

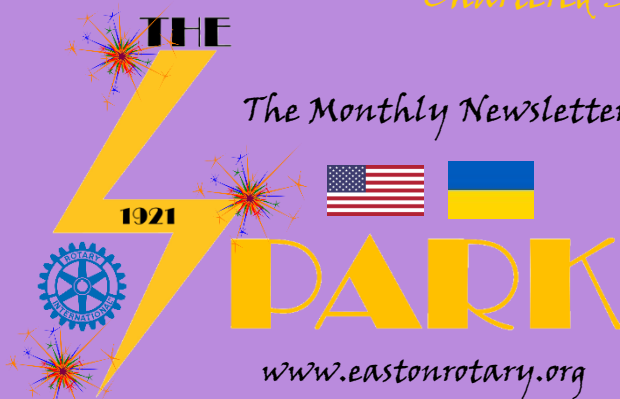
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The Rotary Club
of Easton, Maryland

1921—2021

A Century of
Service to Others



October 2022

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

**DROP FOR SCOTTY
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

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

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

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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

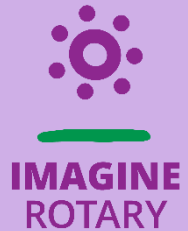
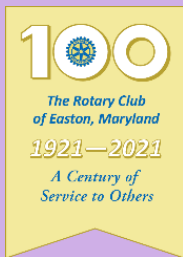


THANK YOU!

From the Rotary Club of Easton



*If you would like to be a drop-off location, please contact Connie Loveland by October 6th at 410-829-0188.
This is a hugely important community service project in honor of a great man, so please help!*



The Coffee Bean With President Kelly

Fall is here! One can certainly smell the pumpkin spice coffee brewing and hear the leaves starting to rustle in the brisk morning air! It is a time of year to start thinking about how you, as a Rotarian, will engage in our fall/winter service projects while also serving alongside some of our local non-profits in giving your time and/or expertise in making a difference. “Service above Self” in action!

Let’s all be a coffee bean and get involved!

- October is World Polio month. Please donate to this great cause through Rotary International!
- November is Waterfowl Parking and the Drop for Scotty Community Food Drive. Let’s all donate canned foods or money to help our community with food insecurity.
- December is Operation Christmas Spirit time! Let’s all donate time to make this holiday special for those that have less.
- January is “Rise Against Hunger.” Let’s plan to be a part of this amazing effort on January 21st in packing meals for thousands in need around the world!

Be the COFFEE BEAN! Be an ENGAGED ROTARIAN!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Kelly



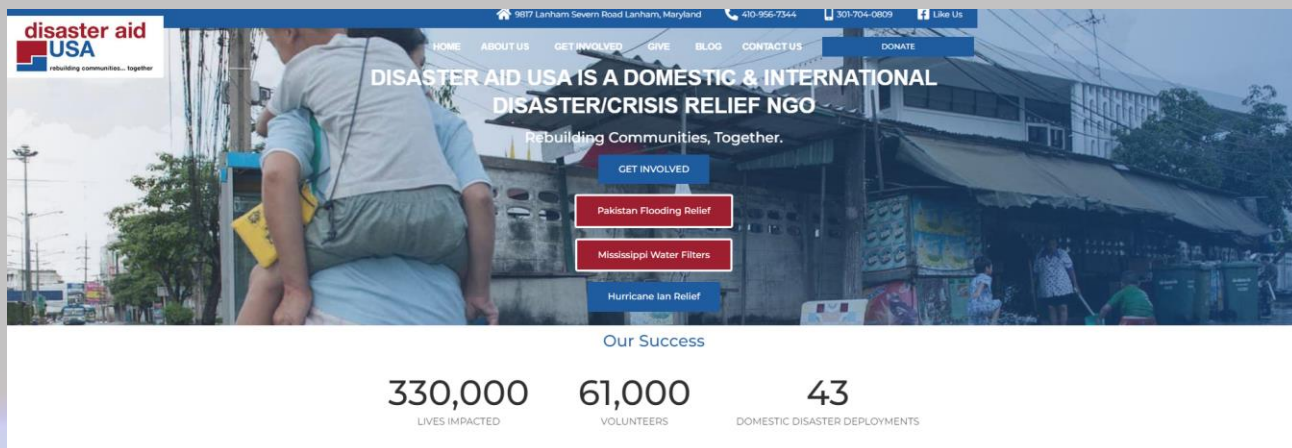
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Who can help? **YOU**



disaster aid
USA
rebuilding communities... together



Can you imagine being a victim of Hurricane Ian? The photos on the previous page can't possibly convey the horror of the event and its aftermath. However, the one thing you can imagine is how much a helping hand would mean afterwards, and that's where Disaster Aid USA comes in. It was founded by our own Bob Grill. It's a Rotary effort. We met its Executive Director & Co-Founder, Larry Agee, at the District Conference here in Easton. If there were ever a more dedicated, faithful, organized, and competent humanitarian- well, that would be hard to imagine. So, won't you give? Your editor has already mailed a check for Hurricane Ian relief to Disaster Aid USA, so please consider doing the same. Thank you!



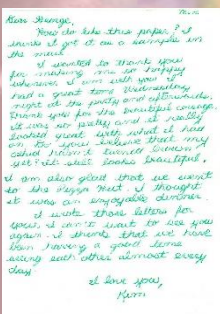
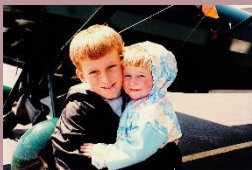
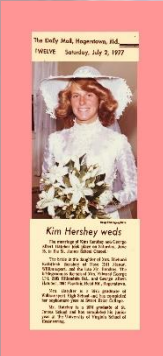
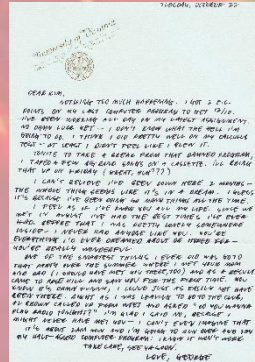
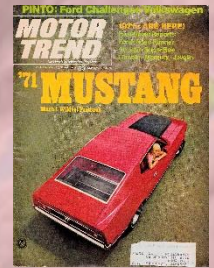
Disaster Aid USA
9817 Lanham Severn Road
Lanham, MD 20706

410-956-7344

www.disasteraidusa.com



Larry Agee & Bob Grill at the District 7630 Conference in April of this year



Easton Rotary Donates \$75,000 To the Arc, Central Chesapeake Region



Pictured are (l-r) Y&C Fund President Steve Shearer, Secretary Tom Lane, & Treasurer Peter Dietz with the Arc's Deena Kilmon (also an Easton Rotarian), Jonathon Rondeau, Catie Comer, & Gregory Snyder

The Centennial Committee of the Rotary Club of Easton raised money throughout the club's centennial to benefit Talbot County, and this gift, supplemented by additional funds from the Youth & Community Fund, is the largest single gift made. The Arc's work represents "Service above Self" as is shown by its mission statement: "We support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live the lives they choose by creating opportunities, promoting respect and equity, and providing access to services." This gift will support Community Hub Space for The Arc, and that effort is described below.



Launched in 2021, Chesapeake Community Development's mission is to make our community a better place to live through integrated services, affordable housing, and partnerships with local businesses to create inclusive thriving communities where everyone has access to economic self-sufficiency.

Chesapeake Community Development is leading the development of Port Street Commons in Easton Maryland with The Arc Central Chesapeake Region and Chesapeake Neighbors. The Port Street Commons project will spur much-needed economic development in the historic Port Street district. The investment will include:

***The Arc at Port Street Community Hub** – A gathering space open to the public where people and families The Arc supports can access resources, host support groups, receive family navigation services, and connect. The Community Hub will expand existing employer-based training and support initiatives and create a fully accessible day services space that enables people with significant disabilities and medical issues to access life enrichment programs.*



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

This is last year's Rotary International theme logo. "Serve to Change Lives" is an apt description of what Easton Rotarians have done for 101 years. Sometimes, we think of service as something BIG, but more often than not, it's the little things that count. For example, Hugh and Kathy Dawkins decided to fund snack bags for the BAAM Center. The packs were put together after Rotary on September 6th and included things like pretzels, cookies, and other yummy treats, all provided by the Dawkins. It was not expensive, and it did not take long to do, but it will be appreciated far beyond the effort put into it. See? You CAN make a difference, and it's not hard. What can YOU do to change lives?





September 2012 - Mike & Susan Kopen at the Rotary Club of Easton Centennial gala at the Tidewater Inn.

Mike Kopen

Mike Kopen, a native of Caroline County, has practiced law in Easton since 1982. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Duke University, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville School of Law. He is a former Deputy County Attorney for Talbot County, and a past President of the Talbot County Bar Association. He is also celebrating his silver anniversary with the Rotary Club of Easton, and a dedicated Rotarian he is! He consistently has perfect attendance and always participates in Easton Rotary activities. He's been a Meals on Wheels volunteer since he joined the club. He's pictured below with fellow Rotarians in 2005. Mike is one of those dedicated public servants who quietly but effectively places "Service above Self." Congratulations, Mike!!!



Jack “Yogi” Anthony

Well, the Anthony Yankees saga continues, but is that a surprise??? On yet another baseball trip to stadiums far and wide, Jack found himself on 5447 Elizabeth Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri. When your editor uses the word, “found,” that’s actually not the right word at all! In fact, Jack sought out this location which is in an area of St. Louis called “The Hill.” Why? you may ask? It just so happens to be the boyhood home of Yogi Berra, the famous Yankees catcher who was known for his “Yogi-isms” like “It ain’t over ‘till it’s over” and “Baseball is 90% mental. The other half is physical!”

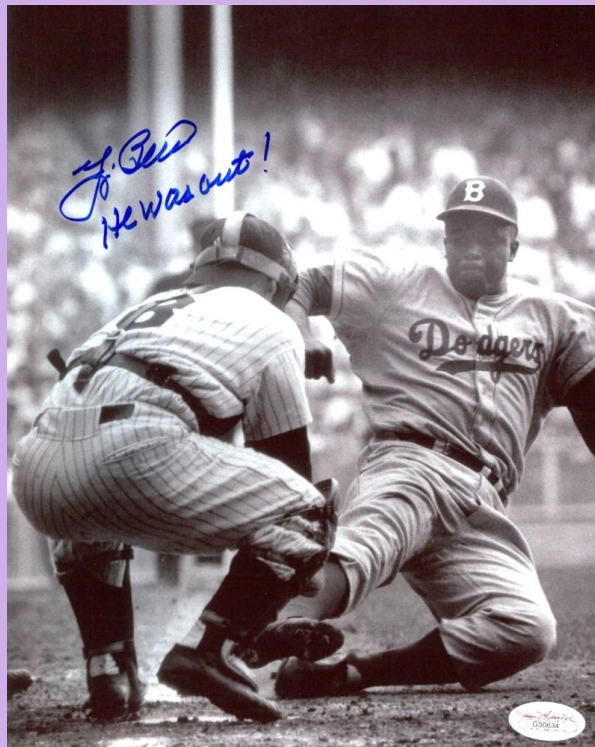
Anyway, 5447 Elizabeth Avenue is owned and operated as a B&B by Yogi Berra’s niece, Mary Frances Frisella. Yogi grew up in this house and even lived there with his parents after WW II and his first year with the Yankees. It has been owned continuously by the Berra family since the early 1930’s. Directly across the street was the home of his best friend, Joe Garagiola.

Jack is pictured here with Mary Frances Frisella on August 6, 2022, at Yogi’s boyhood home!



Twenty Yogi-isms

1. When you come to a fork in the road, take it.
2. You can observe a lot by just watching.
3. It ain't over till it's over.
4. It's like déjà vu all over again.
5. No one goes there nowadays, it's too crowded.
6. Baseball is 90% mental, and the other half is physical.
7. A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.
8. Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours.
9. We made too many wrong mistakes.
10. Congratulations. I knew the record would stand until it was broken.
11. You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six.
12. You wouldn't have won if we'd beaten you.
13. I usually take a two-hour nap from one to four.
14. Never answer an anonymous letter.
15. Slump? I ain't in no slump... I just ain't hitting.
16. How can you think and hit at the same time?
17. The future ain't what it used to be.
18. He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious.
19. It gets late early out here.
20. If the people don't want to come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them.



Jackie Robinson stealing home plate in the 1955 World Series against Yogi Berra. To his dying day, Yogi insisted that Jackie was out, as he indicated on this signed photo of that now iconic play.

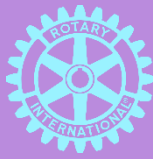
The Rotary Club of St. Michaels Visits with Its 1965 Mustang



On September 6, 2022, Past President Bill Shrieves & AG Michael Friedman of the Rotary Club of St. Michaels brought their gorgeous 1965 Mustang to our meeting to sell raffle tickets. The Mustang raffle is their major fundraiser and supports college scholarships awarded to St. Michaels High school graduates. Thanks to your generosity and to a Scossa customer who purchased \$1000 worth of raffle tickets, the Rotary Club of St. Michaels had one of its biggest days ever! Thank you for once again contributing to "Service above Self!"

You can still buy raffle tickets!

Just visit: <https://www.rotarystm.org/2021-2022-mustang-raffle.html>



Upcoming Special Easton Rotary Events

COUNCELL FARMS

Saturday, October 1, 2022, 3-5 PM. **Easton Rotary Family Day in the Party Barn at Councell Farms**, 11773 Old Skipton Rd, Cordova, MD 21625. \$10 per person which includes ice cream. Bring your children & grandchildren!



Sunday, October 16, 2022, 4:30 – 6:30 PM. **Easton Rotary Cruise on The Patriot**. FREE! Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Cash bar. This fun Rotary event is compliments of Tim Kagan. Why don't you drop him a thank-you note now?

Tim Kagan

P. O. Box 400, Easton, Maryland 21601



November & December. **Drop for Scotty & Operation Christmas Spirit!** These are two MAJOR club projects. We need **ALL** Easton Rotarians to help. Please contact Lonnie Green at 443-521-0716.



Wednesday, 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.



The Rotary Club of Easton Centennial Flags for Heroes Flag Court

The last phase of the Rotary Club of Easton Centennial Flags for Heroes Flag Court will soon be complete. A time capsule, plaque (wording shown below), and bricks commemorating every President of the club will be installed between the paved courtyard and the big, new, beautiful flagpole! Many thanks to George Corey for making this a reality. Stay tuned for photos of the final project!



ROTARY CENTENNIAL FLAGS FOR HEROES FLAG COURT

**PRESENTED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON
BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF EASTON**

**IN CELEBRATION OF
A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO OTHERS**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1921– SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

WHEN IT WAS CHARTERED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1921, THE ROTARY CLUB OF EASTON WAS THE VERY FIRST ROTARY CLUB IN THE WORLD IN A TOWN OF LESS THAN 10,000. THIS WAS AN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT, ONE THOUGHT NOT POSSIBLE AT THE TIME. IT WAS THROUGH THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF OUR FOUNDER, SAMUEL E. SHANNAHAN, THAT EASTON ROTARY BECAME A REALITY, AND OUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO HIM AND TO ALL OF THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE TRULY MADE—AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE—A DIFFERENCE BY PLACING “SERVICE ABOVE SELF.”

DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

What a difference a word makes!



SERVICE ABOVE SELF - A STORY

Your editor was speaking recently with his brother-in-law, Todd Hershey, the Treasurer of Washington County, Maryland, and a former Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Hagerstown. He recounted the story of a big anniversary celebration for the club- much like our Centennial gala. Almost the whole club attended, there were important dignitaries, and it was very fancy- after all, the club was founded in 1915! Special programs were printed on expensive paper. Of course, the Rotary motto was emblazoned on the front page:

SERVICE “ABOUT” SELF

What a difference a word makes!



April 8, 2022 – Nationals Park – Kim Hatcher with her brother, Todd Hershey

October Meetings

06 – **Board Meeting Report**

13 – **Jayme Hayes** – Junior Achievement

20 – **Rotary on the Road** – Londonderry

27 – **Mike Sosulski** – President, Washington College

October Anniversaries

25 – Mike Kopen – 10/15/1997
 09 – Kelly Griffith – 10/16/2013
 06 – Geoff Turner – 10/01/2016
 03 – Scott Patterson – 10/31/2019
 02 – Megan Cook – 10/07/2020
 02 – Arvin Singh – 10/07/2020
 02 – Brett Whitehead – 10/22/2022
 01 – Maureen Curry – 10/21/2021
 01 – David Wheeler – 10/21/2021

October Birthdays

07 Bill Skelton
 08 Terry John
 09 Graham Lee
 10 Reza Jafari
 11 Rosemary Fasolo
 12 Tim Kagan
 19 Dan Bridges
 22 Mark Wheeler
 25 Ken Sadler
 26 Lori McDonald

Invocation Leaders

06 – Fran Jenkins
 13 – Connie Loveland
 20 – Steve Shearer
 27 – Al Silverstein



Richie Wheatley & Tim Kagan



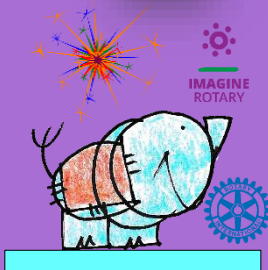
Each issue of **The Spark** is in honor of Past-President Richie Wheatley for his vision as President and for resuming this significant publication when it seemed as if it were lost forever.

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October

03 Barc Upchurch/Brad Watts
 05 Jed Anthony/Fran Jenkins
 07 David Lee/Sherye Nickerson
 10 Richie Wheatley/Kenny Miller
 12 Megan Miller/Mia Cranford/Peter Dietz
 14 Mike Henry/Bill Skelton
 17 Liz Connelly/Steve Shearer
 19 Cuck Duncan/Marvin Foster
 21 Brett Whitehead/David Fike
 24 Albert Pritchett/Anne Farwell
 26 Megan Cook/Lonnie Green
 28 Mike Kopen/Dana Newman
 31 Curry Wilford/David Anthony



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