

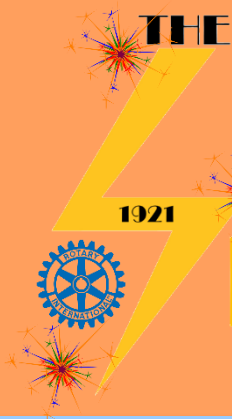
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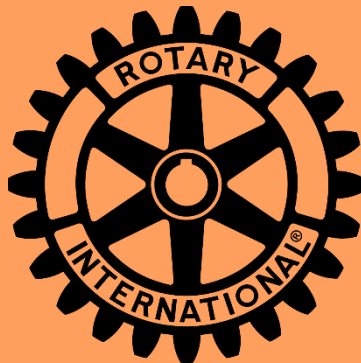
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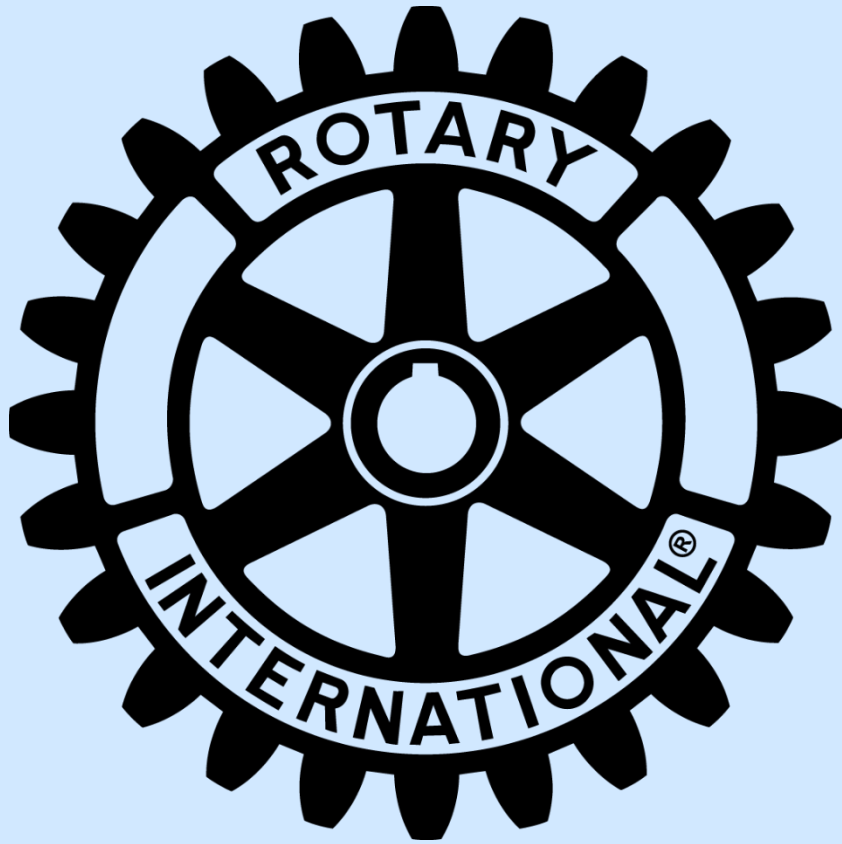
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“Too many ifs and whereases to inflict upon the lady who lay close at hand, warm and invisible in the smaller hours of Monday, on one of the twenty-fifths of the many Septembers of my life. Should a man reach eighty, he has only had eighty Septembers. It does not seem like many said that way. It seems as if there are so few, each one should have been better used.”

Travis McGee

The Scarlet Ruse

John D. MacDonald ♦ 1973



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On September 1, 1921, the Rotary Club made history by becoming the first Rotary Club in the world in a town of fewer than 10,000 people. From its inception 102 years ago, it has been one of the leading Rotary clubs in the world. In 2004-2005, our club won an award for the best, most-significant Rotary Centennial project (Richards Memorial Park)– one of only a handful of such awards. How has this been possible? For over a century, Easton Rotarians have been ENGAGED. They've made a commitment to our club and community. It's a huge responsibility and honor, and to keep our enviable track record of engagement alive, each of us must do our part. Be at meetings and participate in or create projects. Your club, your fellow Rotarians, and those in need expect and deserve no less.



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Charles F. Broughman, Rotarian
President, The Rotary Club
Easton, Maryland

My dear Rotarian Broughman:

I bid you and the members of the Easton Rotary Club a most cordial welcome into the fellowship of International Rotary.

Your club has now become a working unit in a great movement which is wielding a tremendous influence for good throughout the world.

Rotary is trying to link up business with life and to bring home to the ordinary business or professional man the inspiring truth that his business or profession is his greatest opportunity to serve society. Rotary challenges him to give expression to his highest and best self through the ordinary channels of his business or professional enterprise.

Rotary believes that the true basis of all successful modern business is in the quality and quantity of service rendered and that to acquire and retain the friendship of one's competitors is not incompatible with business success.

In seeking membership in this organization your club has assumed the responsibility of upholding the principles and ideals of Rotary.

We want to assure you of our pleasure in having your club as a part of our organization and to offer you and our fellow Rotarians of Easton our best wishes and hearty cooperation.

With cordial greetings, believe me

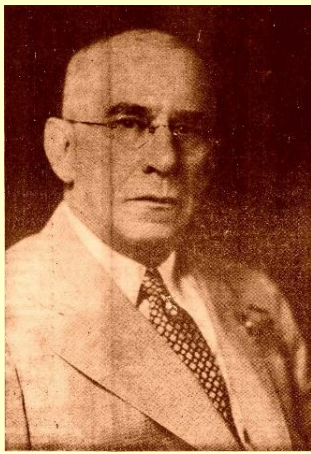
Yours sincerely and Rotarily,

Wm. M. Cullough

President

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Our club's welcome letter into the world of Rotary 102 years ago.



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Samuel Shannahan in 1942 and his grave at Spring Hill Cemetery on December 11, 2019

Sam Shannahan

In researching the history of the Rotary Club of Easton, I found the front page of *The Star Democrat* from Friday, December 11, 1942. It was devoted almost entirely to the death of Samuel E. Shannahan. Now Sam was a great many things to our community, and the outpouring of love for him was quite remarkable. First and foremost, he was the owner and editor of *The Star Democrat*, but he was also involved in nearly every civic activity in Easton and Talbot County. All of this is significant, but most significant for Easton Rotarians is that he was the “founder and father” of our club. Here’s what his contemporaries and fellow Rotarians said of him, in part, in a resolution that appeared on that front page:

It is as a Rotarian and as the founder of the Rotary Club of Easton that we, his fellow members, would especially stress the exemplary character and accomplishments of our distinguished fellow member whom we all (of whatever age) felt privileged to call familiarly and with affection, “Sam.”

More than twenty-one years ago, our fellow member, Sam, conceived the idea that the community of Easton would be materially benefitted if a Rotary Club might be organized here to comprise a cross section of the business and professional activities of the town.

Not only did he conceive this idea, but he also inspired others who were stimulated into the concerted action that culminated in the organization of this Rotary Club in Easton, whose purpose is best explained in its motto of “Service above Self.”

And the idea of improving local communities by improving standards of business and professional practices as fostered by Rotary Clubs which moved Sam to see to it that such a Club with such a salutary influence should be established here in Easton, resulted also in the creation, under his leadership, of several other Rotary Clubs in the towns of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Sam Shannahan is, therefore, not only the founder and father of the Easton Rotary Club but has also been given the well-deserved recognition of having promoted the ideal of service as a worthy motive in the several other communities on the Eastern Shore which have Rotary Clubs because of his interest and aggressive action.

He was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Easton Rotary Club for several years and is the only person to have been elected to serve as its president for two successive years.

Ever since the Rotary Club was organized, he has been a constant inspiration and guide in its growth and in its activities for community betterment.



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From the 1st Tee *With President Andrew*

The summer has certainly flown by! I hope all Rotarians have had time to enjoy themselves and enjoy quality experiences with friends and family. We all can get overburdened with our day-to-day responsibilities. Life is hard and doesn't ever seem to get easier. It is so important to try our best to enjoy the moments we have together because at the end of the day our time on this earth is short and if we are not having fun along the way what is the point!

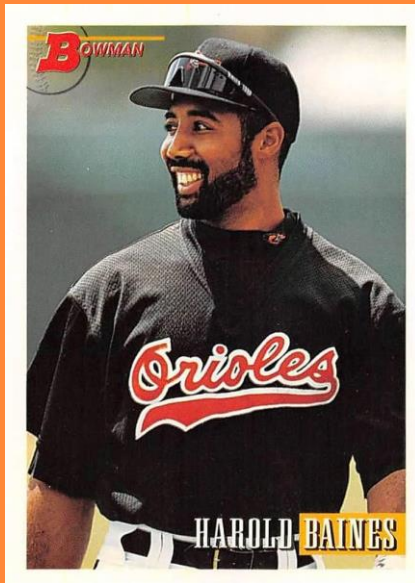
August has been a fun and productive month for our Rotary Club. We were blessed to have a great mix of speakers at our weekly meetings this month. These included Steve Osche of Easton Utilities who presented the solar incentives that Easton Utilities uses to conserve costs and ensure our town is always up and running. Jim Marvel and his ownership group presented the history and future plans for their new brewery in town, 4 Dogs Brewery & Pub. I look forward to trying many of the great options that 4 Dogs Brewery has to offer. Sarah Kilmon and Greg Mueller presented the communication plans for the Town of Easton and how they will use their relatively new positions to continue to spread the great works of our community. We ended the month with Katie Fox of Talbot County Public Schools who presented on Easton Elementary as a Community School. It is awesome to see the power of our community and how the Community Schools Program is used to partner with the local community to provide resources to those in need.

We will begin ramping up for our Holiday season incentives. This will begin with our Drop for Scotty Food Drive which will run from October through December. Food insecurity is such a need in our area, and I look forward to working together to collect as much food as possible for our community. The holiday season will end with Operation Christmas Spirit where will provide a meaningful and memorable Christmas day experience for those who may not have one otherwise.

I look forward to continuing to work with all our Rotarians to make a meaningful impact in our community.

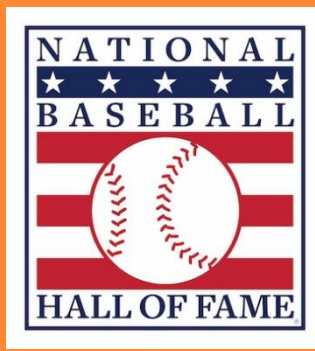
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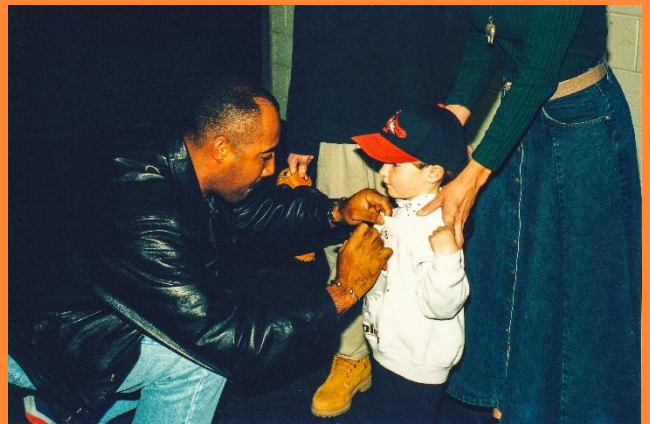
Harold Baines - Hero

What exactly is a hero? The Oxford Dictionary defines hero as “a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.” As Rotarians, when we look for inspiration to continue our service to others, we need look no further than Harold Baines. When we wonder whether we are up to the challenges life has to offer in Rotary and in our personal and work situations, Harold Baines stands as an example to us all. His Baseball Hall of Fame writeup is on the next page, but that’s only part of the story– the baseball part. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019, but if there were one, he would be in the Talbot County Hall of Fame, too. He grew up here and still lives here. He had a baseball career most players could only dream of. He’s the very definition of a “good man” and “hero.” Is he admired for his courage, outstanding achievements, and noble qualities? Absolutely. Although he is a “star,” he’s never acted as though he’s better than anyone else. In fact, it’s quite the opposite, and he never fails to share his love of baseball and life with anyone who asks. He’s always given back to his hometown. He’s the sort of person you just like to be around. His career was far from easy, but you never know that to watch him. He embodies Rotary’s 4-Way Test in dealing with others, and I’ve watched it firsthand during Little League games when my son was playing and at Easton Ford when he represented us for a while in the 1990s. He’s inspired me, and when he spoke with my son and his team, it was a magical thing to watch. How many times is a true baseball hero in our midst? And how many times is he a “regular guy?” Rarely. So, when he touches others, it means something, and that’s just what we as Rotarians can do if we do the same thing by lending a helping hand. And how cool is it that Harold Baines is President Andrew’s father-in-law? Wow!



Harold Baines - Class of 2019

At its most basic level, baseball is a hitter's game. Hits equal runs, and runs equal wins. And at every turn, Harold Baines parlayed his ability to hit into baseball stardom. "The guy could flat-out hit," said Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson. Baines began his professional baseball career as the No. 1 pick in the 1977 amateur draft by the Chicago White Sox. As the story goes, future Hall of Fame owner Bill Veeck first saw Baines at a Little League game when he was 12, then followed his career until he was eligible for the draft. "I must've had a pretty decent day in Little League that day," Baines said. Baines quickly worked his way through the White Sox system, surfacing in the majors in 1980 as young manager Tony La Russa was assembling a future division winner. By 1982, Baines – an outfielder – was receiving American League Most Valuable Player votes after hitting 25 homers and driving in 105 runs during that season. Over the following five seasons, Baines was named to three All-Star teams while averaging 22 homers and 97 RBI. He led the White Sox to the 1983 American League West title – the Sox's first postseason appearance since 1959. As he reached age 30, he quickly became a baseball version of lineup problem-solver. Traded to the Rangers in the middle of the 1989 season in the Sammy Sosa deal, Baines developed a reputation as a player who could help any team during the stretch drive – and one of the best designated hitters in the game. Baines appeared in 1,643 of his 2,830 big league games as a DH, making only 63 appearances in the field from 1989 until the end of his career. But from 1980-86, Baines played only five games at DH while establishing himself as one of baseball's most dependable right fielders. "I guess that's when I realized that it was a business," said Baines of the trade from the White Sox. "Everybody's not as fortunate as Cal Ripken to stay in one city his whole career." The Rangers sent Baines to the A's in 1990, where he helped Oakland win the American League pennant. Baines homered in the World Series against the Reds, but Cincinnati swept Oakland. "I had one goal: To get a World Series ring," said Baines, who hit .324 in eight Postseason series. "I never got there. On paper, we had a better team (than the Reds in 1990). So that'll tell you right there that you don't know." Baines moved to the Orioles for two seasons (1994-95), then back to the White Sox, back to the Orioles – then onto Cleveland before more stops with Baltimore and the White Sox – with whom he ended his career in 2001. The final tally: 2,866 hits and 1,628 RBI, to go along with 384 home runs, a .289 batting average and six All-Star Game selections. Baines was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2019.



Harold Baines at Easton Ford

January 1999

What an unbelievable day this was! It's hard to describe in words, but it's an experience I'll never forget, and neither will Kim and my kids.

George A. Hatcher, Jr.

Photo to left: Harold Baines, Lynn Hatcher, Kim Hatcher, & Georgie Hatcher



August 24, 2023 – Sherye Nickerson presents President Andrew the Heroes Blood Drive Award

Heroes Blood Drive

Conceived and executed by PEN Sherye Nickerson, the Heroes Blood Drive has been an unqualified success! Because of how her family has benefitted from life-saving blood donations, this is a true passion of hers. Sherye reports:

We as a District collected over 55 blood products for our community between January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023.

The breakdown of products: 33 Whole Blood ♦ 4 Double ♦ 18 Platelet donations

We had 19 clubs participate and two first time donors. One club had their own drive at the beginning of July. They had 30 donations from their drive.

We raised \$952 for the Blood Bank through individual and club monetary donations.

Division winners were based on membership size as of July 1, 2022. I calculated the number of donations over membership size to determine a percentage. Division winners are:

Extra Small – Denton

Small – Middletown Odessa Townsend

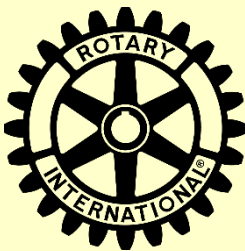
Medium – Camden Wyoming

Large – Cambridge

Extra Large – The Rotary Club of Easton!

I am extremely proud of the District's effort. I have presented plaques to each club to thank them for being heroes.

55 & 55



Tom Hill

On July 27, 1968, Tom & Cathy Hill were married, and on September 1, 1968, Tom joined the Rotary Club of Easton, both 55 years ago! Everyone knows Tom. A local Easton boy made good, it's impossible to properly articulate what he means to this community and what he has done for it. No one could do more- no one could mean more. You hope you live your life and leave the world better than you found it- for Tom, that hope is an understatement because he's done it all as a husband, father, businessman, public servant, and man of faith- a perfect role model and mentor- a perfect friend. Tom, thank you! You are a beacon to the rest of us, lighting our way in the darkness. The father you never knew, who gave his life for his country, is smiling down on you for all you've accomplished with grace, humility, and spirit. He- and we- could not be prouder. Congratulations!

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New members

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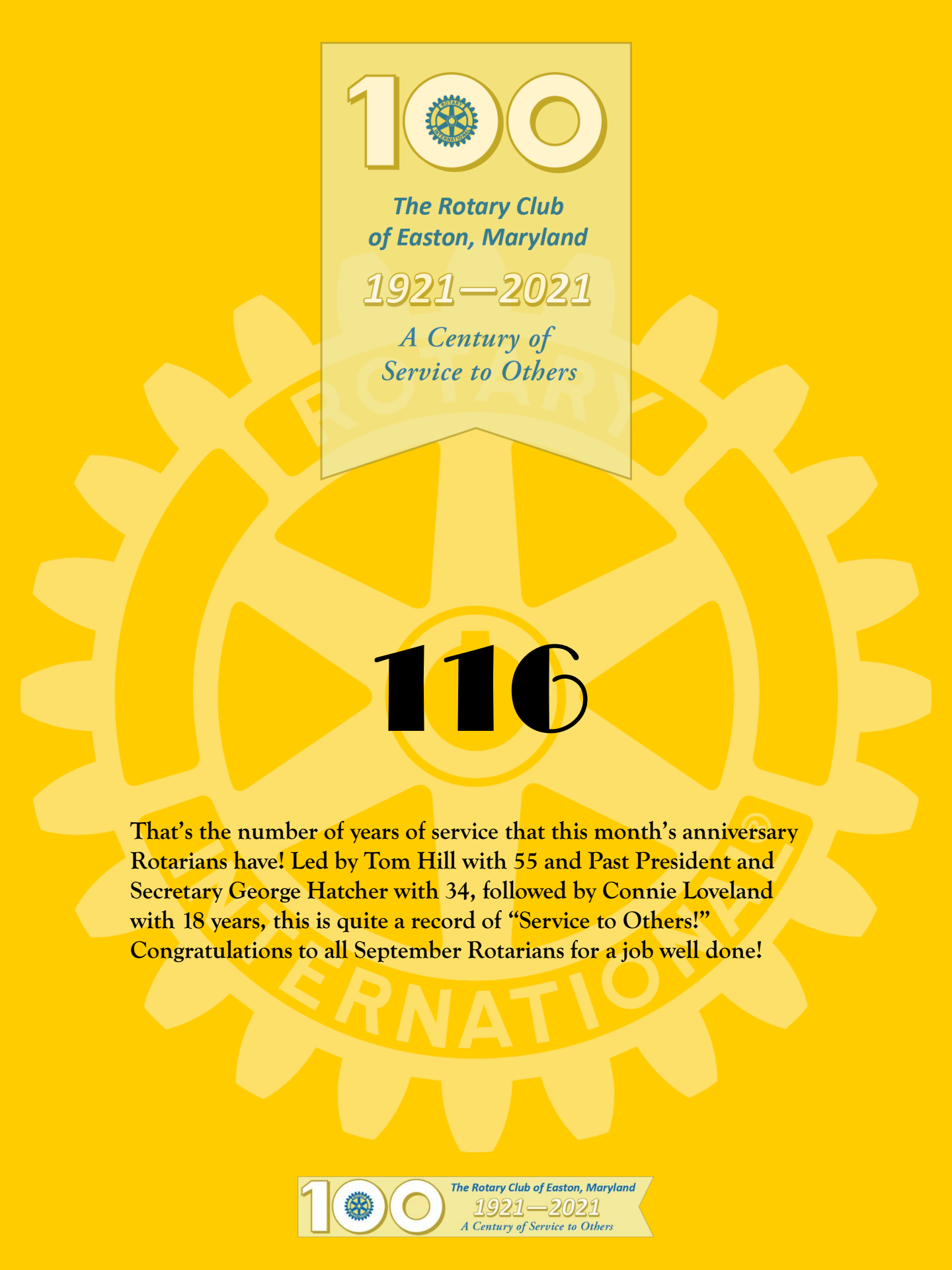
The Easton Rotary Club has inducted its first women members. They are (from left) Barbara Orti, executive director of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce and Linda Sullivan, executive director at the Academy of the Arts. Also inducted on Wednesday, Sept. 20 were (from the left) Mike Whelan, George Hatcher and Dr. Rick Heaton.

George Hatcher

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On September 20, 1989, I became a member of the Rotary Club of Easton, along with the first women to ever join our club. It was, and is, the biggest honor of my life. I've tried hard to live up to the Ideals of Rotary and the 4-Way Test and consider "Service above Self" to be the only way to look at living life. I am deeply humbled and grateful.



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That's the number of years of service that this month's anniversary Rotarians have! Led by Tom Hill with 55 and Past President and Secretary George Hatcher with 34, followed by Connie Loveland with 18 years, this is quite a record of "Service to Others!" Congratulations to all September Rotarians for a job well done!

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Anniversaries



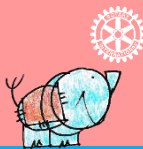
Casey & Jason Baynard

21 years – September 7, 2002



Casey's thoughts on her 21st

Jason and I met in middle school. We started dating our Junior year of high school. We have been together almost 29 years (October 16th) after he asked me to be his girlfriend at our Homecoming dance. We went to college together and eventually got married on September 7, 2002. In the last 21 years, our biggest accomplishment is that we have raised two wonderful sons who are now 18 & 19, and we have weathered all aspects of being totally different people at 44 than we were at 16. We enjoy traveling together and have seen ALL (30 of 30!) Major League Baseball parks and have traveled all over the country and beyond!



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!**

Richie & Martha Wheatley
32 years – September 14, 1991

May 19, 1991 The Sunday Star Page 3C

Weddings/engagements



ROBERT WHEATLEY JR. AND MARTHA CODD



Codd-Wheatley

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Codd of Mt. Airy have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha, to Robert Wheatley Jr., son

of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheatley of Easton.

Miss Codd, a 1987 graduate of Loyola College, is employed as a claims representative with State Farm.

Mr. Wheatley is a 1987 graduate of Western Maryland College and a student at Johns Hopkins University. He is a loan officer for Margaretten and Company.

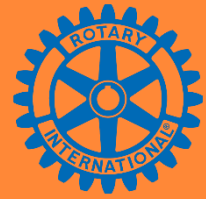
A September wedding is planned.



Albert & Jennifer Pritchett

34 years

September 30, 1989



Page 6C The Sunday Star July 30, 1989

engagements/anniversaries



JENNIFER WATSON AND CHARLES PRITCHETT

Watson-Pritchett

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Watson of St. Michaels have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennnifer Lynn, to Charles Albert Pritchett, son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Pritchett of Easton.

Miss Watson is a 1983 graduate of St. Michaels High School.

Mr. Pritchett is a 1985 graduate

of Easton High School and a 1989 graduate of Salisbury State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

A Sept. 30 wedding is planned.



Service above Self



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October's *Tidewater Times* ad. Easton Rotarian and *Tidewater Times* publisher, Anne Farwell, has generously donated monthly full-page ad space to the club. Thank you so much, Anne!



Service *about* Self???

Remember this story from last October's *Spark* about the Rotary Club of Hagerstown's misstatement of Rotary's motto of "Service above Self?" Well, my brother-in-law just found the program! Indeed- what a difference a word makes!

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:

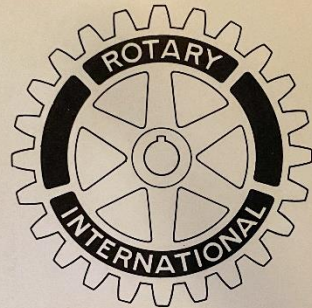
SERVICE *"ABOUT"* SELF

What a difference a word makes!



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

Seventy-Five Years of Service About Self



Rotary Club of Hagerstown, Maryland
DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY 1915-1990

HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST



Upcoming Special Easton Rotary Events



November & December. *Drop for Scotty*. This is a MAJOR club project. We need ALL Easton Rotarians to help. Please contact Connie Loveland at 410-829-0188.



Thursday, November 16, 2023. Weekly meeting but at the YMCA. *Flags for Heroes Luncheon*.

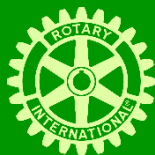


December. *Operation Christmas Spirit*. This is another MAJOR club project. We need ALL Easton Rotarians to help. Please contact Frank Gunsallus at 410-330-6795



ACADEMY
ART
MUSEUM

Wednesday, December 20, 2023. *Easton Rotary Christmas Party* at the Academy Art Museum. More details soon.





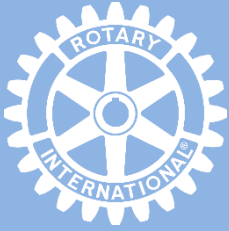
The Youth & Community Fund sponsored the PanCan Twilight 5K on August 26, 2023, at Hog Neck Golf course to support Pancreatic Cancer research. Led by St. Michaels Rotarian, Bill Shrieves, who is a pancreatic cancer survivor, it was a big success with almost 100 participants!



PanCan Twilight 5K

August 26, 2023





**Coming
Soon!**



The Rotary Club of St. Michaels (our sister club) will soon begin raffling this gorgeous 1966 Mustang convertible. PLEASE support this major fundraiser by buying as many tickets as possible.

Go to <http://www.rotarystm.org/> .

Thank You!!!



September Meetings

07 – **Stephan Able** – Ferry Cove Shellfish

14 – **Brad Miller** – Merrill Lynch

21 – **Amy Kreiner** – Chamber of Commerce

28 – **Kim Coble** – League of Conservation Voters

September Anniversaries

55 – Tom Hill – 09/01/1968
34 – George Hatcher – 09/20/1989
18 – Connie Loveland – 09/28/2005
04 – JB Spear – 09/05/2019
03 – Abby Graves – 09/21/2020
02 – Candace Henry – 09/02/2021

September Birthdays

07 Kelly Griffith
09 Christine DuFour
13 Kenny Miller
16 Megan Miller
19 Amy Kreiner
22 Blenda Armistead
22 Brenda Forbes Butler
29 Lisa Felts

Wedding Anniversaries

07 Casey & Jason Baynard
14 Richie & Martha Wheatley
30 Albert & Jennifer Pritchett

Partner Birthdays

03 Kathy Dawkins
12 Shari Ochse

Invocation Leaders

07 – Sherye Nickerson
14 – George Hatcher
21 – Brad Watts
28 – Dina Daly

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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.

MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA September

01 David Fike/Christine DuFour/Steve Shearer
04 Closed for Labor Day
06 Fran Jenkins/Peter Dietz
08 Mike Henry/Marvin Foster/Brett Whitehead
11 Richie Wheatley/Marvin Foster/Brad Watts
13 Buck Duncan/Megan Cook/Josh Clow
15 David Anthony/Kenny Miller/David Lee
18 Liz Connelly/Barc Upchurch/Christine DuFour
20 Sharon Pepukayi/Taryn Chase/Megan Cook
22 Mike Kopen/Gary Yeatman/Dana Newman
25 Albert Pritchett/Anne Farwell/Steve Shearer
27 Jed Anthony/Fran Jenkins/Mia Cranford/Megan Miller
29 Barc Upchurch/Kenny Miller/Brett Whitehead



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Easton Rotary Memories

First-Ever Induction at Idlewild Park

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Abby Graves was inducted at Idlewild Park on September 21, 2020, marking the first time a Rotary Club of Easton induction was held there. Abby, who is now Treasurer, works for Shore United Bank, and her proposers were Fran Jenkins and Pat Fitzgerald. What a great addition to our club and what a great tribute to our club and President John Flohr for continuing at a time when many organizations just closed down.



REMEMBER



September 11, 2001