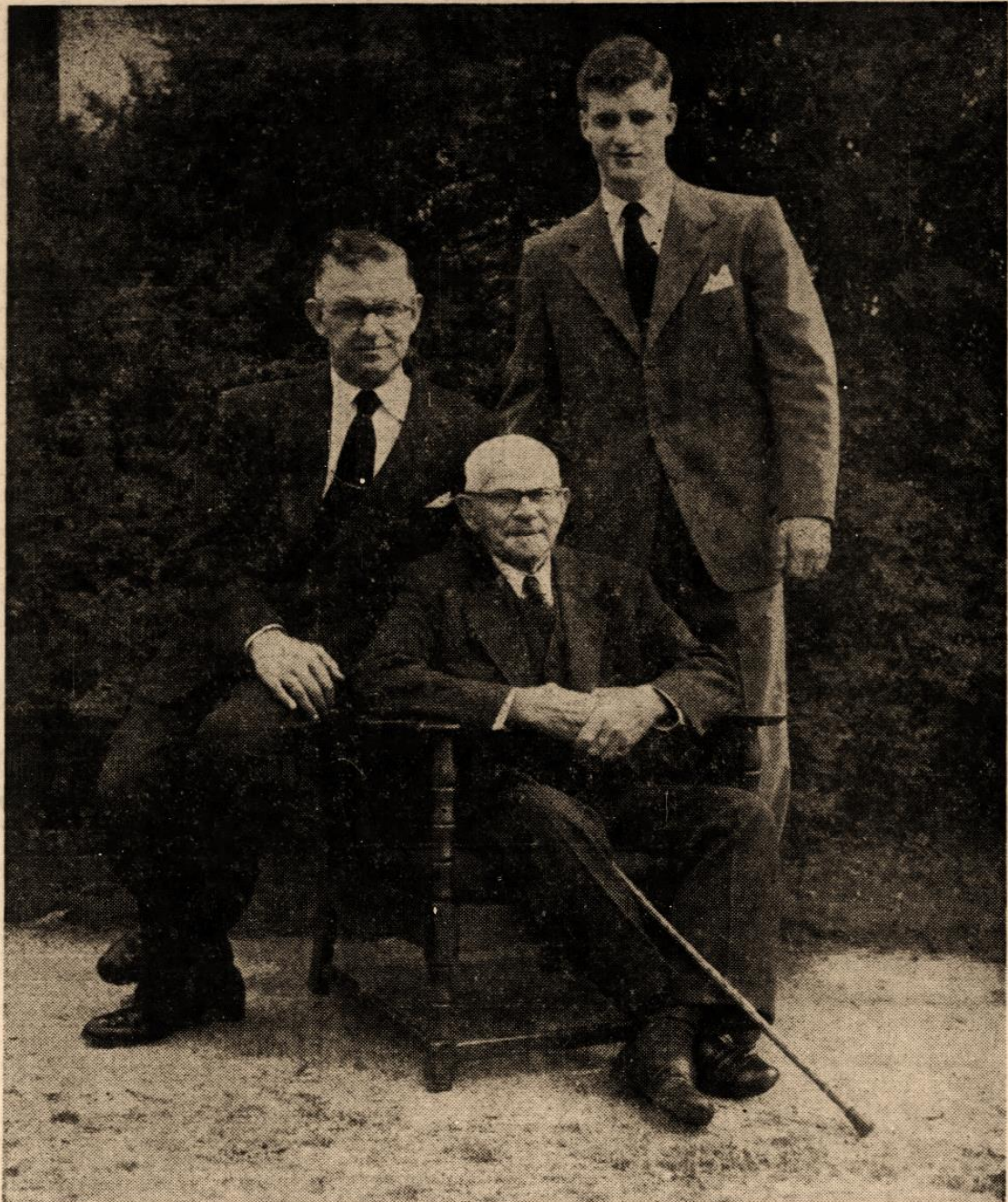


Photo by Laird Wise

Maurice E. Newnam III, better known as "Mike," has become an active member with the local firm of Maurice E. Newnam & Son, where he will serve his two years apprenticeship required by the State of Maryland. "Mike" was presented at the graduation from Eckel's College of Mortuary Science the coveted President's Plaque for highest scholastic achievement.

On June 15, 1897 Maurice E. Newnam, Sr. opened a funeral establishment in Oxford and in 1912 moved to Trappe continuing in the same business, then in 1927 Mr. Newnam moved his funeral establishment to Easton at the time his son Maurice E. Newnam, Jr., joined him. This firm has been actively identified with the progress of Easton and Talbot County since 1897. Mr. Newnam, Sr. is still active in the business at the age of 78.

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Luxury gift

A state senator under investigation failed to tell legislative ethics panels that he received a luxury car from someone who does business with the state. /6A

O's sign Baines

The Orioles and Harold Baines avoided arbitration when the St. Michaels native agreed to a 1-year contract. /1B

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Business

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THE SUNDAY STAR



Newnam family observes 100 years of funeral service

• Many aspects of business have changed over the years

By BEN WERNER
Staff Writer

EASTON — When Maurice E. Newnam Sr. wanted to start an undertaking business, a correspondence course in embalming was all the training needed to get started.

Newnam, a Talbot County native, was not satisfied with relying on mailed instructions, though, and instead went to Baltimore, learning the trade and saving his money for his eventual return to Talbot County.

A 100 years after Newnam started his small undertaking business in Oxford, this family business has become one of the dominant funeral service providers on the Delmarva peninsula. Newnam's grandson, Maurice, III, runs the business, and Maurice, IV, is already poised to take over when his father retires.

In an office exhibiting model burial vaults, crematory urns, and portraits of his father and grandfather, Newnam reflected on his family's 100 years of serving the Mid-Shore's funeral needs. "I was not comfortable around death as a kid," said Newnam.

He may not have planned on taking over the funeral home while growing up, but Newnam had a change of heart. In 1952, he earned a degree from Eckis College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia. Today, Newnam even lives in the stately historic white Victorian funeral home at Harrison Street and Brooklets Avenue.

Along with Newnam's personal feelings toward the family business, many aspects of the industry in general have changed since his father and grandfather's time. There is more governmental regulation of funeral homes today than ever before, more education, and more family involvement, Newnam said.

The industry change most perceptible to the public, though, is pre-arranged funerals, Newnam said. Homes like Newnam's, prepare files with biographical sketches, any special wishes, and even the type of casket, memorial vault, or cremation urn that is wanted.

"The record keeping is so much more voluminous," Newnam said. "My grandfather would have just had a little notepad, but now we have a packet on each person."

The funeral services have changed a lot since his grandfather's time as well. Newnam encourages more family participation, especially with younger children, to help everyone grieve.

"We try to provide a very personalized service with memorabilia and mementos of the person," Newnam said.

Family members are finding new ways to remember loved ones. Exhibiting a number of urns in his office, Newnam explained how some people prefer a



Photo by ROXANE DOSTER WAITS

M.E. "Maury" Newman IV and his father M.E. "Mike" Newman III stand outside their family's Easton business.

cremated, Newnam added. "Many families see value in having the body present for the service," Newnam said.

Less perceptible to the public, but equally important, are the behind the scenes changes occurring in the industry. Morticians have to be more educated, keep more paper work, and be more knowledgeable about the chemicals being used today than when Newnam's grandfather was looking at correspondence embalming schools.

Diseases like hepatitis and AIDS mean morticians have to be extra careful when handling bodies. Other concerns, like environmental worries surrounding ventilation and fluid disposal, are regulated by a variety of governmental agencies, Newnam explained.

"These are things my grandfather and father would have never seen," Newnam said. Like the technical side of the industry, the business side of funeral homes is also evolving. Everything is computerized and

more and more, the mom and pop funeral home is being gobbled-up by large funeral conglomerates, Newnam said. "Everything is changing as we speak," Newnam said. "We did the same thing coming together," he added, referring to the 1996 formation of Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Homes.

Even Newnam's family-run home was not immune from the temptations of becoming more like a corporation. Although Newnam Funeral Home is still family run, when it combined with Tom Helfenbein Funeral Homes and Fellows-Weiss Funeral Homes, the association, like the larger conglomerates, was able to pool their resources to better serve the public, Newnam said.

Each home is still family-run,

with each family being an equal partner in the association. Newnam is proud that his grandfather's home retained its family nature, and with Maurice E. Newnam IV already a licensed mortician, the home will stay a family business.

"It really is families helping families," said Newnam, who added that each of his partners have children either licensed or currently studying for their license.

Funeral homes have become more of an education tool as well, Newnam said.

Newnam's has a complete library of books and literature for families to use when trying to answer tough questions about death. Some books deal with the grieving process and others give advice for answering children's questions about death.

"Death of a Pet—there's a book we can not keep in stock," Newnam said, pointing to one of several booklets his home hands out.

Along with human funerals, Newnam's has also done services for pets.

"We have embalmed animals and had viewings for pets," Newnam said. "There may be a little different request, but our job is to make it happen if we can."

For Newnam, the important thing is that his home is always there to help families in their time of need. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, somebody is on call at the funeral home.

"If you can walk into a very bad situation, where death has occurred, and bring some semblance of order to the family, that is your reward," said Newnam of why he has stayed with the family business for so long.



Seated, from left to right: Maurice "Mike" Newnam III and Suzan Newnam. Standing, from left to right: Joe Ostrowski, Melissa Harvey, John Mercer, Janice Lawson, Ruth Ann Smith and Maurice "Maury" Newnam IV.

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The Spark from June of 1881 and Mike Newnam's year as President. It highlights the "Great May Flyaway," which was a major community service project during Mike's year.

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PROGRAMS FOR JUNE 1981

- 3rd - The Hon. William S. Horne reports on the recent State Legislature session
- 10th - Norman Harrington in charge - another popular "wine and cheese" tour of the current exhibit at the Historical Society, "Sports of the Times", meeting there at 11:30, then returning to Inn for regular lunch meeting.
- 17th - John Jessup will give a "classification talk" having to do with the Savings and Loan industry.

24th - TO BE ANNOUNCED

SEE NOTE LATER RE: JULY 1 EVENING MEETING!

INVOCATION LEADERS

3rd - van Gilder 10th - Rebmann 17th - Purdy 24th - Payne
NOTE: NEW MEMBERS ARE URGED TO CONTACT JOHN JESSUP IF WILLING TO PARTICIPATE

MEALS ON WHEELS

1st - Jessup - Perry	2nd - van Gilder
8th - Perry - Barnes	9th - Southard
15th - Barnes - Duncan	16th - van Gilder
22nd - Duncan - Jack Anthony	23rd - Cullen
29th - Jack Anthony - Melchior	30th - Cullen

ROVING ROTARIANS

4/16 and 4/23 - Turner, St. Michaels	5/18 - Kramer, Federalsburg
5/20 - Brooks, Baltimore	5/20 - Coleman, Lancaster Pa.

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO STRESS MEMBERS' OBLIGATION, WHEN A MEETING IS TO BE MISSED, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO "MAKEUP". SEE ROSTER FOR LISTS OF NEARBY MEETING PLACES.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Inducted during May were Will Lockwood and Benton C. Tolley, Jr.

RESIGNATION - of Ed Matthews, longtime Rotarian, for health reasons.

REMINDER - new meals price @ June 3 meeting is \$4.50

PLAN TO ATTEND

Talbot Country Club, July 1, dinner meeting REPLACING REGULAR LUNCHEON MEETING, \$30 per couple (bring your lady) - to celebrate "Changing the Watch" for new officers - President Fuller, President-Elect Osburn, Vice President Payne, Secretary Baker, Treasurer Satchell, and Directors Kagan, Ditman, Newnam, van Gilder and another to be named by our President. Please participate (sheets will be passed around this month) - our past support of Ladies Night and similar events has been dismal.

"GREAT MAY FLYAWAY"

Was a tremendous success, resulting in raising some \$4,000 for the Hospital's Building Fund drive. Most active in our behalf was new member David Kramer, and Don Osburn was also very involved, with Pete Lasher.

A CHALLENGE HAS BEEN ISSUED

by the Easton Jaycees, to our club and Lions, Kiwanis, to have a "bowl-out" to determine which is really the best area service organization. This is in a sport which is unaffected by age, health, or weather, Bowling. Don Osburn has agreed to be Rotary's "coach" and project chairman, and we can field one or two (no more) teams of four bowlers. Call him at 822-1244 if interested. The date - July 6, at 7 p.m. Let's show these callow youth what we are made of, and knock them off their "pins". This could be a forerunner for a regular league of service club bowling teams which is contemplated if enough interest is shown. This will be at Chesapeake Bowling Lanes at Easton Plaza.

GOOD ADVICE FROM ABE

(From a recent Star-Democrat letter to the editor:)

Ten Guidelines: Abraham Lincoln left us some guidelines to help us in maintaining the framework of democracy in this nation of free men. They are:

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift"

"You cannot help small men by tearing down big men"

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong"

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer"

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income"

You cannot further brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred"

You cannot establish security on borrowed money"

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves"

May 30, 1981



Schedule of Events Great May Fly-away May 23, Saturday

BALLOON RACE 8:45 a.m.

10 Hot air balloons will inflate en masse at the Easton Plaza and Tred Avon Square Shopping Center located on the corner of Md. Rt. 322 and Marlboro Road.

- 7:30 a.m.** Pilot and Ground Crew meeting at Chesapeake Lanes, determination of weather conditions will be made at that time of conditions are marginal.
- 8:30 a.m.** Pilots and Ground Crew begin preparation of balloons for ascension.
- 8:45 a.m.** "Hare" balloon lifts off and sets the pace for the race.
- 9:00 a.m.** "Hound" balloons (9) lift off en masse - this process can take as long as 30 to 45 minutes depending on wind conditions.

ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING LIFT-OFF at same location

After balloons lift off the crowd will be entertained by a shower of ping-pong balls from the balloons. Each ball will be a coupon at an Easton store. One will be worth \$50 cash.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DEMONSTRATIONS will take place while the race is taking place. Ultra-light aircraft will demonstrate.

GRAND PARADE 10:15 a.m.

A PARADE INCLUDING MANY UNITS will start from the shopping centers and lead to downtown Easton. Units include Air Force Marching unit, color guard, mini F-4 phantom jet, Mars unit, balloon vehicles, 70 piece marching band.

TROPHY PRESENTATION 11:15 a.m.

Winning pilots and ground crew will be awarded trophies from the reviewing stand centered in front of the Talbot County Court House (Washington Street in town center). Parade will conclude at this location.

THE GREAT MAY FLY-AWAY HARE 'N' HOUND RACE

Co-sponsored by the
Easton Rotary Club,
Easton Jaycees and
U.S. Armed Forces

AIRPORT EXHIBITION 12:00 Noon

Airport at Easton (Rt. 50, just before Rt. 322 - north of Easton) will feature a spectacular display of sky-divers, Historic aircraft including bi-planes, World War II fighters and trainers, Military helicopters, Gliders and Ultra-light aircraft. These craft will be flying as well as on display on the ground. The International Aerobatic Club will put on high level aerobatic demonstrations. Limited low level acrobatics have also been planned. A fly-over of military A-10 jet fighters will also take place. The air exhibition will last until 3:30 p.m.

RIDES

Rides will be available from certified commercial pilots in Bi-planes, sea-planes (with one splash down), and if wind permits Hot air balloons. These rides will vary in price, but will be less than \$20 each.

Acrobatic Rides in open cockpit bi-planes and gliders will be available at higher prices.

While tethered rides in hot air balloons will be available at nominal rates (the balloon is tied to the ground with 3-100 foot ropes), untethered rides - called champagne rides - will be available (weather permitting) at rates more than \$100 per person. In these rides lasting more than a half hour, the balloon drifts over the Delmarva Peninsula with destination unknown. A ground crew follows the balloon by truck and is usually in radio contact.

Fly-Away features balloons, parade, show

By LIZ BOWIE

EASTON — The third annual Great May Fly-Away will lift off Saturday with a balloon ascension, and continue on all day with a parade, an airshow and plane rides at the Easton Airport.

The event, which is sponsored by the Easton Rotary Club, the Easton Jaycees and the U.S. Armed Forces, was planned to raise money for the building fund at the Memorial Hospital at Easton.

In winds of less than 10 miles per hour, the activity will begin Saturday at 8:45 a.m. with a lift off of the hare balloon. The hare balloon will

lead the way for nine more balloons which will take off between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. and race each other to see who can land closest to the hare.

Local businessmen who have sponsored a balloon will act as ground crew for the pilots of the balloons. In light air their jobs may be easy, but if the wind is just less than ten miles per hour they will be required to hold onto the base of the balloons during lift off.

After the balloons are up and away the crowd will watch for U.S. Air Force demonstrations with ultra-light aircraft.

At 10:45 a.m. a parade, which will include an Air Force marching unit,

color guard, mini F-4 phantom jet and balloon support vehicles, will start at the launch site and continue through town to the Talbot County Courthouse. During the parade a Pentagon broadcaster will be taping a running commentary on the day's events which will be aired on the Armed Forces network throughout the world.

At 11:15 a.m. the winning balloon pilots and ground crews will be awarded trophies from a reviewing stand near the courthouse.

At noon an exhibit of aircraft and an aerial fly over will begin at the Easton Airport. To start the exhibit,

skydivers will drop into the airport. Then antique aircraft, British World War I biplanes, famous World War II fighters and trainer aircraft and an aerial flyover of military aircraft will continue.

Award winning pilots from the International Aerobatics Club will also give demonstrations at the airport.

For those more adventurous members of the crowd, rides from certified commercial pilots will be available in open cockpit bi-planes for \$20 a person and \$35 for a couple, and aerobatic planes for \$45. There will even be a ride in a sea plane with a splash down in the Tred Avon River for \$18.

Tethered rides in a hot air balloon will be available for a small fee if the wind conditions are good. The balloon will be tied to the ground with three 100 foot ropes, and passengers will be sent up and brought down.

Untethered rides, or champagne rides, costing more than \$100 a person will be available for those passengers who would like to float over the Delmarva Peninsula to an unknown destination. The balloon will be picked up by a ground crew which will follow the balloon.

Food will be for sale during the events. At the balloon ascension in

the morning, coffee and danish pastries will be for sale at a small concession stand. At the airport hot dogs, sodas, cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn will be sold.

Admission to the airshow will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. All other events are free.

Parking will be plentiful with space for 2,000 cars at the balloon race and space for 5,000 cars at the airport within easy access of the exhibition.

A 24-hour May Fly-Away hotline has been established at Beck 'N Call answering service in Easton. The informational number is 822-9091.



June 2018 - Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Easton. Mike is 3rd from the left in the back row between Ron Flohr & Albert Pritchett



Mike Newnam

Milke Newnam is the oldest living member of the Rotary Club of Easton and was President in 1980-1981. Born in 1933, he was only an 8-year-old boy when Pearl Harbor was attacked, but he remembers the anguish and concern that was prevalent all around him. He knew something was very wrong and was determined to do his part. At four, he lost his mother, so he often spent time with relatives, including his great aunt and uncle in Hillsboro. Arriving there by train not long after the end of 1941 for a stay, he discovered a World War I helmet and gas mask, and adding them to his wooden gun, he was armed to kill as many of the enemy as he could. Two years later, he was an air raid warden with his grandparents in Trappe. The huge sacrifices the country made during World War II were not lost on him, nor was the fact that World War I- the “War to End All Wars—” ended nothing. That’s why throughout his life, Mike has always been such an outstanding public servant in so many ways- even dangerous ones such as his lifelong service with the Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

If the oldest member of our club was only 8 in 1941, then, in addition to what we all know by reading the news and using simple math, it’s obvious how few people remain who fought in WWII. As Mike said, it was an interesting, but dangerous, time to be alive. The world changed completely, and many lessons learned should have never been forgotten. But they were. Only by remembering, can we avoid repeating the mistakes of the past. As your editor writes this, Russia has its army amassed on the border with Ukraine. There can be little doubt that on or near this 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Russia will attack Ukraine. Then what? What about China and Taiwan? North and South Korea? Iran and Israel? Interesting times, yes, but very dangerous.

So, talk to those alive 80 years ago to get some perspective. Just imagine what might have been different if more people in 1941 had talked to those alive 80 years prior. Interesting- no? Because they would have been discussing the events of 1861 and the start of the Civil War. The Confederate General Stonewall Jackson said, “People who are anxious to bring on war don't know what they are bargaining for; they don't see all the horrors that must accompany such an event.” Today, remember Pearl Harbor and the “Greatest Generation” who liberated our world from the grasp of unspeakable tyranny.



THE FATHER OF THE FLAG COURT!

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of Easton, Maryland

1921—2021

A Century of
Service to Others

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We cannot thank **George Corey** enough for all he did to make the Easton Rotary Centennial Flags for Heroes Flag Court a reality! He IS the Father of the Flag Court!



Plaque & Brick Laying

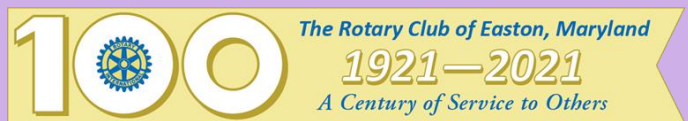
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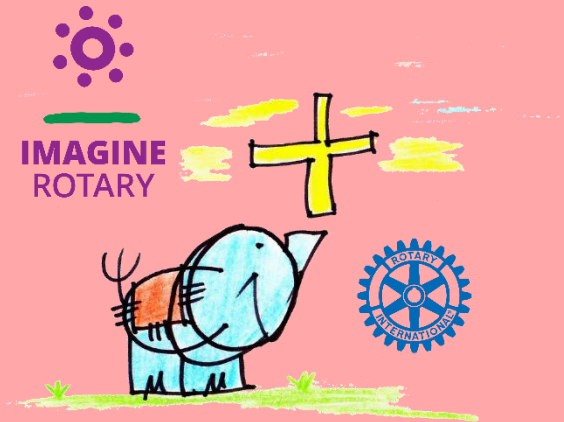




The Meaning of Thanksgiving

By Tim Kagan

In this great country, we have so much to be thankful 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...

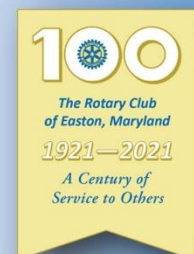
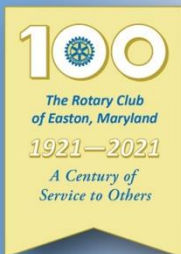


Sally & Tim Kagan

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!"

October 16, 2022



*Thank you, Tim, for such a wonderful, happy cruise aboard
The Patriot!
Love - Your friends from the Rotary Clubs of Easton & St. Michaels*

Aboard The Patriot

Thanks to Tim Kagan!





What is the Rotary Foundation?

We talk about the Rotary Foundation frequently, and we even offer it as a place to contribute to on our yearly club dues invoice. Not everyone knows what the Rotary Foundation does, so in the next few pages, you'll find out more about it.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.



2021 FACTS

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**



PROGRAMS

(All figures are as of 30 June 2021 and in U.S. dollars.)

PolioPlus

Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. As of June 2021, Rotary had committed more than \$2.2 billion to global polio eradication. We're still working to eliminate the wild poliovirus in the last two countries where it remains endemic and to ensure that it does not return elsewhere. In 2020-21, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$152.9 million.

Global grants

Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 2,066 global grants, and program awards totaled \$130.0 million.

District grants

District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission. In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 467 district grants, and program awards totaled \$31.1 million.

Disaster response grants

Rotary's disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters within the past six months. In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 55 disaster response grants, and program awards totaled \$3.1 million.

Rotary Peace Centers

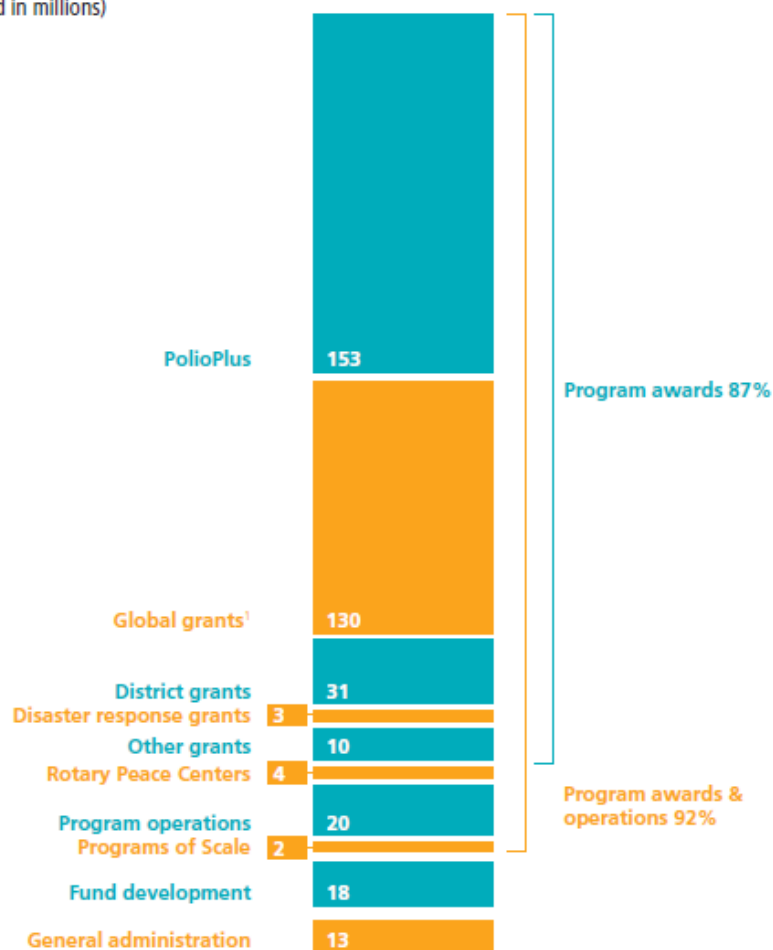
Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at Rotary Peace Centers, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since 2002-03, 1,487 fellows from more than 115 countries have participated. In 2020-21, 117 fellows from 63 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$4.4 million.

Programs of Scale grants

Programs of Scale grants empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact projects over three to five years to benefit a large number of people. The member-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program was awarded the 2020-21 grant of \$2 million, which was matched by \$4 million in funding from our partners.

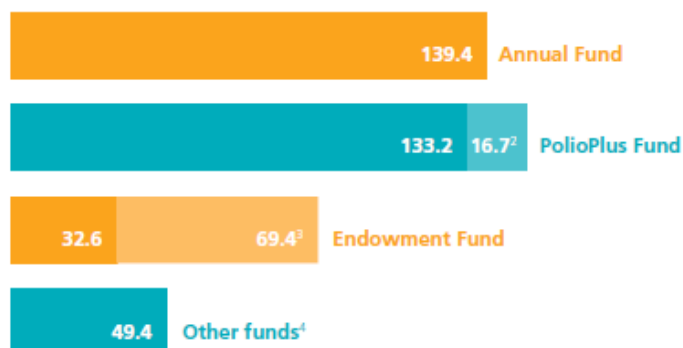
2020-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$384 million

(rounded and in millions)



2020-21 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$440.9 million

(rounded and in millions)



¹ Net of returned funds and other adjustments

² Polio transfers

³ Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund

⁴ Includes cash contributions to global grants, the Disaster Response and donor advised funds, and directed gifts

SUMMARY STATISTICS

Contribution summary	2020-21	All-time contributions
Annual Fund	\$139.4 million	\$3.0 billion
Endowment Fund	\$32.6 million	\$447.0 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$133.2 million	\$1.9 billion
Other*	\$49.4 million	\$327.7 million
Total outright contributions	\$354.8 million	\$5.7 billion
Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund	\$69.4 million	\$882.2 million
Polio transfers**	\$16.7 million	—
Grand total	\$440.9 million	—
Program awards & operations	\$352.3 million	Since 1947: \$5.3 billion

Totals are rounded.

* Cash contributions to global grants, directed gifts, and contributions to the donor advised fund

** District Designated Fund transfers and the resulting World Fund match to PolioPlus, affinity card royalties, and donor advised fund transfers to PolioPlus

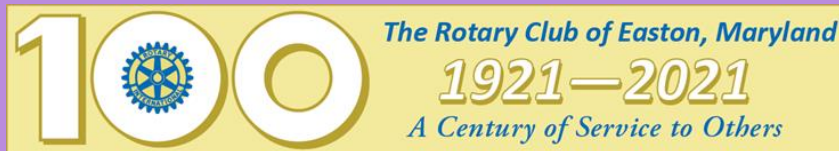
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Upcoming Special Easton Rotary Events

DROP FOR SCOTTY
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HONORING THE LEGACY OF
LEAD "SCOTTY" SCOTT
AND HIS OPERATION CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

DROP OFF YOUR CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE
GOODS OR MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Drop food off at the **Y**

Contribute by **PayPal** at eastonrotary.org

Contribute by check to the **Youth & Community Fund:**
P. O. Box 1444
Easton, MD 21601

Call **Connie Loveland** at 410-829-0188

THANK YOU!
From the Rotary Club of Easton

In Living Memory of Charles Smith

Operation Christmas Spirit

Dec. 25th, 2021 11am to 4pm
at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department
315 Aurora Park Dr, Easton, MD 21601

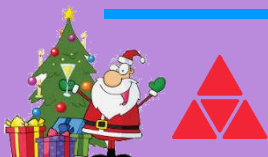
• Hot Christmas Dinner (dine in or carryout) • Grocery Boxes
• Gift for Children (while supplies last) • Coats and Clothing

Please scan the QR code for volunteer sign-up.
Call Lonnie Green for more information: (443) 521-0716

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 for the **Drop for Scotty** & **Lonnie Green** at 443-521-0716 or fade2black21632@gmail.com for **Operation Christmas Spirit!**



Thursday, November 17, 2022. Weekly meeting but at the YMCA. **Flags for Heroes Luncheon.**

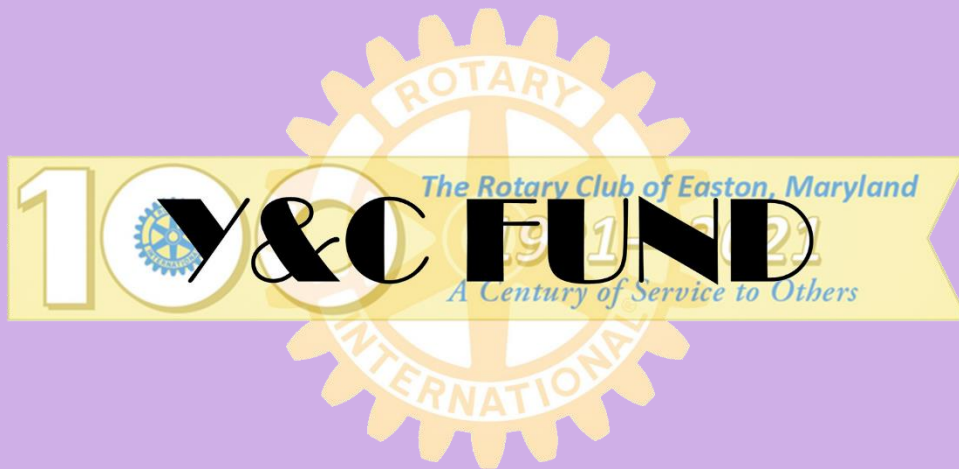


**ACADEMY
ART
MUSEUM**

Wednesday, December 21, 2022. **Easton Rotary Christmas Party** at the Academy Art Museum. More details soon.



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



THE YOUTH & COMMUNITY FUND

The 501(c)(3) arm of the Rotary Club of Easton

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. Thank you!



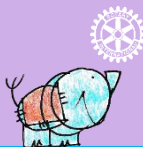
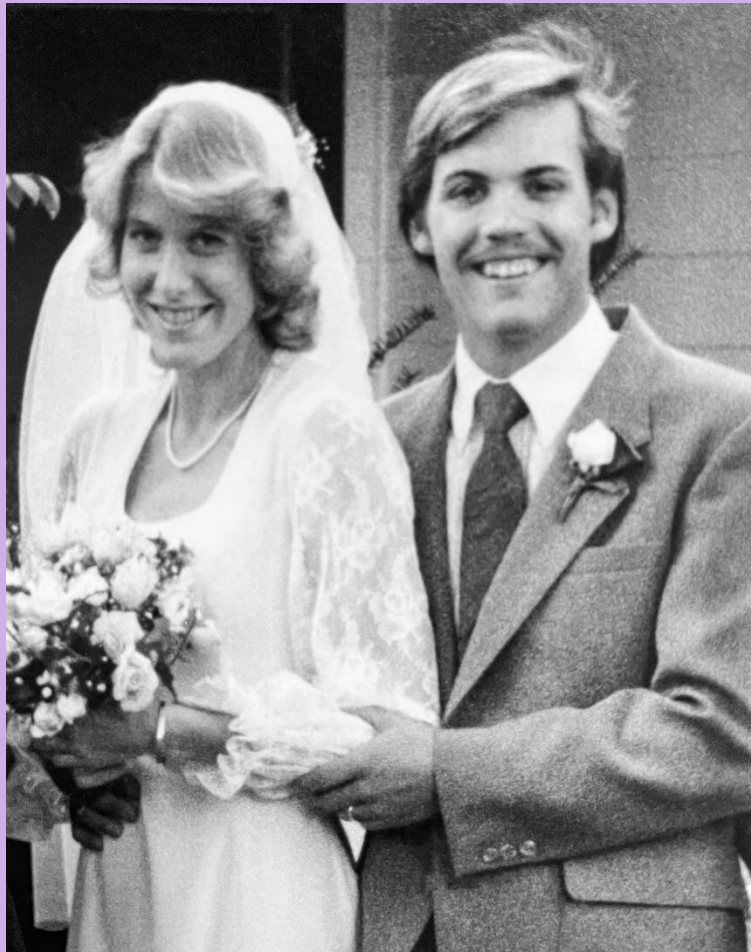
January 27, 2018 - Richie Wheatley and his daughter, Annie

Anniversaries



Kenny & Jane Miller

42 years – November 1, 1980



Please send your anniversary date and your spouse's birthday– and maybe even a photo– to hersheyhatcher@yahoo.com so that they can be featured in upcoming issues of **The Spark!**



As we were going to press, we encountered this, and had to pass it along. It's possible, but not confirmed, that our own Past President Jackie Wilson has gone nuts. Decide for yourself! (And hope you had a Happy Halloween!)



Pure Squirrel Bank

Where we're NUTS about YOU! (Or are we just NUTS???)



OR



Can you really tell the difference???



November Meetings

- 03 - **Board Meeting Report**
- 10 - **Waterfowl** - No Meeting
- 17 - **Flags for Heroes Luncheon** - At the YMCA
- 24 - **No Meeting** - Thanksgiving

November Anniversaries

- 01 - Frank Gunsallus - 11/15/2021
- 01 - Sherye Nickerson - 11/15/2021

November Birthdays

- 09 Ron Flohr
- 11 Mike Abbonizio
- 17 Casey Baynard
- 19 Bob Grill
- 20 David Fike
- 25 Abby Graves

Partner Birthdays

November 28 - Derick Daly

Invocation Leaders

- 03 - Claude Meachling
- 10 - No Meeting
- 17 - John Hurt
- 24 - Thanksgiving

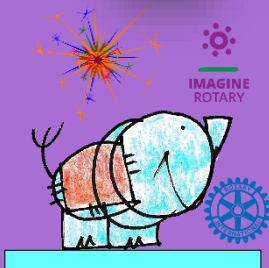


Richie Wheatley & Tim Kagan

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.



- 02 Jed Anthony/Fran Jenkins
- 04 David Lee/Sherye Nickerson
- 07 Barc Upchurch/Brad Watts
- 09 Megan Miller/Mia Cranford/Peter Dietz
- 11 Mike Henry/Bill Skelton
- 14 Richie Wheatly/Kenny Miller
- 16 Buck Duncan/Marvin Foster
- 18 Brett Whitehead/David Fike
- 21 Liz Connelly/Steve Shearer
- 23 Megan Cook/Lonnie Green
- 25 Mike Kopen/Dana Newman
- 28 Albert Pritchett/Anne Farwell
- 30 Curry Wilford/David Anthony



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