

The first formal meeting was held on February 13, 1924, in the Peoples Bank Clubs under the leadership of M.S. Yoder and U.L. Light and was formally chartered on February 29 of that year.

The club also hosts community-building events throughout the year, such as speech and debate tournaments and organizing volunteers within the community to clean up trash around the streets of Barberton. The club has continued to support students through scholarships not only in Barberton but in neighboring communities by providing more than \$5,000 in scholarships each year.

The Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Barberton are dedicated to ensuring the community of Barberton is clean, safe, and secure, and they are unwavering on their goal of helping members of Ohio's 13th Congressional District better themselves and their cities.

Again, congratulations to the Rotary Club of Barberton for 100 years of service to our community and being named as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

CELEBRATING 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA'S, ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Savannah, Georgia's, annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Public recognition of St. Patrick's Day in Savannah can be traced back to 1824 when the local paper, *The Georgian*, published an invitation encouraging all to attend the parade.

From then, the ceremony has grown to one of the largest in the Nation, drawing in locals and tourists alike to celebrate coastal Georgia's Irish heritage.

With great entertainment, including marching bands, traditional dancers, and decorated floats, the festival is filled with fun for all ages, and encourages community fellowship between families and friends.

I extend a special thank you to those responsible for making this celebration happen.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, local government agencies, and the city of Savannah work diligently year after year to make this a very special day.

The parade is one that many Savannahians, including myself, hold close to our hearts.

I look forward to the opportunity to witness and participate in this year's great celebration.

HONORING RAMONA FRADON

(Mr. RYAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true trailblazer, Ramona Fradon, who recently passed away at the age of 97.

One of the country's first female comic artists, Ramona was world-renowned for her illustrations at D.C. Comics, where she created and contributed to characters like Aquaman and *Metamorpho*.

As an independent comic, she was an inspiration to female artists around the world as the illustrator for the iconic feminist character, Brenda Starr, Reporter.

Beyond her work as a comic, Ramona was a powerful advocate for seniors and people throughout our community in Ulster County, especially in her efforts to protect and strengthen Medicare.

She was a true force and the overwhelming outpouring of support from literally across the world following her passing highlights the exceptional legacy that Ms. Fradon leaves behind.

My thoughts are with her daughter, Amy, and all of her family and friends throughout our community and across the country.

May we all take a moment to remember Ramona and hopefully to enjoy a couple of her comics.

HONORING JIM EHMKE

(Mr. MOLINARO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Ehmke, who is celebrating his 25th year with NewsChannel 34 in Binghamton, New York.

For a quarter century, families in Broome County and across the Southern Tier have welcomed Jim into their homes. With his distinct and familiar voice, Jim has shared stories of community triumph, given voice to the voiceless, and guided us through tragedies and moments of uncertainty.

Outside the demands of the newsroom, Jim still finds time to volunteer on the board of the annual Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally and supports the greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce's Broome Leadership Institute. In this past year, he was guest narrator for the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra's holiday concert.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Ehmke, the dean of Binghamton broadcasting for his remarkable career and his life of service.

We wish Jim a happy anniversary.

CELEBRATING 314 DAY

(Ms. BUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise in celebration of 314 Day, founded by Young DIP, celebrated across St. Louis on March 14—314, which is our area code.

On 314 Day, we celebrate our amazing sports teams and passionate fans, from the St. Louis Cardinals, Blues, CITY Soccer Club, Battlehawks, Surge, as well as our college and high school teams.

On 314 Day, we indulge in toasted raviolis, Imo's Pizza, Red Hot Riplets, and our Chinese food and Vess soda.

On 314 Day, we enjoy artists and creators rooted in St. Louis, like Nelly, the St. Lunatics, Tina Turner, Scott Joplin, Michael McDonald, Maya Angelou, and Cbabi Bayoc.

Most importantly, on 314 Day, St. Louis is gathered together to bask in the love and the pride that we have for our community. To be from St. Louis is to love St. Louis. Every day it is among one of my life's greatest honors to be your Congresswoman.

I love St. Louis. Happy 314 Day.

BRAIN HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

(Mr. LUTTRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Brain Awareness Week and the research, innovation, and advocacy taking place in the neuroscience space.

As a veteran who suffered a traumatic brain injury, I have sought out advanced degrees in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience to find answers and also help veterans to recovery from post-traumatic stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, and cognitive brain injuries sustained in battle, while also developing a further understanding of the brain and innovative treatments that can heal these injuries.

It is crucial that we inspire the next generation of neuroscientists to continue the research and advocacy that leads to innovative, natural, non-addictive solutions to cognitive disabilities.

This is the decade of the brain, to cure brain disorders.

As co-chair of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus and a neuroscientist by trade, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week and the contributions that thousands of dedicated scientists are making to unlock the mysteries behind the human brain.

NARGES MOHAMMADI, NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, this Women's History Month, I rise to recognize the impenetrable resolve and tremendous courage of the 2023 Nobel Prize Laureate, Ms. Narges Mohammadi.

A fierce advocate for Iranian women, Ms. Mohammadi has been arrested by Iranian authorities 13 times and sentenced to a total of 31 years' imprisonment and 153 lashes. Imprisoned most

recently in 2015, she has not seen her children for 8 years.

Ms. Mohammadi's advocacy is desperately needed in Iran, where the law views women as subhuman in every sense. If a car hits a pedestrian, the punishment for the driver and compensation to the victim are halved if the victim is a woman.

If Iranian women are caught in public without their headscarves, they face up to 10 years imprisonment. Let us applaud Ms. Mohammadi for her astounding courage.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD, on another freedom front, the Hungarian American Coalition's resolution, recognizing on March 12, 1989, 25 years ago, when Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic were officially admitted to NATO.

Today, more than 25 years has passed as we look at a strong NATO to promote Western democratic values and help us forge a more secure and united future for all who love liberty most.

[From Hungarian American Coalition, Mar. 12, 2024]

HUNGARIAN AMERICAN COALITION ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUNGARY'S NATO ACCESSION

WASHINGTON, DC.—On March 12, 1999, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were officially welcomed as members of NATO at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, the same location where Truman created the NATO Alliance in 1949. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright referred to Hungary stating, "the lands of King St. Stephen and Cardinal Mindszenty . . . reside fully and irrevocably in the Western community of nations . . .". Today, more than ever, a strong NATO is needed to promote Western democratic values and help us forge a more secure and united future for all.

The Hungarian American Coalition was founded as a response to the fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe. During the critical years of 1994–1999, Coalition leaders, along with their Polish and Czech counterparts, were proud to play an active role in the development of U.S. policy to expand NATO's security umbrella to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. Coalition leaders actively participated in policy meetings at the White House, testified at Congressional hearings, and organized three conferences across Hungary to educate the public on the benefits of NATO Membership prior to the national public referendum in 1997.

It is impossible to overstate the impact of NATO membership on Hungary's security, peace and prosperity over the past 25 years. The Coalition, through its membership in the Central East European Coalition (CEEC), has remained a committed advocate for the continued expansion of NATO to include countries that are committed to freedom, democracy, and the rule of law, including new members on six different occasions.

Today, NATO remains a vital institution for promoting transatlantic security and liberty throughout Europe and beyond. Long-term peace and security in Europe will only be ensured by NATO's collective strength and resolve against Russian aggression. Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine reminds the world, once again, of the fragility of peace.

As we commemorate the 25th anniversary of Hungary's accession, we look back with great pride on the role Coalition leaders played during this historic time. This year,

the world also celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of NATO itself. This presents an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the values we share, where Hungary and the United States remain strong allies dedicated to the ideals of Western democracy and a Europe whole and free.

CONGRATULATING NATHAN KEANE

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nathan Keane, a remarkable Montanan, who has dedicated his life to serving and advocating for grain growers throughout the Treasure State and across our country.

From farming with his father-in-law on their fourth generation family farm in Loma, Montana, to advocating for policies that benefit Montana farmers, Nathan has had the ability to truly represent and protect our way of life.

As past President of the Montana Grain Growers Association, Nathan has served as a board member, chair of the Domestic Policy Committee, and chair of the 2022 Annual Convention and Trade Show.

Nathan was elected to serve as secretary to the National Association of Wheat Growers, expanding his reach and amplifying his voice.

He proved himself to be an effective leader in shaping policy here on Capitol Hill and advocating for Montana grain growers.

I have had the unique opportunity to get to know Nathan and his passion for agriculture, and I have no doubt the National Association of Wheat Growers will thrive with Nathan as their new secretary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ITAY CHEN

(Ms. STEVENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of 19-year-old Itay Chen, an American-Israeli and citizen soldier who died in service to his country.

I was absolutely devastated yesterday to learn that Itay was not, as we thought, held hostage, but was killed on October 7 defending Israel's border from Hamas' brutal invasion.

I sat with Itay's father, Ruby, many times over these last 6 months. In fact, he gave me this very tag that reads, Bring Them Home, in both English and Hebrew.

We held out hope for 157 days that Itay would return home. This whole time Hamas has had his corpse as this war has raged on and as his parents have sat in darkness, and as we on the international stage and in this very Chamber have called for a return to the hostages.

Mr. Speaker, I am furious. I will not stop fighting.

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HONORING SUSAN GILLINGHAM

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate our Texas-24 Home-town Hero, Susan Gillingham, and her 50 years of service saving lives as a nurse.

Beginning her career as a secretary, Susan never imagined she would become a nurse, but after volunteering as a candy striper in a hospital, her passion for healthcare became evident. Turning that passion into a long and remarkable career at Baylor Scott & White-Grapevine, Susan says that just taking care of patients and hearing them say they had the "most wonderful care they could possibly have" makes her day.

To celebrate her incredible and ongoing legacy, the Baylor Scott & White hospital staff threw Susan a surprise party to thank her, demonstrating the enormous impact she has had in the lives of all those around her—though she said she doesn't need a tiara or a cake because nothing compares to the impact of taking care of her patients.

In the words of hospital president Naman Mahajan, Susan is "a testament," and, "It is all who we all aspire to be."

I am inspired by Susan's dedication to our community, and I thank her for the amazing care she has provided and continues to provide north Texans after five decades.

POSSIBLE CHANGES AT SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is a vital part of our national security and a major economic engine for eastern North Carolina, with an economic impact of over \$700 million annually.

As a United States Air Force veteran and House Armed Services Committee member, I visited the base in November to better understand its challenges, including possibly losing F-15E Strike Eagles without any replacement.

Since then, the Air Force has announced plans to eliminate at least one of four squadrons at Seymour Johnson as early as October.

Many in the community have expressed deep concerns about this, and I share their concerns as well. I look forward to meeting with the Air Force to explore alternatives.

STATE OF DELUSION SPEECH

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)