

AUGUST

2011

DG BRENT'S BRIEFS

Greetings Rotarians! I hope everyone is staying cool in this withering heat. As hard as it is, we'll be longing for this come January!

August is Membership Month in Rotary and membership development and retention are our focus all year in District 6690. You – our members – are Rotary's most important asset. You make Rotary the biggest, best and most effective service organization in the world. Most

importantly, you are perhaps the greatest force for good in the world. The world needs Rotary! And we need to increase our ranks to meet the ever increasing need for our service both at home and around the world.

As you know our membership theme this year is **Our Members Are Our** Customers. Simply put, that means we want our clubs to find out why you are in Rotary and to provide you the experience you seek from your membership. For some it is service, locally or intenationally. For some, it's working with youth (New Generations) in schools, Youth Exchange, scholarships, etc. For some, it is networking (Vocational Service). And for some, it's social, furthering the great friendships we've made through Rotary. The point is, Rotary is a big tent, and Rotary service has many facets. No matter who you are or what your passion, there is a place for you in Rotary and there is a need for you in Rotary! And there is a place and a need for your friends and acquaintances in Rotary! Membership growth depends on every Rotarian, but it isn't complicated. Invite someone you know to a meeting. Then make sure they – and you – get actively engaged in your Club right away! If your club doesn't have a service or other project that you are interested in, go to your Club president and volunteer to start it up. Share your passions with others in the Club! Odds are you will find plenty of members who share your passion and will join in with you.

On September 24, we will be having our District's annual Foundation and Membership Seminar at OU-Lancaster. We will be providing practical, easy to implement tips and best practices on how each club can increase its membership, attract new members, and retain and re-vitalize current members. We will be focusing on whole club excellence, making clubs responsive to you members and your passions. Members Are Our Customers asks Clubs to serve their members; it doesn't ask members to serve outdated "traditions" which impede our mission and scare away members, especially potential younger members. So, yes, change is involved. Every living organism changes or dies. In a changing world, Rotary will adapt and become bigger and more effective. And we will help make that change happen.

Rotary has added so much to my life and to yours as well. I've met amazing people, "ordinary people" who are extraordinary humanitarians. With them, I've been involved in service projects that have improved lives of people who lacked the resources to help themselves. Together we have helped make this world a little better place. And I've gained a sense of purpose beyond my own selfish desires – all through Rotary. So have you! Why wouldn't we want our friends to have that experience as well? Why wouldn't we all want Rotary to remain a strong and active force for good in the world?

I look forward to seeing you all on September 24. It will definitely be worth your time!

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity! Reach Within to Embrace Rotary!

DG Brent is on the road in the official District 6690 limousine!



AUGUST MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH • 27th - Central Ohio Heart Walk (Capitol Square)

SEPTEMBER NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

- 1st Car Show to End Polio (Delaware)
- 2nd "First Friday" Networking Lunch (Columbus)
- 12th GSE Team Member Application DEADLINE
- 15th Cook's Creek Golf Scramble (Circleville)
- 24th FOUNDATION & MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
- 24th 14th Annual Cruise & Ride (Grove City)

See www.district6690.org for details on these events and to add yours!

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity





END POLIO NOW

Great news! Rotarians have raised almost \$190 million toward the \$200 million Challenge to match the \$355 million received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. So close! Every dollar we give to PolioPlus this year will help us reach this \$200 million match by June 30, 2012 – the end of this Rotary Year. It is crucial that fundraising efforts continue until polio is history!

DG Brent and I encourage all clubs to conduct a specific fundraiser for PolioPlus this year. Club fundraising events have included such diverse events as a bikeathon or walkathon, a special event (such as a dinner, wine tasting, or auction), golf tournament, a raffle, sale of a product (cookbooks, ties, mugs, etc.), and even Urbana Rotary's Acre of Corn club fundraiser described in the August 2011 issue of "The Rotarian."

As many of you know, late PDG Ram Gawande was a very strong supporter of PolioPlus. It would be a wonderful tribute to him for clubs and individual Rotarians to donate to PolioPlus in his memory.

The Dublin A.M. Club is planning an evening at the Columbus Crew soccer game on Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m.. This exciting event is a PolioPlus fundraiser and all District 6690 Rotarians are invited. Look at the District website for more information and plan to attend!

As Kalvan Baneriee, RI President, recently wrote: "Of course, our greatest obligation is to PolioPlus, where success is now so close." Bill Boyd, Foundation Trustee Chair, added: "Our first goal is to complete the eradication of polio." So let's all work together as a district to meet Bill Gates' challenge to Rotary "to make polio a disease of the past." - Doug Torrance, D6690 PolioPlus Chair

DOES THIS SERVICE PROJECT FIT YOU? LADY BULLDOGS GET A BALLFIELD THANKS TO ROTARY

Bridgeport Rotary, a club of 28 members, saw the need for the girls in the Bridgeport School District to have a softball field of their own. For years, the girls have played on the boys' field which proved difficult due to the positioning of the pitcher's mound. Club President Sharon Creamer approached the school administration which agreed to provide the property and the upkeep if the club obtained the finances for building the new field. With connections of Rotarian and Superintendent Ted Downing, the field was laid out and designed by the grounds manager of the Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati.

The club raised \$15,000 and obtained a matching pledge from Charter member and Bridgeport Graduate Al Marty of \$10,000. With \$25,000 from the club, monies obtained through local business donations, and in kind work provided by school employees and a local heavy equipment owner, the field was completed and scheduled to be dedicated on April 2, 2011.



Consider providing curriculum materials and program fees for 5th graders to participate in the Junior Achievement "Introduction to Free Enterprise" course and a one-day field trip to BizTown in Columbus. What a GREAT Vocational Service Project!!

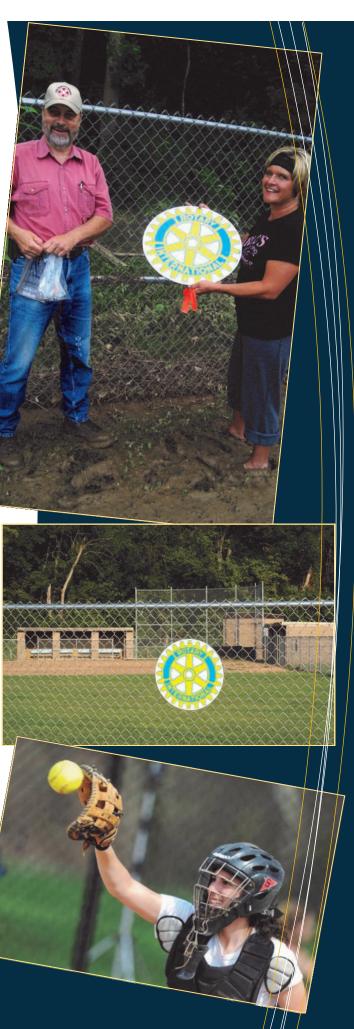
Due to rain and flooding, several aspects of the project were delayed and the actual dedication was rescheduled for the end of June 2011. The Bridgeport Lady Bulldogs Softball team played one game on the field this year and looks forward to a new season with their very own field.

This new field sports fencing which carries many Rotary wheels along the outfield. The many corporate donors are also recognized for their contributions such as the Citizens Bank scoreboard. The field's namesake, Irene Ehni, is known for her support of Bridgeport sports. Her family also made monetary donations to make this project possible. A close estimate for the total project including dugouts, fence, scoreboard, bleachers and pads, press box, driveway, and infield is \$46,000, not including the property (donated by the school) and the work of the Bridgeport Schools grounds staff. -AG Vickie Bland, Bridgeport Rotarian

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through the second month of our 2011-2012 Rotary year. Under the capable leadership of DG Brent, Rotary Vocational Service (RVS) is going to be a featured Avenue of Service. We have designed an exciting menu of RVS project opportunities for Elementary, Middle/Intermediate and High Schools as well as programs for university students and adults from which clubs can choose. Clubs are asked to select a minimum of four projects for implementation during 2011-2012, in accordance with the guidelines for organizing and administering their programs that have been developed. A detailed explanation of RVS opportunities has been posted on our District website along with suggested organization, stages and deadlines. We are also working on a very professional DVD presentation that will be sent to all clubs and can be used as a program. More about that next month! Please let me know if I can help in any way at 740.322.3456 or email at dsbgroup@windstream. - Doug Barno, D6690 Vocational Service Chair







COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER JOIN THE "NOTHING CAMPAIGN"

The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks (OASHF) is excited to announce a statewide hunger education and fundraising campaign: the Nothing Campaign. This Campaign takes the phrase "nothing can end hunger" and places a spin on those exact words "nothing (a new brand of food) can (a physical can and the mode of fundraising) end hunger".

Education/Awareness: The OASHF will be running billboards, radio and TV commercials, print advertisements, social media postings and mock taste tests throughout the State to educate and increase awareness of the nature and extent of hunger issues in Ohio. The OASHF will also provide Rotary Clubs with State and community specific data that will supplement the media blitz.

Fundraising: The first method of fundraising is selling Nothing cans to groups or organizations. The cans, which are slotted on top and include hunger statistics and information on the outside, serve as the collection point for donations... the second mode of fundraising. Donations are given directly to the

FOUNDATION FACT

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. The most important word in both of these sentences is Rotarian. Without Rotarians, The Rotary Foundation would not exist. Over the next several months, we will be providing you with information on all the various aspects of the Foundation. It is very important that each and every one of us, as Rotarians, become involved in the Foundation through donations, volunteering and educating others. All Rotarians are invited to the Foundation/Membership Seminar on September 24, 2011 at Ohio University-Lancaster. Registration information can be found on the District

website (www.district6690.org). I hope to see you all there! - Tara L. Craaybeek, D6690 Rotary Foundation Chair

Feeding America Foodbank or local pantry that is the closest of Ohio's 12 to the source of the donations. Getting Involved: The \$3 cost of each Nothing can (which provides roughly 12 meals) is the only outlay required for your Club to participate. The can(s) can be placed at the sign in table, one per table, fines for one month or a week a month can be designated to go to the Nothing can, etc. Getting on board with the Nothing Campaign is inexpensive and easy! Participating will allow your Club to ride the coattails of the Campaign's media blitz and use the resources of the OASHF to educate members with community specific hunger statistics and information. The impact of donations to foodbanks and pantries by clubs in our District is great. Private donations are a major source of funding that foodbanks use to provide food to those in need within their territory.

For more information on the Nothing Campaign contact Chuck Moore at (740)344-7401 or foodpantry@roadrunner.com . - John Daugherty, D6690 Community Service Chair



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Most of us have been raised to be self sufficient. Early. in our lives, we learned to do the basic things of life such as dress ourselves, sit up and take nourishment among many other tasks of learning. The

older we grew, the more we felt responsible to perform on our own. We were told that we were a part of the "Me" generation.

Then we joined Rotary and learned that we must place service above ourselves. Thinking of others and serving them puts great joy in our lives and gives us purpose.

Serve somebody today! Put that service above your own wants and needs and feel the JOY! - James H. Meacham, D6690 Chaplain

CAPTION: "Fitting Hands in Santo Domingo" is a service project of the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club. Rita Hook rejoices with a mechanical hand recipient.

Thank you to all the individuals and the following clubs who helped raise nearly \$3,000 last year for the Kick Cancer Endowment: Athens AM, Bridgeport, Byesville, Cambridge, Chillicothe, Dublin-Worthington, Malta-McConnellsville, Olentangy, West Lafayette, and Zanesville. With these funds added to our Rotary/James Cancer and Solove Research Center Endowment, we were able to donate \$7,408 of interest income for cancer research. Great job Rotarians!!

My hope is to someday have enough funds in the endowment to donate \$25,000 or more each year for research. If you know of someone who would like to help us KICK CANCER, please have them call (740-439-3701) or email me (pdm6690@msn.com). To donate simply send your check to District Secretary, Kris Wilson, 399 Hickory Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Make the check out to The James Cancer Hospital and in the memo write, Rotary KICK CANCER Endowment #666250. Kris will document the check and send it to the James.

This is a very valuable gift the Rotarians, friends and family give to help KICK CANCER. I will be sending out this year's pledge request in the next few months. My wish is to double what was raised this year. Since only 10 of our 59 clubs made a donation to the endowment, just think what we can do if all 59 clubs make a donation. Let's work together, in District Governor Brent's year to donate, as a district \$6000 to our Rotary KICK CANCER campaign. - PDG Peggy Murgatroyd, D6690 Kick Cancer Chair

DISTRICT APPLIES FOR RI PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANTS FOR LOCAL CLUB CAMPAIGNS

Creating a positive image for Rotary is the responsibility of every Rotarian. Enhancing Rotary's public image and awareness is so important to the growth and future success of Rotary, RI has made it one of three strategic priorities. Enhanced visibility for Rotary can open the door to new members and give our existing members a sense of pride.

The District PR committee recently submitted a RI PR grant request (\$15,000 with a \$5000 **District match**) with the intent of allocating money to clubs who apply for the grants to promote Rotary in their communities. The grants will require matching funds from the clubs and must meet the guidelines. Multi-club grants to leverage and maximize dollars in shared markets for a bigger bang for the buck are encouraged! TIMELINE:

- In **November**, grant applications will be available online. All club presidents will be notified of the process and deadlines.
- All applications due by January 15.
- Grant approval or denial will be emailed to club presidents by February 15.
- PR grant projects must be completed and all reimbursement requests submitted by May 25.

What can grants be use for?

- All PR projects must leverage the Humanity in Motion IV or V materials, This Close or End Polio Now campaigns.
- Clubs should localize these RI campaigns by adding local contact information, photos of club projects or members, etc.

What can't the grants be used for?

· Pop-up displays, high school sports programs, pull-up banners, club brochures, street signs, street banners, Rotary Meets Here signs.

How much money is available?

- Up to \$1000 per club, on a competitive basis until funds are depleted. Clubs must match at least 50% of the grant amount.
- Up to \$2000 for multi-club grants with least 50% match from participating clubs.
- Sue Burness, D6690 PR Chair

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

August is Membership Month in Rotary and as DG Brent says in his Brent's Briefs, Membership is Job 1 all year long! Thus our slogan in District 6690 is Our Members Are Our Customers. What does that mean? Simply, the need for Clubs to recognize people join Rotary for a reason - if we know and provide members' wants and needs they stay and become engaged Rotarians. If not, they leave Rotary. A great tool for this is a member survey. Has your Club conducted one recently? If so, have the results been discussed? Have any changes been implemented when indicated by the survey results? We are putting on the District Website a number of

simple Member Assessment Surveys that your Club could use as a model. Feel free to modify these to fit your Club.

Doing a Club survey (and they don't need to be long to be effective) should spark discussion on whether Club members are pleased with the Club. It will facilitate change that allows the Club to recruit.

retain and engage members. It should also help reinforce what makes your Club unique, and it is that uniqueness that makes your Club different from all other service Clubs in your area. Knowing your uniqueness, or your "brand", then allows you as a Club to not only retain members, but to recruit new members who share your passion for Rotary and the special brand that your Club brings to the Rotary world.

The goal of Our Members are Our Customers is an entire Club excellence program! Thus we emphasize the need for Club Membership Committees to coordinate their activities with other Club committees - the Program Committee providing fun and interesting programs, Public Relations Committee getting the word out about your club, the Social Committee providing fun fellowship events. Of

special interest is Vocational Service. Surveys show that the number one reason a person joins Rotary is to network with other members. Do your members know what the other members'

vocations are? Do you have meeting spotlights that allow members to speak for a few minutes about their vocation? Do you have members who have specialized skills, such as in leadership training, or money management, as such topics might be of interest to other Club members in a forum either during a meeting or other event? Does your Club's

directory list members' vocations so Club members in need of a particular service can contact a Rotarian who specializes in that service? At the District level. we are looking to create a District 6690 Yellow Pages this year. Also. District Vocational Service Chair Doug Barno has posted on the District website a comprehensive

list of vocational service activities for your club. Whole Club excellence is a journey, and we are trying to help move you from where your Club is now to that next level. Our committee is here for your questions and comments. Please make sure your Club is well represented at the District's Annual Foundation and Membership Seminar on September 24 at OU-Lancaster. Who should attend? Certainly Club committee chairs and officers, but also new members, old members, men, women - all Rotarians! Have your Club arrange to carpool to the event to encourage those who might not otherwise attend to participate. As DGN Bart Mahoney said in last month's newsletter: "Let's Grow Rotary Together!" - Steve Heiser, D6690 Membership Vice Chair





ROTARY CLUBS MAKE CHANGES TO ATTRACT YOUNGER MEMBERS

Beeman was only 24 years old when she became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Diablo View CA and she's now one of the youngest female club presidents in Rotary. The club has 26 members, 90 percent of them between the ages of 25 and 40. "The modifications we've made have helped our club appeal to younger professionals and retain them." Beeman says. She added that clubs must be willing to make a few changes to attract younger members. Here are some examples of what

other clubs are doing: Through a student membership initiative, the Hope Island Rotary Queensland, Australia, invites college students to meetings and subsidizes the cost

 Las Vegas Rotary has created the 25 Club. a club-within-a-club. The members hold additional meetings, sponsor regular social gatherings, and carry out a number of service projects. The inductees are generally younger, and after a year, they transition into the parent Rotary club.

 Bricktown Oklahoma City Rotary meets in a tavern. First-time quests are treated to two free beverages, compliments of the club.

 South Metro Minneapolis Evenings Rotary meets in the evenings and lowers costs by not having meals. The third meeting of the month is a happy hour/networking event at different locations in the city. The fourth meeting is a volunteering opportunity. To read this full article: www.rotary.org/ en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/ 110421 news voungmembers.aspx



By Megan RI News



COMMIT NOW TO RYLA 2012

Planning for RYLA 2012 is underway. Please make certain that your club has budgeted the funds needed to sponsor a student for the July 2012 RYLA Conference.

Cost will remain at \$300 per participant and must be paid by January, 2012. Clubs may sponsor one or two students from their local community.

Every Club should appoint a RYLA Chair to oversee the selection process and serve as the point of contact with the District RYLA committee If your Club finds it difficult to identify a student in your area, please let the RYLA Committee Chairs know so that we can help! Clubs are encouraged once the new school year begins to contact their area high schools administrators to seek their assistance and guidance in the selection of your **RYLA** participants.

We are excited to bring the Second Annual RYLA Conference to District 6690 in July 2012! Stay tuned.....more information to come! - Roe Mauro and Larry Jenkins, D6690 RYLA Co-Chairs (ryla@district6690.org)

LOOKING FOR YOUTH EXCHANGE HOST FAMILIES?



Try empty nesters! They make wonderful host families because they have the time to spend with the students. They also have had teenagers and know how to handle them!

MEMBERSHIP BEST PRACTICES By Brent D. Rosenthal, District Governor, 2011-2012

1. Information about Rotary and especially the expectations of members and membership should be thoroughly communicated to potential members before they are proposed for membership.

a. Have an information sheet and/or brochure that talks about attendance, involvement, service, club dues, support of Foundation, and other expectations of members.

b. Interview prospective members to gauge their interest in community service in general, and Rotary in particular, to determine if they will become productive, long term members.

2. Have an active and engaged Membership Chairperson and committee. The committee should deal both with membership development and member retention and engagement. The Chair and President should communicate regularly to discuss club activities and changes necessary to facilitate membership growth.

3. Conduct a meaningful induction ceremony for each new member (or new member class). At that ceremony communicate to the entire club as well as the new member the importance of Rotary and involvement by each member.

4. There should be a thorough and effective new member training and orientation process (Red Badge program) for each new member. The emphasis should not be on getting the member through quickly and easily but to ensure the member fully understands Rotary, the Club and the duties of membership. 5. A meaningful mentor system should be established and a mentor assigned to each new member. The mentor should both train the new member and encourage his/her

involvement (including serving as his/her advocate to club officers to ensure the member's involvement). 6. Get to know new

members, their "hot buttons," why they want to join Rotary and what they hope to get out of membership. New members must be immediately involved in significant club projects or functions, consistent with their interests and capabilities.

7. Require classes of new members to come up with their own class service project and engage club resources to assist them in executing it.

8. Survey members, especially new ones, to assess their interests and whether the club meets them. If not add, delete, or change club projects and processes so that members' interests are addressed to their satisfaction. Repeat the surveys frequently to measure progress.

9. Survey exiting members to find out why they are leaving.

10. Utilize RI materials, including the Club Assessment Tools (RI Publication EN-808).

11. Ensure all club officers go out of their way to get to know new members: sit with them at meetings; meet with them away from Rotary, etc.

12. Make sure all club officers and board members, and the membership chair, attends the District Membership Seminar every year. 13. Consider putting variety in meeting locations and times. Don't be afraid to exchange a "regular"

meeting with a monthly social event

(happy hour, party, etc), or an onsite service project. 14. Will one of the Rotary pilot programs help your club? Contact the District Membership Chair to discuss implementing a satellite club. associate membership, corporate membership, or "flexible and innovative" program for your club. 15. Have fun programs!!! Don't be afraid to laugh!

NEW GENERATIONS A Reminder Worth Repeating

D6690 has truly great New Generations programs:

In July, our first ever three-day **RYLA** Conference was completed at OU Athens and planning has begun for 2012.

The District has around 30 active high school Interact Clubs and about 10 college -based Rotaract Clubs.

This month 13 **Outbound Youth Exchange** students will leave for a 10 month stay abroad, 16 **Inbound** students will arrive, and 12 short-term students will complete family-to-family exchanges. Lucas Garcia, Vocational Intern hosted by the Lancaster Rotary Club, will soon return to Columbia after completing a 3-month internship at Lancaster Memorial Hospital

Success in New Generations, actually in every Rotary program, has nothing to do with luck! Everything happens because of committed, dedicated Rotarians working at the Club and District levels. Both are essential for excellence! Involvement begins at the club, but the expertise offered by District Committees is critical.

The programs of Rotary are so varied that every Rotarian ought to be passionate about some area of service. "Service Above Self" says it all. The keynote speaker at the recent RYLA Conference said this about growing one's capabilities: "Every so often commit to do something/ that is a little bit beyond your comfort zone."

Please consider serving on a D6690 New Generations Committee. The future of Rotary as an effective and prospering service organization is dependent upon each new generation! - PDG Roger Viers, D6690 New Generations Chair

PDG RAM **GAWANDE WE MISS YOU** DEARLY

Dear Friends - it is with a heavy heart that I send this newsletter to you this month.

As you know by now, our beloved PDG Ram Gawande died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on August 10, 2011. It is almost impossible to put into words what Ram meant to each of us and his contribution to the world. A tireless promoter of Rotary and a humanitarian of the highest order, Ram selflessly devoted his life to improving the lives and prospects of the needy here in District 6690, the US and his native India. He supported and participated in Annual Avoidable Blindness and other medical missions, water well projects and others in his native land. A self made man, he credited his success to education and made literacy projects his special passion. In a unique and creative twist on our matching grant projects, he worked with District 3030 in India to provide a grant to an impoverished school district here in District 6690 to buy books for the students. He encouraged those of us in District 6690 to never tire of doing good. And he was a generous supporter of our Rotary Foundation.

Ram never stopped giving, never stopped caring, never stopped loving. His journey on earth has ended but his spirit, his inspiration and his light live on in each of us and will inspire us through the rest of our lives. We are looking at an appropriate District honor for Ram, but you honor his memory - and continue Ram's work when you support literacy projects, Polio Plus, our Rotary Foundation, and the other passions of PDG Ram's Rotary life.

We offer our sincere condolences and sympathies to Sushi, Atul, Sumeeta, and the rest of Ram's family - we share your grief. And we thank you for sharing this great man with us. Namaste, Dear Friend! - Brent









PIKE COUNTY CLUB VISIT



Assistant Governor Randy Davies (and his new Bart Mahoney Do!), Pike County President Amy Clemmons and DG Brent.

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR **BILL STOUT (Circleville Rotary)**



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PDG Bill served as our District Governor in 1990-91. The RI President was Paulo V. C. Costa of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who had two themes that year: "Preserve Planet Earth" and "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm." There were 47 clubs in the district at that time, and Governor Bill held his very successful district conference in downtown Columbus at the Great Southern Hotel. Bill says that the most memorable moments from his year as DG were "visiting all the clubs for a weekly meeting and for their club assembly. Also, I was so warmly welcomed into so many of the presidents' homes overnight which gave me the opportunity to really build friendships which have lasted all this time." As part of his presentation to each club, PDG Bill gave a flowering crabapple tree to the club president. He was thrilled with the response and participation of all the clubs in planting those trees as part of a club service project. Another interesting note from Bill's year is that there was actually one club president whom he never met! PDG Bill remains an active and enthusiastic Rotarian who is known for his warm hospitality and **REALLY FUN PARTIES!**

Long time Rotarians and generous supporters of our Foundation, Dick and Cay Roberts, enjoy catching up with DG Brent.



In the words of DG Brent's favorite singer, Frank Sinatra, "young at heart"! Is Brent the first DG to go down a slide while in office?!



PE Jim Coffey and Glenn Murgatroyd show off the Club's "Accessible Playground."



DG Brent, DGE Mike Brown, and DGN Bart Mahoney toured the project with PE Jim Coffey.



Cambridge is the home of PDGs! Here are PDGs Peggy Murgatroyd, Jim Taylor, and Dick Brixner with President Lynn Tompkins, DG Brent, DGE Mike Brown and DGN Bart Mahoney.



Club Treasurer John Powell and Secretary Kelly Kendall warmly welcomed us and other guests .



Past President Bob and Carol Nelson are familiar faces at many District events!



The West Lafayette Club is small but mighty and boasts its own "clubhouse"!



President Cathie Miller leads a very active club. Over Cathie's left shoulder is a banner designating the Club as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club!

Board Member and District PR Chair Sue Burness contributes greatly both to her club and our District!

AG Susan Robenalt sponsors new member Alan Reuter who was installed on the day of DG Brent's visit.

DUBLIN A.M. CLUB VISIT





Club Service Chair Bonnie Coley-Malir toasts an active and energetic club!

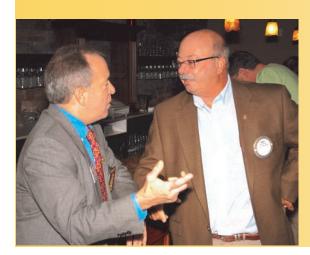


The Club's Board of Directors





Rotarian Shirley Lambert has championed literacy projects at the Club and District level.

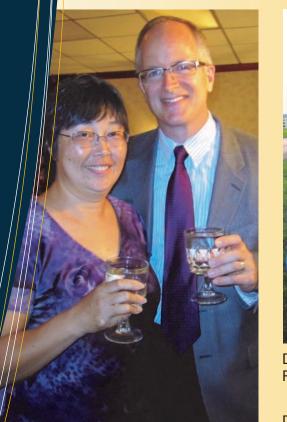


BJ Stone is thrilled to welcome DG Brent to her thriving club!

DG Brent got to serve as Greeter before his club presentation. Here he is chatting with Immediate Past President Mike Moulton.

DUBLIN-WORTHINGTON CLUB VISIT

Don Robinson (92), DG Mel Simon and Lydia faithfully lend their expertise to the club!





DG Brent tried to recruit Mel's quarter horses for Equine Rotary!

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Saltzgaber were Rotarians in Guam before coming to Gallipolis.

Doc Henschen and AG Fran Veverka share a laugh while Doc sells tickets. (She didn't win...)

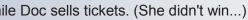




Sergeant-At-Arms Dave Martin does his duties with a laugh!









DG Brent congratulates Don Dages for serving a second term as President.

> **Treasurer Bruce** Denton and PE John Hohl jubilantly welcome members and guests.

MIDDLEPORT-POMEROY CLUB VISIT

COLUMBUS CLUB VISIT



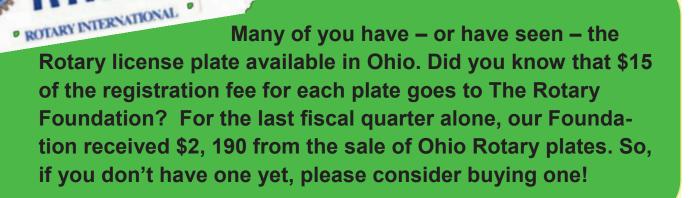




President Hal Kneen, Treasurer Don Vaughan, and AG Shawna Stump warmly welcomed DG Brent.

Augustin and Carolyn Montanez of the Rotary Club of Arecibo, Puerto Rico are frequent visitors. Carolyn is a native of Pomeroy and they invite all Rotarians to visit them in Puerto Rico!





Want something included in the District Newsletter? Please submit to DG Brent (brent.rosenthal1@gmail.com) or **District Secretary Kris** (secretary@district6690.org) for consideration!

President Diane Lease makes a point while **Immediate Past President Sandy** Knoesel, Director Tedd Damron and DGE Mike Brown listen.