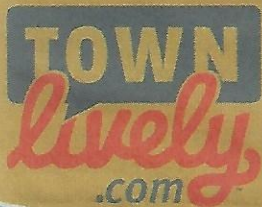




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Reist Popcorn Marks 100 Years

BY CAT SHANNON

From a modest \$1,500 investment, Reist Popcorn has grown into a multigenerational, international business that marks its 100th anniversary this year. It joins the rare air of just 0.5% of companies to reach the 100-year mark.

The Mount Joy company celebrated its success, honored customers and growers and highlighted milestones throughout the past century at a gala event held at Stone Gables Estate in Elizabethtown in September.

Community members; supporters from across the country; and customers from as far away as Japan, Argentina and the Middle

East came together to celebrate "100 Years of Popcorn," honoring a company that began with small-town roots.

"Let's raise our glass together to celebrate 100 years of popcorn magic and the people who make it possible - you," said president

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Discussing the history of Reist Popcorn Company are (from left) Mike Higgins, Dave Reist and Erin Higgins.

Concert Will Highlight Gospel, Harmony and Family

BY CAT SHANNON

The members of the Mark Dubbeld Family believe in spreading the Gospel through their music and testimony. Now you can catch a concert by the renowned band when the group performs at Reich's Evangelical Congregational Church, 338 Stackstown Road, Marietta. The concert will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12.



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FIA International Sets Annual Banquet

Friends in Action (FIA) International will host its annual awareness banquet twice. The first banquet will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. at Community Bible Church, 331 Anderson Ferry Road, Marietta, and an identical banquet will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. on Lebanon Valley Bible Church, 1482 Horseshoe Pike, Lebanon. FIA International is a faith-based non-profit in Middletown that exists to assist missionaries serving in areas of limited infrastructure by using construction projects to help them share the Gospel with unreached people groups.

Attendees at both banquets will enjoy a buffet with a dessert bar. The event's theme is "Engaging the Unreached, Bridging the Gap

for Eternity." Throughout the evening, guests will learn how God is bridging the gap between where the church is and where the Gospel needs to go.

The keynote speaker at both banquets will be Chris Clayman, executive director for Joshua Project. Joshua Project is a research initiative that highlights people groups around the world with the least access to the Gospel, equipping the body of Christ to strategically focus prayer, mission efforts, and resources where they are most needed. Guests will learn how FIA International's mission aligns closely with Joshua Project by physically supporting efforts to get the Gospel into hard-to-reach areas.

The banquet will include party favors and giveaways, and



Attendees learn about FIA International's mission at a previous year's banquet. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about FIA International by visiting the information table at the event or by speaking with staff members.

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Neighbors Sharing And Caring (NSAC) is designed to minister to women in the community. Each meeting begins with a light snack, song, devotions, prayer and ends with a message. This year's theme is "Grow in the Lord." We will feature a variety of speakers who will share personal stories about "Growing through" trials of being disabled to being orphaned; "Growing in" love, mercy and dependence; as well as how to add spiritual supplements and nourishment for our own growth.

Feel free to join us for any or all programs. Babysitting is provided for all preschool children. Please call if you need more info. We would love to see you at our opening brunch on October 14th!

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Mike Higgins, addressing the crowd of hundreds at the event. "To new memories and a future as bright as tonight."

The Reist Popcorn Company was established as the Reist Seed Company in 1925 by Alvin J. Reist on the family's 118-acre farm in Mount Joy.

Alvin's grandson, Dave Reist, worked for the company for 45 years, becoming president in 1994 before retiring in 2019. Today, Dave's son-in-law Mike operates two locations of the business in Mount Joy.

Over the past century, the company has weathered changing markets and economic setbacks but has persevered and thrived thanks to the dedication of its employees and the ability of its workforce to think outside the box, said Dave's daughter and Mike's wife, Erin Higgins, who served as the discussion moderator at the gala.

When the company began, it focused on delivering premium

farm seed to the Pennsylvania Road. The business moved into current headquarters on Manheim Street in 1928.

During the Great Depression, Reist expanded from seeds to popcorn, capitalizing on a thriving new industry as movie theaters and amusement parks became more and more popular. Alvin Reist served as president until 1977. In 1975, his son Henry joined the business. Under his leadership, the business modernized with new equipment and expansion of its Mount Joy headquarters. Henry led the company until 1994, when Dave took over, having joined the business in 1975. Under his guidance, in the 1980s, he shifted the company to focus entirely on popcorn, renaming it Reist Popcorn Company. He passed the company along to his son-in-law, who expanded the product line to include organic popcorn and grew the business to a global reach.

At the gala, members of the Reist family shared memories

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