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## DG BRENT'S BRIEFS

Service Above Self – it's a deceptively simple phrase, isn't it? Three little words that challenge us to act totally against the grain of human nature. "Service" we can all agree is a good thing. "Above self"? Whew that's a tough one. It asks us to actually subjugate our own comforts, desires and needs. Not easy.

I think about Service Above Self especially during November, Foundation Month. As the District Foundation chair for 6 years I encountered many generous people who gave way beyond what was comfortable for them because they know it funds all of Rotary's work and because they know the Foundation stewards their donations so well.

One Rotarian couple who regularly supports the Foundation beyond their comfort level is Rich and Barbara Dair of the Byesville Club. Rich is a disabled Vietnam War vet. Yet he and Barb give generously to the Foundation every year. When I visited the Byesville Club, Rich told me something I will never forget. After I thanked him for his Service Above Self, both to our country and Rotary, he told me, "Brent no matter how little you think you have there is always someone less fortunate who needs our help. We all have a duty to help those people." To Rich and Barb, giving is more than a duty, it's an honor and a joy, one I share with them. Rich's words – and acts – inspire me daily.

We ask all Rotarians to support our Foundation every year, whether it's \$100 (less than \$2 per week) for the entire year to be a sustaining member or \$1000 ever year to be a Paul Harris Society member. But whatever members give, the important thing is to help our Foundation every year. The money that we in District 6690 have to spend for our clubs' projects depends on what our District's Rotarians give three years previously, so every year we start over. If you became a Paul Harris Fellow 5 or 10 years ago, thank you – but we need your support now!

So, why should you support our Foundation? Because

- 100% of the money you give goes to the work of Rotary. Not a penny is spent on administration or fundraising. *No other charity can claim that!*
- The money you give comes back to our District to fund your club's projects both at home and internationally.
- We determine right here in District 6690 how to spend the money – we make the spending decisions, not RI.
- The need for Rotary's service grows greater all the time and the money is needed so we can expand our reach and impact both at home and around the world.
- *You'll feel better for giving generously!*

It's our Foundation. Please, please support it – support us – generously this year and every Rotary year. **Thank you!**

Marietta Morning President Jeff Wiegand presents a ceremonial check to DG Brent showing a contribution to the Marietta Community Foundation in his honor.



## NOVEMBER ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### DECEMBER FAMILY MONTH

- 1<sup>st</sup> - International Convention Early Registration ENDS
- 1<sup>st</sup> - RI Council on Legislation Proposals DUE
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Newark Rotary 95th anniversary
- 7<sup>th</sup> - All Belmont County Rotary Clubs' Christmas Party
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Clearing House (Olentangy)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 2012-13 Club Officer notification to RI DUE
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Club Public Image Grant Applications DUE
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Club nominations for District Governor DUE

See [www.district6690.org](http://www.district6690.org) for details on these events and to add yours!



# UPPER ARLINGTON ROTARY'S GUATEMALA MAYAN FAMILIES PROJECT

Upper Arlington (UA) Rotarians are not only doing great things for the local community but are also taking their Service Above Self commitment to help people less fortunate around the world.

In January 2011, the club committed to a major multi-year project helping impoverished children in a small mountainous village called Tierra Linda located outside Panajachel, Guatemala. In addition to having their small village almost destroyed by Tropical Storm Agatha in 2010, most of the families don't speak Spanish – only Kachiquel, a centuries old Mayan dialect which creates significant challenges. Also, most families struggle to provide even one daily meal for their children and struggle to send them to school.

In January 2011, UA Rotary provided the means and support to open the first ever middle school in Tierra Linda, creating an opportunity for the children to continue their education past the sixth grade. UA Rotarians have made three trips to Tierra Linda since November 2010 and the club has donated 27 used computers, desks and chairs, text books, security bars for windows, electricity hook ups, teaching materials, supplies and even helped cover the expense of adding a seventh grade teacher.

In May, the club constructed a much needed retaining wall for the school and community center to ensure safety from mud slides during rainy season. In July, the construction of a small kitchen was begun to expand the preschool nutritional feeding program ensuring that the most at risk children receive at least one nutritious meal a day - often their only meal.

In August, the club approved the construction

allowing for additional classroom space and the expansion of the preschool. In September, the club agreed to open an 8<sup>th</sup> grade starting in January 2012. In addition to all the school supplies, desks, chairs, text books, etc., the club will also donate over 45 used laptop computers. Already the village is excited as 27 6<sup>th</sup> graders have signed up to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, including 8 girls that normally would have stopped their education.

In early November, Rotarians made their 4<sup>th</sup> trip to Guatemala to ensure the project's success and investigate future projects focusing on sustainability. Sharon and Dwight Poage, founders of Mayan Families, recently made the trip from Guatemala to meet all the members of UA Rotary and express their thanks for the great things the club is doing. The club hosted them for 3 days in Columbus and Rotarians arranged meetings with OSU, several hospitals including Nationwide Children's Hospital, area high schools and Columbus based corporations to provide resources for the projects. It was a great success!

The UA Rotary Club recognizes that our support must encompass not only immediate help but provide a hand up to these people and create sustainable solutions to the dire situations facing these people every day. With so many issues still facing them, UA Rotary is committed to continue their support for Tierra Linda including addressing clean water, elderly feeding program, shelter, clothing, continued education, preschool feeding programs, homeless children, trade skills and medical support. - Steve Sandbo, President-Elect of UA Rotary

## GET YOUR PR \$\$ HERE!

D6690 was awarded a grant of \$12,000 from Rotary International and we have added \$4,000 of District funds for a total of \$16,000 available to YOUR CLUB for PR purposes. Club presidents have already received applications for club grants via email. Our District PR chairs, Sue Burness and Sandy Clary (who worked very hard to get this grant for us - be sure to thank them for their great efforts!) are ready to answer any questions and provide help you might need. First come, first served! Let's get the word out about your club and the great work you do! - Contact Sue at 614-561-1617 or Sandy at 614-538-9319.

## MEMBERSHIP TIPS

There is a fun new blog up to aid clubs with their membership and retention efforts! Check it out by going to [www.grow6690.org](http://www.grow6690.org). Don't forget to add your insights and comments! This tool will be a great resource to all clubs in the district and beyond. If you are on the Membership and/or Retention Committee of your club - WE NEED YOU TO BE INVOLVED by simply sharing with the rest of us your experiences and knowledge! - Brad Tharp, D6690 Membership Committee

Together, we are  
**This Close  
to Ending Polio**



Brent Rosenthal  
District Governor 6690

Have you planned a club event to benefit the PolioPlus effort yet?

NEED IDEAS? Contact the District PolioPlus Committee for guidance and suggestions!

Chair, Doug Torrance  
(614) 286-0256





# ColumbusMuziki\*

**\*Muziki is Swahili for “Music”**

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – led by the Columbus Capitol Square Rotary Club, a group of D6690 Rotarians and members of the Columbus Music community (artists and fans) will travel to Nairobi, Kenya to put on a very special concert to raise funds that will kick-start a music program for the kids at the Rafiki Orphanage. Our trip program includes:

- ◆ A day of music and fun with the kids at the Rafiki Farm, preparing for the show
- ◆ A day of semi-structured, but informal artist interaction (otherwise known as jamming J) with your fellow Columbus travelers and local artists
- ◆ A Grand Finale performance on the final afternoon of our trip
- ◆ Several side-excursion opportunities to visit local historical landmarks and meet various “friends of Rafiki” in their homes

In addition, 2012 happens to be the bicentennial of the city of Columbus. What better way to celebrate our city’s 200th birthday than by doing something good for some little kids who have experienced some pretty rough times? All of the money we raise in donations, sponsorships and ticket sales will go to fund a music program at the Rafiki AIDS Orphanage and Farm just outside of Nairobi. We’re hoping to raise \$20,000 to fund a teacher, a classroom and instruments.



We have put together some very cost-effective travel packages, and want to welcome anyone interested to call Kirk Horn personally at 614-232-1862 or contact our official travel agency representative Sharma Hipkiss at 614.459.1303 or [shipkiss@georgekuntravel.com](mailto:shipkiss@georgekuntravel.com). To learn more about this project, please visit our website: [www. Columbusmuziki.com](http://www.Columbusmuziki.com).

## CHAPLAIN’S CORNER IT’S NOT ABOUT ME!

Our society has become the “me” generation. A people who only think of themselves. It seems that we want what is best for us. What others may want or need matters not.

Rotary has changed the hearts and minds of we who belong to a Rotary Club. Our motto alone says, “Service Above Self”! As Rotarians, we are aware of the needs of others. Rotary projects have changed the face of the world for the positive.

I encourage each of you to look for those in need and do your best to help. An act of kindness will change their lives and yours. - *James H. Meacham, D6690 Chaplain*

## ZONE INSTITUTE 2011

D6690 was well represented at the 2011 Zone Institute in St. Louis! Presenters included Zone PR Coordinator and Past President Stacy Wood of Worthington AM Rotary and DG Brent. DGE Mike Brown and his wife Kim as well as DGN Bart Mahoney and his wife Kathleen also attended and enjoyed the sessions and festivities!



## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE UPDATE

Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation funded program whereby two districts exchange teams consisting of 4 to 5 non-Rotarians who are young (under 40) professionals, with a Rotarian as a team leader. This year Past President Walter Lundstrom of the Westerville Sunrise Club will lead our District’s team to South Korea for about a month in Spring, 2012. Unfortunately, we have lost two of the previously chosen GSE team members, reducing our team to just four (team leader and 3 non Rotarians). We believe it is still early enough that we should look for an additional team member and an alternate. A sample press release can be easily supplied to you for your local newspaper.

GSE is a fantastic program that not only gives the teams a glimpse at life in another country, but builds bridges of peace and understanding. Please strongly consider sponsoring a candidate. It will not cost your club a cent (but you will get a good speaker for a program when they return!)

*Dave Roasa (614-397-4278), D6690 Group Study Exchange Chair*







## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR COUNCIL



The PDG Council recently met and it was great to have them together and still active in District work! Surrounding DGE Mike Brown, DG Brent Rosenthal and DGN Bart Mahoney are (left to right) PDGs Bob McGaughey (03-04, Newark), T.D. Griley (76-77, Newark), Calvin Gebhart (10-11, Circleville Sunrise), Peggy Murgatroyd (05-06, Cambridge), Dennis Cook (99-00, Marietta), Jim Flaherty (07-08, Westerville Sunrise), Tom Kokensparger (08-09, Lancaster) and Dick Brixner (01-02, Cambridge)

# NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

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 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.

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. Contributions to the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. By giving \$100 a year through EREY, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Here are a few ways your contributions impact our world:

### 5. Fighting hunger

In Romania, children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that enables farmers to buy animal feed, packaging materials, and other supplies. The farmers agree to donate a portion of their goods to hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

In Alaska, Anchorage East Rotary is also fighting hunger by distributing food to low-income families through a mobile food pantry. Projects such as these address two areas of focus: maternal and child health and economic and community development.

### 4. Reducing child mortality

The Rotary clubs of Jaala-Kandana, Sri Lanka, and Madras Northwest, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a village in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, they have built 14 toilets, helping to prevent diarrhea-causing diseases related to poor sanitation. According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million children die of diarrhea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the child mortality rate in many communities by more than 30 percent. Water and sanitation is one of the areas of focus.

### 3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Watching civil war tear apart his homeland of Côte d'Ivoire instilled in Rotary Peace Fellow Kouame Remi Oussou a passion to resolve conflict. He is now working for the United Nations Development Programme in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic internal fighting before a comprehensive peace accord went into effect in 2007.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution. The efforts of Oussou and Rotary Peace Fellows advance the peace and conflict prevention/ resolution area of focus.

### 2. Basic education and literacy

A literacy project sponsored by Rotarians in South Africa and Rhode Island, in conjunction with the International Reading Association and Operation Upgrade, is teaching adults in the rural community of KwaNibela, South Africa, to read and write. These skills will help them fight poverty in their community. Through the effort, nearly 600 adults are attending literacy classes taught by instructors trained with help from Operation Upgrade, which specializes in adult basic education. Funding from The Rotary Foundation provided classroom books.

### 1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are going the distance - participating in walkathons, climbing mountains, cycling, even circumnavigating a continent in rubber dinghies, among other fundraisers - to help Rotary rid the world of polio.

Since Rotary launched its Polio Plus program in 1985, eradicating the disease has become the organization's top priority. End Polio now has helped to fulfill Rotary's promise to the world.

Supporting the Rotary Foundation enables us to fund the various projects that make us the unique organization that we are. Please consider making a contribution to the Rotary Foundation during Rotary Foundation month. This will help us to change the world for the better!



## DANCES OF INDIA

As part of its PolioPlus Campaign and in tribute to Past District Governor Ram Gawande, Columbus Rotary presented Dances of India. The group performing was Malanda School of Indian Dances. Dancers showcased various classical, folk and Bollywood style dance forms. Dance and music like many art forms unites people of all backgrounds to foster harmony and unity. These dancers of all ages have performed in and around central Ohio for many fundraisers over the last two decades. The enchanting beats of Indian and fusion music invoked the dancer in all of us! Congratulations to Columbus Rotary for raising over \$10,000 that evening!







## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR MEL SIMON (Gallipolis)

PDG Mel served as our District Governor in 1998-99. That year, the RI President was James Lacy of Cookeville, TN, and the RI theme was: "Follow Your Rotary Dream." There were 54 clubs in the district and Governor Mel held his district conference at the University of Rio Grande. He is most proud of "The Operation We Care" project to the Philippines that he made the centerpiece of his five goals and objectives that year. (Incidentally, with the ongoing support of 9 Districts, that project remains viable and continues to help hundreds of indigent patients each year not only by saving lives but improving the quality of life.) He says that his most embarrassing times that year were when certain PDGs would shout at him, "Stand up Mel!" He effectively deflected this by stating that he stands like a dime between two nickels. Like nearly every PDG I meet, he notes his most fond memories included the gaining of so many new friends as he and Lydia traveled around the District. "We met all fellow Rotarians as friends that up to this date remain to be true friends working together for a common purpose."

# Rotary Foundation 2011 Year-End GIVING GUIDELINES

This information is being provided for those Rotarians that wish to give a donation to the Rotary Foundation and wish to deduct it as a charitable contribution for Tax Year 2011.

**Donations to the Rotary Foundation made by check:** Make the check payable to The Rotary Foundation. Make sure the Rotarian's Foundation ID# is written on the check. The check must be dated to reflect the 2011 year. Complete TRF Global Contribution Form and mail (postmarked by 12/31/2011) the completed form and check the following address. The envelope must be received at Collections Center Drive no later than 01/06/2012.

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693 USA

**Donations made to the Rotary Foundation made by credit card over the phone:** Call the Rotary Foundation



toll-free number 1-866-976-8279 which is only available until 5:00pm CST on 12/29/2011.

**Donations can be made on-line** at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org), however, these must be completed by Midnight, December 31, 2011 Central Standard Time (CST).

**To ensure 2011 deductibility, the earlier in 2011 that the donation is completed and sent into the Rotary Foundation, the better!**

Specific questions can be answered by contacting the Rotary Foundation Call Center at 1-866-976-8279.

## NEWLY CHARTERED ROTARACT CLUB WINS CAMPUS COMPETITION!

On October 31, DG Brent had the honor of signing the charter application for the Rotaract Club of Shawnee State



University. Just 15 days later, the organization won first place in a campus competition! Three groups of students at the

university collected canned food and built sculptures with the cans in a competition. Theta Phi Alpha collected 274 cans, TKE had 227 cans and the new Rotaract Club collected 372 cans to win the competition receiving \$200 in prize monies. Rotaract members, Dot Flanagan, left, Larry Boldman Jr., center, and Meaghan Redoutey, right, were on the winning team. Congratulations to the Portsmouth Club which is doing a great job getting the Rotaract club off the ground. They have a great core of over 30 members to start!

## YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS DO SERVICE WORK IN CIRCLEVILLE





# COSHOCTON CLUB VISIT

Rotarian and Mayor Steve Mercer and DG Brent grew up in the same neighborhood!



Shane Pyle has served our District as an Assistant Governor and in many committee chairmanships.



Canal Winchester Rotary's active and fun Board warmly welcomed DG Brent.



The Rotary sign in Courthouse Square are visible reminders of the club's 93 years of service to Coshocton and the world!



A smiling Sue Border promises Heather Rainwater a winning ticket!



Charter President and District Membership Co-Chair Brad Tharp and the DG have a friendship dating back 50 years - they walked to school together on their first day of kindergarten!

Past President Rhonda Border Boose calms Cory Acton who hyperventilated when he learned he would be in DG Brent's newsletter!

No matter who else is in the room, DGN Bart is always the center of attention! (No offense President Brent Foley!)

# CANAL WINCHESTER CLUB VISIT



# MARIETTA CLUB VISIT

The Marietta Club is 90 years young and the active and energetic Board won't let the club rest on its many laurels, pushing them ahead to greater service and growth.



First Lady Sylvia enjoys the view of the junction of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers.

DG Brent presented late Rotarian Sam Cook's family with a posthumous Paul Harris Fellowship + 8 recognition. Sam was a backbone of the club and the father of two great Rotarians, PDG Dennis Cook and Past President Colleen Cook, shown here with Sam's wife Rotarian Cheryl and President Eric Erb.

President Eric Erb and AG Pat Peoples, a Marietta member, welcome DG Brent to the historic Lafayette Hotel.



DG Brent and AG Lisa Kaltenecker got a warm Reynoldsburg-Pickerington welcome from President Barth Cotner (the tall one) and the club's board.



Multi talented Board Member Molly McGrath is a classical pianist and owns music studios in Reynoldsburg, Pickerington and Lancaster. Here she shows "student" Craig Maxey how to use her camera. Craig was a key contributor to our District's very successful RYLA conference in July.

Board Member Sam Long prepares to hear the DG's infamous speech!

Sergeant At Arms Bob Munjas searches for victims.



# REYNOLDSBURG-PICKERINGTON CLUB VISIT



# COLUMBUS CAPITOL SQUARE CLUB VISIT

This Board works hard to make sure that the club is "Not Your Grandfather's Rotary Club!"



Cap Square Rotarians (left to right) Sema Thimmes, Club Secretary Amy Kaspar, Club Sergeant-at-Arms Jerry Rampelt, Jessica Stepleton, and Club Social Chair Tim Yulish. Amy and Jerry have ties to DG Brent's home club of Westerville, Amy as Westerville sponsored Ambassadorial Scholar and Jerry as a past member.

District International Service Chair Gary Vaughan (left) represents the very best of Rotary's Service Above Self. Gary works tirelessly for the Rotary Foundation and our District. Gary has been instrumental in our District's many matching grant projects over the past several years. Here he is joined by new member Andrew Patterson.

DG Brent straightens Board Member Terry Traxler's theme pin. Can't help being a dad!



The Zanesville Board guides an active and fun club!



Monica Martinelli and MJ Shackelford make DG Brent jealous that he "fell short" when he dove into life's gene pool. Brent's application to try out for the Zanesville Daybreak Volleyball team was rejected.

Caribeth Legats (on right with Mary Hildebrand) is the driving force behind the Club's signature project, the Miracle League.

Proud Dad Immediate Past President Gary Moll heeds DG Brent's plea to bring in younger members as he shows off Jaxson, the latest addition to his family.

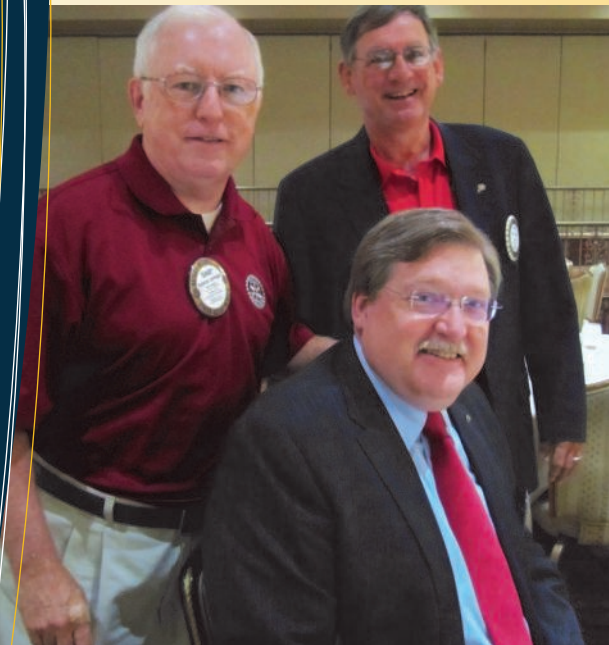


# ZANESVILLE DAYBREAK CLUB VISIT



# WESTERVILLE CLUB VISIT

Westerville's board welcomed DG Brent home.  
(Editor's note: **WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU GOVERNOR BRENT!!**)



Past Presidents Dave Coffman (left), who is the District Conference Chairman (May 18-19 - save the date!) and Kirk Lawson (seated) preceded DG Brent as Westerville Presidents. Steve Middleton served as a Club director, chairman of its major fundraiser, and was inducted on the same day as DG Brent.

New member Dave Krebs (sponsored by DG Brent) is greeted by AG Larry Jenkins.

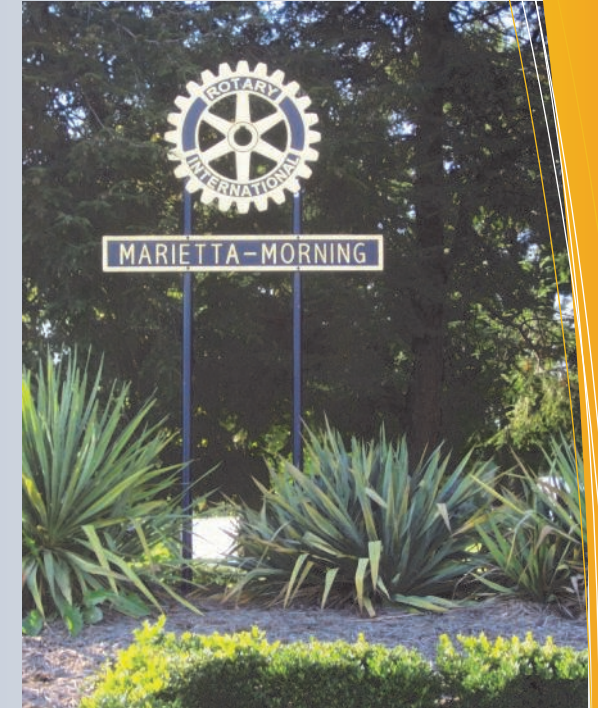
Among the surprises for DG Brent from his home club was the presentation of a commendation from the Ohio House from Club Member and State Representative Anne Gonzales.



Kent Hall and Mary Segrest practice that universal Rotary tradition of good food and fellowship!



The beautiful Discovery Garden is maintained by the club.



Marietta Morning's board welcomed DG Brent and Sylvia to a wonderful dinner meeting at the Buckley House, a world class restaurant owned by PE Hilles Hughes and her husband. Don't miss it on your next trip to Marietta!

Board Member Mary Segrest and First Lady Sylvia chat over dinner.

# MARIETTA MORNING CLUB VISIT



# MALTA-MCCONNELSVILLE CLUB VISIT



President Mary Ann Chamberlain has the help of a dedicated board and AG Pat Peoples. (From left Dixie Kirkbride, Wendy Gorrell, Kelly Hardman, DG Brent, Mary Ann Chamberlain, AG Pat Peoples, Chris Penrose, Bill Flesher, & Dr. Robert Richmond)



The Club made a generous donation to a local food pantry in honor of DG Brent's visit and President Mary Ann presented Brent with a commemorative plaque.

Past Assistant Governor Art Langerman enjoys a laugh at the board meeting, along with Naomi Wright and Dr. Robert Richmond.

DG Brent was honored to help induct new member Doug Patrick.



# CLINTONVILLE CLUB VISIT



The Clintonville club has adopted a flexible meeting schedule. Its 2 monthly regular meetings are held at Patrick J's. It also has a monthly "happy hour" meeting and a service project. Pictured in top left picture, President Greg Ubert, Membership Chair Jim Blazer, PE Megan DeFourny and Board Member Tom Scheid.

Barbara Fortkamp is the club's attendance secretary.

AG Bill Lehner, Treasurer Eric Schoef, Secretary Dave Unger and Service Projects Chair Joni Schlagenhauf eagerly share the club's activities with DG Brent.



***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!***