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ELLICOTT CITY, MD



# 2020-2021 Annual Report



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## President's Note

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City has proudly served our community for 81 years! As we prepare to end another Kiwanis service year, it is important to recognize the work that we have done in our community as we strive to improve the lives of children. This year was difficult to navigate due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we did not let that stop our service to the community, innovative fundraisers, or the establishment of critical partnerships. We worked together as a family from day 1 to day 365, all for the betterment of Ellicott City and the greater Howard County community. I could not be more proud of our club for the efforts we put forth this year! It was an extreme pleasure to serve as your club president, alongside a fantastic Board of Directors. As we reflect on the past year, we must also look to the coming year, as there will always be more work to be done!

In Kiwanis Spirit,

*Jennifer L. Hiscock*

## 2020-2021 Club Goals

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1. Uniting the citizens of Howard County together in service
2. As an organization, be committed to helping Howard County youth
3. Feeding children in our community
4. Helping our SLP clubs weather the pandemic to remain strong and in existence beyond 2021
5. Partnering with the SLP clubs we sponsor to perform at least two service projects together this year
6. Adding five new club members in order to expand our reach into the community
7. Make proper investment decisions that will provide both income and growth
8. To be better known in Howard County
9. Strive to be an organization that is known for its inclusive nature

## 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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President - Jennifer Hiscock

President-Elect - Vacant

Secretary - Mark Wendell

Treasurer - Rich Funke

Immediate Past President - Courtney Walton

Director - Warren Letzsch

Director - Bob Martin

Director - Margie Gardner

Director - Michael Ball

## 2020-2021 Committee and Project Chairs

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Partnerships and Service Projects - Bob Martin

Fundraising, Promotions, and Marketing - Courtney Walton

Membership - Jennifer Hiscock

Service Leadership Programs - Joshua Hiscock

Finance - Rich Funke

Financial Review - Len Hart

Scholarships - Mark Wendell

Nominations - Courtney Walton

Adopt a Road - Len Hart

Backpacks for Breaks - Josh Hiscock

Christmas Party - Kennette Mitchell

Cub Scout Pack 838 Charter Organization Representative - Len Hart

Girls on the Run - Courtney Walton

Kiwanis Reading Room - Josh Hiscock, Bob Martin, and Sherry Trochta

Wine in the Woods - Michael Ball

80th Charter Anniversary - Jennifer Hiscock

Service Leadership Club Kiwanis Advisors - Michael Ball, Bob Martin, Jennifer Hiscock, and Josh Hiscock

## Membership

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*An \* indicates those who were new members to our club during the 2020-2021 service year.*

Michael Ball

Jim Blake

Kristen Byrnes

Michael Byrnes

Patrick Curran \*

Lisa Feinman

Zena Fesseha

Elizabeth Fitch

Rich Funke

Margie Gardner

Len Hart

Jenn Hiscock

Josh Hiscock

Gus Katsampis

Frank Kelly

Warren Letzsch

Bob Martin

Jay Massey

Mack McLellan

Guv Mitchell

Kennette Mitchell

Jean Scarburgh

Stephanie Schindler \*

Harry Slade

Beth Stolte \*

Steve Stolte \*

Sherry Trotcha \*

Benita Walls

Courtney Walton

Mark Wendell

Andrew Wong

# October 2020

## 80th Chartering Celebration - October 5th

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City gathered to say "Cheers to 80 years!" Celebrations included a review of our service through the decades, which was presented by various past club presidents, awarding Jean Scarburgh with the Legion of Honor for 30 years of Kiwanis service and recognizing Joshua Hiscock as the club's 2019-2020 Kiwanian of the Year. Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Krista Latchaw retired our 2019-2020 Board of Directors and installed our 2020-2021 Board.



## Kiwanis ONE Day - October 24th

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Kiwanis ONE Day is an annual observance where members of Kiwanis, K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club, CKI, and Aktion Club come together to perform service and strengthen our bonds as a Kiwanis family. The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City completed three online service projects with members of Key Club. Participants created recycled dog toys, tray favors for Meals on Wheels, and thinking of you cards for shut-ins.

## Trunk or Treat - October 31st

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Club members joined Cub Scout Pack 838 as one of the treat stations during their first annual Trunk or Treat event. It was a spooktacular time and the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City members cannot wait to attend again!





# November 2020

## Virtual Beer Tasting - November 12th

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For the first time ever, the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City partnered with Manor Hill Brewing to conduct a virtual beer tasting. Club member Courtney Walton was instrumental in the success of the event through her involvement as our fundraising chair. Attendees were able to sample four different beers specific to Manor Hill while learning about the brewing process, the unique characteristics of each, and the history of Manor Hill Brewery. The club had 26 tickets purchased for the event and made \$350 on this fundraiser. All of the money went back to our direct service efforts in Ellicott City and the greater Howard County community.



# December 2020

## **Club Holiday Party - December 7th**

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Club member Kennette Mitchell worked hard to plan a fantastic holiday celebration that included trivia through the decades, which was a fierce competition between each of the teams. A great time was had by all who were in attendance!

## **Backpacks for Breaks - Winter Edition**

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After months of planning and preparation, members of our Kiwanis club gathered to execute our winter installment of *Backpacks for Breaks*, our signature service project designed to address food insecurity in our community.

On Monday, December 14, a group of ten members and special guests met at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City to fill 150 backpacks with 11 days of meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks). That totals over 4,950 meals! The group made quick work of the project, doing all of the packing in around three hours.

On Friday, December 18, members transported the backpacks to Cradlerock Elementary School for distribution to local children from Cradlerock ES and Lake Elkhorn MS. It was a chilly day, but members persevered through the cold to hand out the bags to families during the special drive-thru event. Thanks to a generous donation from the Coastal Companies, members packed 3,000 pieces of fresh fruit into 150 reusable grocery bags. This provided a healthy addition to our club's offering.

A number of our members participated in some portion of this signature service project and were joined by prospective members, members of the Key Club at Glenelg High School, and two members of the Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club.



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# January 2021

## Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club Charter Celebration - January 10th

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City was proud to sponsor and host the charter night ceremony for the Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club. It was our pleasure to celebrate this amazing group of 18 individuals as they joined our Capital District Kiwanis family. It is with great pride that we grew our family and provide 36 more hands to service, not only here in Division 4 of the Capital District, but all over the United States!



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CAPITAL - NEXT  
GENERATION E-CLUB

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - January 18th

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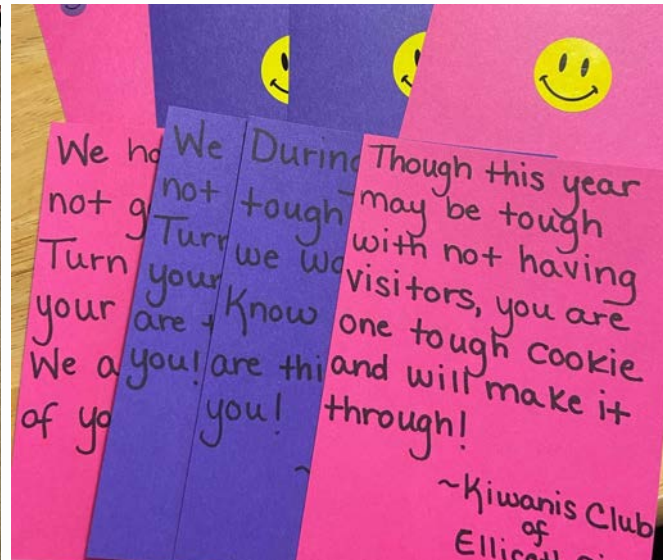
The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was the 26th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. In celebration, 15 club members assembled hand warmers that were made out of socks and dry rice, which were donated to the cold weather shelter in Howard County. Each club member requested a handwarmer kit that was dropped off at their house. The hand warmers could be made at their leisure during a two-week period. On January 18th, club members met at the Old Mill Cafe in Ellicott City for coffee, pastries, and to collect all of the assembled warmers.



# February 2021

## Thinking of You Thursday - February 4th

Club members, as well as students from our Key Clubs, youth from our Cub Scout Pack 838, and members of the Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club gathered together on Zoom to create thinking of you cards for residents at Brighton Gardens of Columbia, a senior living center. No matter the level of artistic ability, all of those in attendance had a great time while creating beautiful cards.



# March 2021

## Trivia Membership Social - March 15th

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Back by popular demand after the club's holiday party, host Kennette Mitchell lead our members through another competitive trivia match! This time the questions were general and it was anyone's game. It was certainly a nail-biter, as it was a very close game until the last question!

## Backpacks for Breaks - Spring Edition

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In early April, our club members were joined by members and advisors from the Key Clubs at Glenelg High School and River Hill High School to complete another installment of its signature Backpacks for Breaks service project in collaboration with the Howard County Public School System. Members filled 150 backpacks for students experiencing food insecurity, providing a total of 2,250 meals. In total, 23 members of our Kiwanis family were involved in assembling our backpacks.

Of special note, members of the Key Club at River Hill HS and the student organization *Hawks Fight Hunger* collected over 1,400 individual food items for us to give to families. Thanks to the generosity of Coastal Sunbelt Produce, the club was also able to pack reusable grocery bags with over 2,250 pieces of fresh fruit for our backpack recipients.

This project was made possible by individual donors in Howard County and around the country, as well as a generous grant from the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation. Our club raised over \$1,000 in individual donations in March for this project and over \$3,700 in total this year. Many of these donations were from individuals who are not members of our club.



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# April 2021

## Easter Egg Hunt to Go - April 3rd

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Another innovative fundraiser that our club completed this year was "Easter Egg Hunts to Go." We assembled and sold pre-filled plastic Easter eggs, ready to be hidden without any hassle or prep. Each dozen of eggs was filled with an assortment of individually wrapped candy. We received terrific feedback and certainly look forward to hosting the fundraiser again in the Spring of 2022.



## Spring Adopt A Road Clean Up - April 17th

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Our club has been a longtime partner of the Howard County Adopt a Road program, and we have taken great pride in keeping our stretch of Old Columbia Pike clean! Our club members always look forward to seeing what new treasures we may find in our quest to clean up the shoulders of the road. During our spring clean-up, club member Sherry Trotcha found the best treasure yet - an entire garage door motor!



## Do Good Service Month - April 18th

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April is "Do Good Service Month," an initiative sponsored by the University of Maryland. Our club partnered with other local non-profits in Howard County, including Howard County Terps Alumni Network, Food on the 15th, Kindness Pantry, Lion's Club, Columbia Town Center Rotary, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church to collect non-perishable foods, school supplies, and eyeglasses.

# May 2021

## Annual Business Meeting - May 3rd

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Every May, our club participates in the Kiwanis International annual youth protection training, receives an update on our club investments managed by Edward Jones, and elects our incoming Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 elected Board members who will be leading our club as of October 1, 2021!



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**2021-2022 Board of Directors**

Director-Designates: Andrew Wong, Margie Gardner, Michael Ball, and Bob Martin

Immediate Past-President: Courtney Walton

Treasurer-Designate: Rich Funke

Secretary-Designate: Mark Wendell

President-Elect-Designate: Benita Walls

President-Designate: Jenn Hiscock

We are excited to serve our club and community!

## Kiwanis Membership Month Donut Social - May 22nd

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Kiwanis International celebrates membership month in May, although our members are terrific and should be celebrated every day! Each and every member of our club is pivotal to our success and ability in providing service, as we strive to change the lives of children within our community.

For a fun celebration, club members gathered for donuts and coffee at a local park based on President Jenn's phrase of, "I donut know what we would do with you!"



**"I Donut Know  
What We Would  
Do Without You!"**



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# June 2021

## Division Four Kiwanis Picnic - June 14th

Club members Andrew, Benita, and Josh represented our club at the Division 4 picnic, the first in-person interclub opportunity since February of 2020. Representatives also attended from the Kiwanis Clubs of Crofton, Commodore Mayo, Severna Park, and the Capital - Next Generation e-Club. As one of the first official in-person Kiwanis gatherings since the start of COVID-19, the event was a huge success.





# July 2021

## In-Person General Membership Meeting - July 5th

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For the first time since March of 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City held an in-person general membership meeting at Centennial Park. Club members were encouraged to bring the food of their choice and to partake in a social before the membership meeting. There was great weather, awesome company, and even a nearby bagpipe player who serenaded us throughout the evening. It was wonderful to see everyone in person again! We even used the opportunity at the park to put out our club's large, vinyl banner to capitalize on the ability to promote Kiwanis.



# August 2021

## Service Leadership Programs Club Leaders Summit - August 24th

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Key Club and Circle K officers, as well as Kiwanis Advisors, gathered together for the opportunity to kick-start the SLP year. Attendees set expectations of themselves as a club and of our club as their sponsor. It was an excellent opportunity to network and plan for a great school year!

## Back to School Supply Drive - August 25th

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Our club partnered with the Howard County Public School System for the "Set for School - Back to School" service project. We provided school supplies for 48 students at Mayfield Woods Middle School. The supplies were distributed at a special event that afforded students an opportunity to select items and assemble their own backpacks. Our members were joined by students from the Key Clubs at Glenelg High School and Marriotts Ridge High School, as well as members of the Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club. We are proud of this new project and look forward to continuing it in the years ahead!



## Garden Assistance for Community Action Council of Howard County - August 28th

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The Community Action Council of Howard County has been an excellent partner with the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City. Club members were able to assist at their community garden and harvested tomatoes, green peppers, and green beans. Members also tried to squish the bean leaf beetles that were starting to infest and damage the plants.



# September 2021

## Fall Adopt a Road Clean Up - September 18th

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The turning of the leaves and drop in temperature signaled that it was time again for us to clean up our stretch of Old Columbia Pike. This time, club members collected five bags of trash and a heavy-duty towing chain. You never know what you are going to find alongside the road, but it always makes for great memories!

## Kiwanis Reading Room at HopeWorks of Howard County - September 26th

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City designed and installed a reading room at one of the safe house facilities operated by HopeWorks of Howard County. Our club members were joined by members of the Kiwanis Club of Capital - Next Generation e-Club, as well as members of the Key Club at Glenelg HS. The Key Club students created beautiful handpainted canvases that are hung on the walls of the space to brighten the room. There are also three buddy book benches, four bookcases, four bean bag chairs, a kid's table and chair set, two adult lounge chairs, and almost 1,000 books in the space. The room will play a role in comforting children during a time of tremendous stress and transition.





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# Partnerships

## 2020-2021 Community Grant Recipients

The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City is committed to living out our mission, which is “to improve the lives of youth, families and the communities in Howard County and to support Kiwanis International in their mission throughout the world.” In order to expand and carry out our mission, the club offers grant funding to local non-profit organizations in the Howard County community that focus on children and improving their lives. This is accomplished through an established community grants program that started during the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year.

The following organizations received a combined total of \$5,500 through our grants program during the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year:

- Bright Minds Foundation
- Building Families for Children
- Community Action Council of Howard County
- Days of Taste, Howard County, Taste Wise Kids
- NeighborRide of Howard County
- Special Olympics of Maryland
- Voices for Children/CASA



# Partnerships

## 2020-2021 Partnerships

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City continued or established a service or financial partnership with the following organizations this year:

Capital District Kiwanis Foundation

Chesapeake Math and IT Elementary School

Coastal Sunbelt Produce

Community Action Council of Howard County

Cub Scouts Pack 838

Deaf Camps

Girls on the Run

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

Help End Homelessness of Howard County

HopeWorks of Howard County

Howard County 4-H

Howard Community College

Howard County Government

Howard County Hospital

Howard County Public School System

Atholton High School

Bryant Woods Elementary School

Centennial High School

Cradlerock Elementary School

Glenelg High School

Marriotts Ridge High School

Mayfield Woods Middle School

Mount Hebron High School

River Hill High School

Kiwanis Children's Fund

Springfield Hospital Center

The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis Children's Fund, Kiwanis International

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Wreaths Across America



# Scholarships



## Key Club Scholarship Recipient

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Ethan Barajas was our club's 2021 scholarship winner! Ethan attended Glenelg High School (GHS) where he most recently served as Co-President of GHS's Key Club. Other activities that kept him busy included Robotics Club and Varsity Soccer. His awards and honors are endless, but to name a few: Robotics FRC Regional Champ, Key Club Distinguished Vice President Award, and the Outstanding Leadership Award.

Ethan served his community by being a camp counselor for the OBGC Soccer Club, creating STEM kits for virtual participation in a STEM Outreach program, and designing/printing 3D face shields for frontline workers during the pandemic.

In Ethan's essay, he outlined how much community service has played a role in his life and his deep desire to positively impact someone's life. To quote him, "To me, community service is forging forever friendships with people you have never met before. To me, community service is a lifelong lesson in humility that strengthens character. To me, community service is a reminder we all matter and we all have the power to make a difference in the world."

Ethan will attend the California Institute of Technology where he will be dual majoring in mechanical and electrical engineering. He is most excited to attend Caltech to be able to experience an internship at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) that is owned by NASA!

# Scholarships

## Howard Community College Endowment

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The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City has been a strong and committed supporter of Howard Community College students. Our club opened an endowment account with Howard Community College in September of 2000 with the goal of providing financial assistance to students in order to ease their ability to obtain a college education. Since that time, through an annual club donation, our endowment account now totals \$73,025 as of September 29, 2021!

Here is a letter that Melissa Matthey, Executive Director of the HCC Educational Foundation shared with our club during her presentation in April 2021:

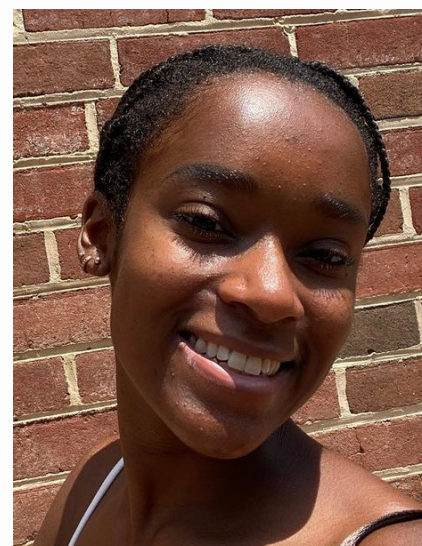
*"I write to you today to express my profound gratitude for the recognition and support you have shown me in my path to educational success. I am filled with gratitude and I am humbled that my work has been recognized and that you have in your free will chosen to help me with my education in the form of a scholarship. I have dreams of going further in my educational career and someday wish to become a pharmacist or a nurse practitioner. This scholarship fund will go a long way to see to it that my dreams become a reality. The scholarship funds have taken away a lot of the burden off my shoulder and have helped make it easier to focus even more on my education, and have enough time to study. I intend to do my possible best to keep up the good work and achieve greater heights. With your noble gesture, the dreams of this young girl from Cameroon will become a reality. Thank you so much. I will not let you down."*



# Awards and Recognition

## Teenager of the Year

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The 2021 recipient of the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City's Teenager of the Year Award was Riley Macon, a senior at Reservoir High School. She was on the Principal's Honor Roll every quarter since her freshman year (2017) and earned all A's every quarter. She completed high school with a 4.0 GPA. Riley was well-rounded in her activities and was named a Scholar-Athlete every sports season since freshman year, having maintained a 4.0 GPA every quarter. In 2020, Riley was named an AP Scholar with Distinction after receiving a score of 5 on five AP exams.

Outside of the classroom, Riley was highly engaged in her school and the local community. In September 2019, Riley founded the student group Young Activists and spent many hours each week working with this group. Riley started Young Activists to pursue community service initiatives and promote social justice within her school and the greater Howard County region. Through her work with Young Activists, she held voter registration drives yielding 98 new voters for the 2020 election. She also organized and executed donation drives resulting in 900 items worth over \$2,800.

Starting in June 2019, Riley served as an intern for the Howard County Council. In June 2020, Riley founded Howard County Students for Equity. In addition to all of this, Riley also served as a co-founder and lead member of the group Active Minds. She was also a lead member of the group Youth In Conversation and the creator of a podcast called "Too Many Adults in the Room." Riley was the captain of both the Reservoir HS Varsity Women's Lacrosse Team and the Varsity Women's Field Hockey Team. Riley was also part of the Varsity Track & Field team.

Riley was also named the recipient of the 2021 Capital District Kiwanis Division 4 Teenager of the Year Award.

# Awards and Recognition

## Howard County Public School System Friends of Education, 2021

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The Friends of Education Award was established in 2001 to salute exemplary volunteer contributions of time and talent that directly support academic achievement and safe learning environments for the HCPSS. The Howard County Board of Education recognized the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City with its prestigious Friends of Education Award during its Board meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021. As part of our recognition, the following was shared about our

club: "The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City has been passionate in its support for Howard County students since the club was chartered in 1940. Members of the club provide extensive support for students through multiple commitments, including sponsorship of Key Clubs at Atholton, Centennial, Glenelg, Marriotts Ridge, Mt. Hebron and River Hill high schools, through which hundreds of student participants contribute many hours of service to the community each year. Additionally, the Kiwanis Club sponsors the Backpacks for Break service initiative with Cradlerock Elementary School and Lake Elkhorn Middle School, as well as a Terrific Kids recognition program at Bryant Woods Elementary School."





# Awards and Recognition



## Walter Zeller Fellowship

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During the annual business meeting on May 3, 2021, the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City awarded its final Walter Zeller Fellowship to Past President Len Hart.

Len is the club's charter representative to Cub Scout Pack 838, which our club sponsors. Len is also a past chair of the Service Project and Partnerships Committee, as well as a past chair of the Nominating Committee. He is currently chair of the Financial Review Committee. Len is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City, during which time he led our engagement with new community charities and strengthened our administrative processes which have improved our readiness for the more demanding financial environment we are in. Further, Len serves as the project chair for our Adopt-a-Road program.

The Eliminate Project, a partnership between the Kiwanis family and UNICEF, has achieved near total worldwide eradication of maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). The Walter Zeller Fellowship is one of the means employed by the Kiwanis Children's Fund to ensure the success of The Eliminate Project. According to Kiwanis International, each Walter Zeller Fellowship, which costs \$1250, saves or protects more than 690 women and their future babies.

Since 2011, the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City has purchased one Zeller Fellowship each year in recognition of a single member's sustained contributions. Selection is made by the club's existing Zeller Fellowship and Hixson Award recipients.

# Awards and Recognition

## Capital District Distinguished Club

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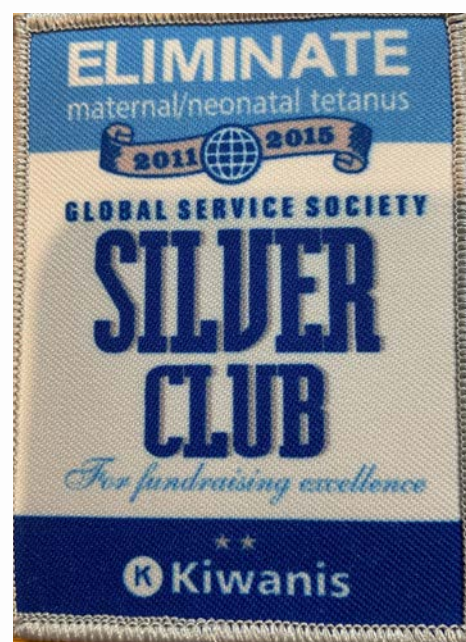
The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City was named a Distinguished Club for the 2019-2020 service year by the Capital District of Kiwanis International. Congratulations to Past President Courtney Walton, the Board of Directors, and all club members for their passionate service and leadership, all of which led to our club achieving this honor. Even COVID-19 could not keep our club from doing our best to serve the community!

## Kiwanis Children's Fund Silver Club

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Kiwanis International has been fighting maternal and neonatal tetanus since 2010 when the organization partnered with **UNICEF** through The Eliminate Project. During that campaign, which officially concluded on December 31, 2020, Kiwanis worldwide raised money for lifesaving vaccines, health education, and safe birth environments, to allow millions of women to give birth without fear of their babies dying from this horrible disease. Through fundraising efforts over the last ten years, maternal and neonatal tetanus has been eliminated from 27 countries with the help of Kiwanis International.

Annually, Kiwanis clubs are recognized for their contributions to The Eliminate Project. The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City is very pleased to have received silver level recognition for this past year, which indicates we fundraised and contributed at least \$25 per member to the effort!





# Awards and Recognition

## Legion of Honor

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The success of Kiwanis results from the strong and active service of thousands of Kiwanis-club members, many of whom make lifelong commitments to the organization. The Legion of Honor award recognizes those members who make notable and long-standing commitments to serving their communities. This past year, we were able to recognize two of our club members for providing 30 years of service to the community. **Congratulations to Ms. Jean Scarborough and Mr. Michael Byrnes!**



## Kiwanians of the Month 2020-2021

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October - Elizabeth Fitch

November - Courtney Walton

December - Kennette Mitchell

January - Rich Funke

February - Bob Martin

March - Benita Walls

April - Josh Hiscock

May - Warren Letzsch

June - Mark Wendell

July - Andrew Wong

August - Sherry Trotcha

September - Len Hart

The 2020-2021 Kiwanian of the Year award will be presented at our installation and recognition banquet on October 4, 2021.



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