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DG BRENT'S BRIEFS

Right before I sat down to write this, my "farewell" letter, I received disturbing news that the Taliban banned polio vaccination in the area of Pakistan it controls because they believe it is a pretext for U.S. espionage. Occurring days before a scheduled mass vaccination of 161,000 children, it is heartbreaking that children – the innocent – will suffer. However, this sad occurrence shows yet again why Rotary occupies such a unique position in the world, and why we are so important to a peaceful, healthy, and prosperous future. Our mission as

Rotarians knows no political agenda, no religious doctrine, no skin color, no national borders. We have the single minded focus of Service Above Self – both a reassurance to a suspicious world and a reminder to ourselves. We must always remember that our personal desires and philosophies take a back seat in Rotary to the needs of others and what we can do to meet those needs. This setback in Pakistan, while disappointing, is temporary – I know that Rotary leaders will continue to negotiate with the Pakistani and Taliban authorities to allow the vaccinations to resume. And someday very soon, children will be born into a world where polio is only a history lesson - because of what we and our Rotary predecessors did.

I also know that once we do that, the last thing we will do is rest on our laurels. We never do. Instead Rotarians cast their eyes about, look for needs that are unmet, and set about to do what we can to help. As I look back on the year, I remember how everywhere I went in the District, large towns and small, urban and rural, I saw Rotarians committed to furthering Rotary's work. Whether improving your own communities or helping people in far away lands, you never stop caring and never stop giving your all to build a better tomorrow.

At the risk of over-repetition, I will close with a portion of my farewell speech from District Conference (printed in the May newsletter):

The essence of Rotary are the acts of compassion, both large and small, that we do for those in need, not occasionally, but every day all around the world – a gift of a book, or an artificial limb; teaching a child to read, or repairing her heart; a meal at a food pantry, or a water well; building playgrounds, building orphanages, giving shelter to victims of natural disasters; vaccinating a child against polio, teaching peace to the children of warring countries. Truly in the words of our 2010-11 theme, we "build communities and bridge continents." Most importantly, we build *people*, we Serve Above Self, we love. Together we reach within to find strengths and gifts we didn't know we have to embrace all of humanity.

Rotary, especially being able to serve as your District Governor, has changed my life in many ways, but one of the most significant is that it has helped me see through the cynicism that runs rampant today, the cynicism that dulls hope.

I now see hope for a better tomorrow. Its name is Rotary.

I see hope for a polio free world. Its name is Rotary.

I see hope for a peaceful world. Its name is Rotary.

I see hope. Its name is Rotary.

Its face is your face. Its hands are your hands. Its heart is the heart beating within each and every one of us.

Together we, as Rotarians, are the agents of hope.

Through your Service Above Self, you change the lives of many more people than we will ever realize on this life. Our communities, our District and our world are all better because of Rotary and you. And they need Rotary and you and your embrace. Thank you for all you have done for and through Rotary this year – you truly did Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. Now I urge you: keep on reaching; keep on serving; keep on embracing.

Finally, thank you for supporting and encouraging Sylvia and me. It has truly been an honor to serve as your District Governor. I pray God will pour out His richest blessings on each of you and your families, and upon Rotary in our District and around the world.

All the best,
Brent

Three Newark Rotarians (John Weaver, Glenn Abel and Dave Schull) spoke to Camp Enterprise students and Newark Rotarians June 5th on their experience as Polio survivors.



JUNE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

- 28th - DG Michael Brown Installation (Olentangy)

JULY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 4th - 5K/10K (Hilliard)
- 4th - 5K/10K and Parade (Westerville)
- 6-8th - Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation
- 15th - Bethesda Auto Show (BBM)
- 19th - D6690 RYLA Conference in Athens

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



MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

When Brent was selected to be Governor, he asked me to serve as D6690 membership chairman. I can't remember when he was selected, maybe at the turn of the century, but I agreed to do so.

Little did I know that in Feb 2011, I would be selected to be DG 2013-2014. It "rocked" my world. Now I was membership chairman and District Governor with training wheels. Quite simply it all translated to a lot of work.

As you all know, DG Brent has made membership his number one priority with the motto, "members are our customers."

Being membership chairman during Brent's term has made my job easy. This Rotary year, we can proudly claim, D6690 grew in member numbers. This is a shout out to Brent not Bart. (People continue to get us confused).

Brent has proven a long time theory that I have had... If you as a leader make it important it will be important.

Brent, you made it important and it worked. Thanks for your leadership and all the mentoring you provided me and the membership committee. Members: Steve Heiser, Brad Tharp, Pat Kott, and Frank Dilenschneider, a special thank you for your encouragement and support this year. I hope it will continue for Mike Brown, me, and Randy Davies.

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF D6690, THANKS FOR HELPING TO INCREASE THE LIFEBLOOD OF ROTARY...MEMBERS!

I'm proud to have served.
- DGN Bart Mahoney,
D6690 Membership
Chair



D6690 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE... OPERATION WE CARE

The last medical/surgical/dental mission by Operation We Care was held in February at the San Juan Medical Center in Metro Manila, Philippines. There were 49 members on the team from across the U.S., Canada and Germany. This was the largest medical contingency in the history of the project.

The mission's success was ensured through the combined efforts of the host city Mayor, the center's medical director and administrator along with the entire medical staff and the ten host Rotary Clubs and their presidents.

Several district dignitaries from District 3800 partnered with our District and Governor Brent for the District Designated Funds. Led by the Rotary Club of Gallipolis, the Rotary Clubs of Jackson, Ironton and West Lafayette also contributed to the success of this medical mission.

The combined financial contributions of Rotary District and clubs were matched by The Rotary Foundation resulting in the approval of matching grant #75749 to totally fund the mission.

The 2012 Operation We Care Mission performed 102 major operations, 120 minor operations and 128 dental operations on 350 patients. In addition to the

direct medical services performed by the team, much needed medical equipment was donated to the hosting hospital. Included in the donation was an anesthesia machine, a heavy duty suction machine, a pulse oximeter, a defibrillator, and a hydraulic stretcher. The team also provided much needed I.V. fluids, blood, anesthesia agents, post op pain control medicines and antibiotics. Other services included preoperative chest x-rays, basic chemical profiles, diagnostic ultrasounds and EKGs.

The 10 hosting Rotary Clubs, along with the Mayor, hosted daily evening receptions, snacks and lunch as well as daily transportation including airport arrivals and departures.

The Continuing Medical Mission conference took place at the Pharmaceutical Modern High Tech Facility. The keynote speaker was the Secretary of Health of the Republic of the Philippines. Our own PDG Mel Simon followed Health Secretary Enrique Ona with his own remarks. Six additional speakers with various surgical specialties also presented. The conference was attended by over 100 medical students, nurses, allied professionals and attendants of medical and dental professionals.



POLIO PLUS

Great strides have been made this year toward our goal of polio eradication. We reached and then exceeded the \$200 Million Challenge from the Gates Foundation in January. The following month, India was removed from the polio-endemic list. Three countries remain polio endemic: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. As of June 12, there were 73 global cases of polio, which compares with 205 for the same period in 2011. This is good to note but we cannot rest until there are no cases anywhere in the world.

I want to thank all the clubs in D6690 who contributed toward the \$80,000+ for PolioPlus this year. Special appreciation goes to the Dublin A.M. Club for their End Polio Now Event with the Columbus Crew and the Columbus Rotary Club for their Dances of India program.

Let's all continue working together as a District to meet Bill Gates' challenge to Rotary "to make polio a disease of the past." - Doug Torrance,
D6690 PolioPlus Chair



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Brisbane, Australia; Salt Lake City, Utah; Chicago, Illinois; Copenhagen, Denmark; Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Bangkok, Thailand.

You might think this is a travel brochure for “must places to see and visit”. Wrong...these destinations are places Kathleen and I have visited as a result of Rotary International Convention sites. What a great excuse to visit these places and we can blame it on Rotary. Tough assignment, but someone has to do it. I could write an entire newsletter sharing stories from International Conventions.

What makes these places more of a “must see” destination is the Rotary experience. Can you imagine the excitement when 20,000-50,000 Rotarians gather in any one of the aforementioned places to all proclaim the theme that makes us one...“Service Above Self”? People from all over the world sharing our common cause to make the world a better place to live through the many projects Rotarians have embraced to achieve that goal.

“Why attend a Rotary International Convention?” It can best be summarized when Susie Wells, widow of PDG Roger Wells said, “Bart, you will come back a

different person and our Club will benefit.” I came back a different. Before Brisbane my experiences were Whitehall-Bexley Rotary and maybe a little bit of D6690. After the convention I understood the breadth of Rotary and why we can proclaim that the pin we wear is an outward sign that we belong to the greatest service organization in the world. We continue to communicate with Rotarian Big Mo and his wife from Zambia. We met them in Brisbane and have visited with them every RI Convention since.

The Conventions have allowed us to travel to places we may have never visited; and with our recent departure to Bangkok, that is more true than ever. Even after 20+ hours in an airplane, we were quickly reminded why we are members of this great service organization.

Please become a different Rotarian and let your Club benefit by YOU attending an International Convention. Upcoming Convention sites: Lisbon, Portugal; Sydney, Australia; San Paulo, Brazil. Plan now to attend a Convention. Don't cheat yourself by missing this life altering event.

Doing Our Best to Make You Proud, - *DGN Bart and Kathleen Mahoney*



PDG COUNCIL REPORT

The Past District Governor's Council would like to congratulate Governor Brent for an outstanding year of leading D6690. His accomplishments have been many but we especially appreciate his leadership in resurrecting the PDG Council from a couple of years of hibernation and also for his tireless efforts in establishing such a positive and effective relationship with his successors and for the continuity that has evolved as a result.

The Council held three meetings during this Rotary Year, all working meetings. Governor Brent, DGE Mike and DGN Bart kept us informed on district matters and developments and an occasional suggestion or two was offered. The Council also reviewed and clarified the role of the Immediate Past District Governor.

We look forward to having Governor Brent become a member of our dedicated group.
- *PDG Bob McGaughy, Acting Chair D6690 PDG Council*

DEADLINE LOOMING FOR 2012 FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note the following **2012** Rotary Fiscal Year-end Deadlines for Rotary Foundation Contributions: **Credit Cards:** *Online* via www.rotary.org must be authorized on or prior to June 30, 2012, midnight CST. *Fax:* (847-328-4101)/*Phone:* (866-976-8279) must be received prior to the close of business on June 30, 2012.

Checks: Must be postmarked June 30, 2012 or prior **and** received at the Foundation by July 6, 2012. (Mail to TRF, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago IL 60693)

Wire transfers: Must be initiated prior to June 30, 2012 and received by July 3, 2012.

Securities: Must be received prior to June 30, 2012. Instructions can be found by searching for 'stock transfer' on <http://www.rotary.org/>.

Special gifts: instructions for Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Unitrusts can be obtained by mailing plannedgiving@rotary.org or calling 847-866-3100.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

What is the Paul Harris Society?



The Paul Harris Society is named after the founder of Rotary International. The society is recognized by The Rotary Foundation and is administered on a District level. D6690 tracks its members who meet the requirements of being a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and other approved Foundation grant activities will be recognized by the Society.

Society contributions may count toward Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor recognition.

Society Members who contribute to the Annual Programs Fund will have one half of their contributions come back to D6690 for local programs.

Please contact your Club Foundation Chairman to find how you can be recognized as a member of the Paul Harris Society.

- *Robert Horbatt, D6690 Paul Harris Society Chair*

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR DONN ALSPACH (Newark)



PDG Donn served as our District Governor in 1988-89. That year, the RI President was Royce Abbey of Melbourne, Australia and the RI theme was: "Put Life into Rotary - Your Life." There were 43 Clubs in our District

including one evening club and just two morning clubs. His well-attended and highly successful district conference was held in Newark with "home hospitality."

PDG Donn's favorite memory was meeting with his wife the great people in Southeast Ohio. Due to the size of the district, they stayed two days at each club with the club assembly one night then speaking to the club the next day after a morning tour of the town or city. His most embarrassing experience was at the Flushing Club. The club met in a small storefront building and it was 93 degrees in the room. DG Donn was provided with the only fan and it was directed at him. Shortly thereafter the secretary advised him that it was time to play Bingo!

PDG Donn is most proud of the fact that every club was actively contributing to Polio Plus in just the second year of the program.

A LOOK AHEAD

By Michael Brown, District Governor 2012-13

The new Rotary year starts on July 1, with our theme that RI President Sakuji Tanaka presented to us, **Peace through Service**. As we covered at the various training events this past spring, using the Presidential Citation as your roadmap in this upcoming year will help your club to successfully build **Peace through Service** not only within your community but globally as well. The membership concerns that we all share are real, but additional help is forthcoming from Rotary International with new tools and support with emphasis on membership retention. As you have learned this past year that "Our Members are Our Customers" in 2012-13 we take the message to the next step, understanding your club's "**Distinctive Position**." In other words, what is the "**Value Proposition**" that your club brings to your *members, potential members* and to your *community*? As I visit each of your clubs over the upcoming months we will go over the details of how your club can implement the various solutions that will ensure a successful year.

My scheduled club visits for July are:

7/10/12 Barnesville
7/11/12 Wellston
7/12/12 Chillicothe, First Capital
7/12/12 Pike County
7/13/12 Lewis Center/Polaris
7/16/12 Portsmouth
7/17/12 Malta-McConnelsville
7/18/12 Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown
7/19/12 St. Clairsville Sunrise
7/19/12 Bridgeport
7/20/12 Worthington AM
7/23/12 Middleport-Pomeroy
7/24/12 Gallipolis
7/25/12 Belpre
7/26/12 Marietta
7/27/12 Marietta Morning
7/30/12 Athens
7/31/12 Byesville
7/31/12 Zanesville



ROE MAURO INTERACT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We had the highest number of applications for the Interact scholarships than we have had during the past four years. Not only was the volume higher, but the quality of the applications was extraordinarily outstanding this year!

The selection committee was very impressed with the two winners of this year's \$1,000 scholarships:

Kyle Ritterbeck has served two years as an officer of the Dublin Coffman Interact Club (sponsored by Dublin A.M. Rotary) first as treasurer then vice president. Kyle excels academically but also has held numerous leadership positions and is very service-minded. He is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo for his work there on a service project. He plans to attend Ohio State.

Aryan Moarefdoust served this year as vice president of the Westerville Central Interact Club (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise). Previous to serving as VP, she served three years as treasurer of the club. She has not only excelled in school but also in her musical pursuits of singing, dancing and drama. She plans to attend Brigham Young University.

To read the full applications of either of these students please contact C. Lee Smith, D6690 Interact Chair.



**Peace
Through Service**

PARK DEDICATED TO DEPARTED ROTARIANS

The Rotary Club of Circleville Sunrise celebrated the dedication of its Rotary Memory Garden, located at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park in Circleville on May 8. Circleville Mayor Don McIlroy was on hand to present a Proclamation to the club for this endeavor. The photo shows past presidents Don Bradley (2010-11), Chris Yingling (2009-10) and current President John Moats. The Garden honors Circleville Sunrise Rotary Members who have passed away.



CAN A SATELLITE CLUB BUILD YOUR ROTARY CLUB?

In 2011 the RI board approved a series of pilot programs designed to help Rotary clubs grow and attract younger members. One of these is a "satellite club" concept. What is a satellite club?

Simply, it is a group of your club members that meets at a different day, time, and even place from your club's traditional meetings. It can have its own activities and projects and even separate officers.

Why should a club consider forming a satellite?

There are many good reasons, but one already proving itself in our district is to attract demographic groups such as younger members to whom our existing clubs may not be attractive.

In fall 2011 the Westerville (noon) club formed Westerville Rotary Young Professionals (WRYP). WRYP is designed to provide post-Rotaractors and other young professionals with a Rotary experience that allows them to engage in meaningful community service, professional development and networking (Vocational Service) opportunities, and social events with like minded peers.



WRYP does not have its own charter and its members are on the Westerville club's roster. But to the "outside world" it appears as a separate club. It has its own meeting time, location and day, its

own projects and activities, and its own officers and board, but it has the support (including financial) of the Westerville club. As Westerville Rotarians they are invited and welcomed at all "parent club" events, but are encouraged to conduct their own service, social,

networking and fundraising events.

The approximately 20 members of WRYP are in their 20s and 30s, and the club has a vitality and enthusiasm that all Rotary clubs would envy. Most importantly, it provides an entree to Rotary for younger members who may not feel a fit with "older" clubs or whose schedule won't allow them time to participate in existing clubs.

If your club wants to improve its attraction of younger members, a satellite club could be the answer. For more information on this promising program, contact DG Brent.



US Rep. and Xenia Rotarian Steve Austria and DG Brent visited Lancaster Rotary on the same day. Pres. Ryan handled them with his usual charm with PDG Tom Kokensparger also on hand.



DG Brent, DGE Mike Brown, and DGN Bart Mahoney welcome 2013-14 RI President Ron Burton to D6690 at the Centennial celebration of Columbus Rotary.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE *Forgotten No More*

For years Vocational Service has been referred to as the "forgotten Avenue of Service." No more – at least in D6690.

If you have been paying attention you have noticed that we have placed special emphasis on Vocational Service this year. Chairman Doug Barno has done an excellent job focusing our attention on Vocational Service, and providing many great ideas for clubs to bolster their activity in this area.

But you may quite reasonably ask, "Why?" Is that really what Rotary is about? **ABSOLUTELY!** Vocational Service is co-equal with Community Service, International Service, Club Service and New Generations in Rotary. More importantly, surveys repeatedly show that the number one reason young professionals join Rotary is career advancement – leadership training, business ethics promotion and training, mentoring, improvement of public speaking, networking, and similar activities. I encourage all of our clubs to embrace Vocational Service as a means to attract and retain new members – especially younger members. If attracted by Vocational Service, new members will soon catch the fever for the other Avenues of Service and they will soon be well rounded and rock solid Rotarians.

Rotary's tradition of Vocational Service goes back to our very founding - Paul Harris started Rotary to network! So as the new Rotary year dawns, place special emphasis on making sure your club has a well rounded Vocational Service program, along with your other activities. - *DG Brent Rosenthal*