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## DG BRENT'S BRIEFS

In September, Rotarians around the world celebrate New Generations Month. On one of my recent club visits, a Rotarian was telling me about how his service on his club's scholarship committee changed his long held disdain for the younger generations. "You know, Brent, I was really down on kids. I guess I took what I read in the papers and extrapolated it to the entire generation. Then I

served on our club's scholarship committee and boy were my eyes opened. I realized that today's high school graduates have done more in 18 years than I have done in 50. They're smarter, they're better educated, they're more well rounded, and they are certainly less self centered than I was at that age. And the competition they have to overcome is brutal. I am in awe of today's kids."

Rotary has always focused a considerable amount of its activities (and Foundation money) on youth. Polio Plus, Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarships, Youth Exchange, RYLA, Group Study Exchange and other signature Rotary programs are all aimed at helping the next generation become healthy, educated and wise world leaders. To emphasize the importance we place on youth, last year Rotary added New Generations as our 5th Avenue of Service.

I want to recognize and thank the many great Rotarians in District 6690 who toil with such love and commitment for our youth through our District's New Generations programs. Chairman PDG Roger Viers leads an amazing group of folks: Sandy Pyle-Viers, Judy Root, Walter Lundstrom, Kathy Gatterdam, Bill McMurray, and Briana Flint, our Youth Exchange Chairs; RYLA Chairs Roe Mauro and Larry Jenkins; Rotaract Chair Tom Carlisi; Interact Chair Lee Smith; and Scholarship Chairs Nancy Shapiro and Amy Kaspar. Their efforts change lives!

Don't we all want our children to have a better, more peaceful, more prosperous world than we have? Don't we all want to leave the world a little better place than we got it? Through Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to improve tomorrow by changing the lives of future leaders. We can give a child hope and opportunity. And when we do so, we also affect the lives of every person that child may touch. Why don't you commemorate New Generations month by serving on one of your Club's or our District's committees? Contact PDG Roger at [rviers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rviers@sbcglobal.net) to find out how you can help. Reach Within to Embrace Our Youth – and together we'll build a better tomorrow!

The Olentangy board meeting was rather informal, so DG Brent rolled up his pants to fit in (next time DG Brent can lose the dark socks and shoes!)



## SEPTEMBER NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

- 24<sup>th</sup> - FOUNDATION & MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise & Ride (Grove City)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Social Networking Night (Westerville)

## OCTOBER VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Y-City GunFest (Zanesville)
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Annual Pig Roast (Reynoldsburg-Pickerington)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - D6690 PolioPlus Crew Game (Dublin A.M.)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Night at the Races (Olentangy)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Back to School Rotary Auction (Newark)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - WORLD POLIO DAY

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





## THE ONE LESS TRAVELED BY

You like your club meetings, and enjoy your friends in Rotary, but lately less and less members seem to be attending. The new member you inducted last Spring can't seem to make it and your past-President from 3 years ago says she's too busy at work. Of course, your club has been vigilant about keeping up the same fundraisers; promptly meeting every week at the same time and same place; and keeping a watchful eye on attendance. So what gives? While it's true that your club is keeping the faith and providing structure, eventually like the wagon following a rut in the road that has become deeper and its side steeper, the well-traveled path has become your obstacle.

So how do you keep the faith while creating change?

This is exactly what RI, your District Governor, and your Club President are wrestling with, but here are some things you should know. First, Rotary is not a triangle hierarchy but rather like its logo, a wheel with a hub and spokes: RI and your District are there to provide the resources needed to retain a vibrant and active service club. You need tools, answers, ideas? Contact the District Membership Committee and fellow Clubs for help; go to the District events like the **Foundation/Membership Seminar September 24<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster**. Secondly, communication is the single most critical element to your personal happiness in Rotary, and as a result, your Club's well-being. If you aren't sharing, talking, listening, or doing something new in Rotary every week, you and your Club are probably in a bad rut and your membership is suffering. Third, by definition we are looking for trouble – that is to say, we are looking for problems to solve. So whether it be literacy in your town, a water project in Africa, or membership in your Club, the culture you and your Club should embody is that of trailblazing new paths toward opportunities.

Ideas are easier to dream-up than to implement. And to be sure jumping a rut is not as easy as it looks. But as Robert Frost's poem pointed out about roads, "I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

See you in Lancaster this weekend! - *Frank M. Dilenschneider, D6690 Membership Committee*

## DOES THIS SERVICE PROJECT FIT YOU? CAMBRIDGE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

Ideas for Rotary projects can come to us in many ways. For instance, my idea for our Cambridge Rotary club playground project came from seeing the Rotary club of Newark's handicapped accessible playground. As District Governor, I was asked to participate in the opening of the playground. Unfortunately, I was out of town and could not attend.

That summer, as PDG, Glenn and I were asked to attend a picnic there. I invited my son Scott, his wife Tiffany, their son Nolan and their daughter Camryn. I wanted them to see the playground and for Camryn to test the equipment. Camryn was born with Microcephaly, Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy. She had severe disabilities, but a great attitude. She loved hearing people laugh, the wind blow through her hair and being part of any activity.

When Tiffany put Camryn in the handicapped accessible swing, it was one of the happiest days of her life. She had never been in a swing before, but with the way the swing laid back and had safety harnesses, she was able to. With that first push, she started to giggle, kick her legs and arms and experienced something that became her biggest thrill.

I told the Newark Rotarians, that if for no other reason, but to hear a disabled child giggle, this playground was well worth the work, the fund-raising

and the time put into making it happen. At that moment, I knew I was going to ask the Rotary club of Cambridge to support a playground like this one.

I went to the club president; Steve Stansbury and he asked the foundation for help. They agreed to donate \$50,000 in seed money to get this project started. The Cambridge Rotarians and individuals stepped up and gave their all to make this accessible playground happen. Within two years the playground was dedicated. Camryn was set to be the first one to swing that day, but with much sorrow, she passed away just one month prior to the opening.

Since our playground was dedicated in the summer of 2009, other Rotary clubs in 6690 are interested in building one. Our daughter, Kristin's Rotary club in New Bremen/New Knoxville, District 6600 will have their handicapped accessible playground ready in 2012.

These playgrounds enhance the community; encourage children to interact and give parents with children with or without disabilities a safe place to play. They enrich children's lives: and helps them to develop physically, cognitively, emotionally and socially. There is nothing like hearing a child with limitations giggle. - *PDG Peggy Murgatroyd, Cambridge Rotarian*



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Get a jump on October (Vocational Service Month) by checking out the service project ideas posted on the district website!! There are projects of various levels of involvement and financial commitment. In fact, THERE IS A PROJECT FOR EVERY KIND OF CLUB! We challenge you to get a project going now. For help in starting any of the listed projects, we encourage you to reach out to the clubs which are already implementing that project. To do that, simply contact your District Vocational Service Committee and we will be thrilled to support you!! Remember, we are "Preparing Today to Improve Tomorrow!" With all D6690 clubs conducting these projects, we will better the lives of every generation of people living in our area. What an impact! - *Doug Barno, D6690 Vocational Service Chair*

**D6690 Foundation and  
Membership Seminar  
THIS SATURDAY  
September 24 at OU -  
Lancaster Campus. Get  
Registered NOW!**



# NEW GENERATIONS

## EMPHASIS ON YOUTH A LONG STANDING ROTARY PRIORITY

In 1927 the first Rotary Youth Exchanges began with European high school students. In 1961 the Rotary Club of Brisbane, Australia held the first RYLA Conference. In 1962 the first Interact (International Action) Club was chartered in Florida. In 1968 the first Rotaract (Rotary In Action) Club was chartered at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Just a few years ago New Generation Vocational Exchanges began for 18 to 25 year olds. (D6690 has had two!)

In 1949 RI President Angus Mitchell said at the RI convention: "The youth of every generation has stood in a critical position, for the scales have been tipped one way or the other by the training they received from their elders. This is particularly true today. Our boys and girls have greater freedom, exercise greater power, and have more opportunities for both good and evil, than ever before. How important it is, therefore, that youth's great possibilities for good be realized and developed!"

10 or so years ago RI established this mission for New Generations: It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations (all young people up to the age of 30) by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs. All clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the New Generations: health, human value, education, and self-development.

### GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE



Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a part of RI Foundations' Educational Programs. Annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to cover travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 70,000 individuals (almost 15,000 teams) from 100 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$113 million.

Our district has been very active in this program and I know from talking with host clubs, the experience we get from this exchange has been tremendous. One rural club shared with me that the GSE exchange is one of their main contacts with international culture. Giving to RI is important and the GSE program is a portion of where RI allocates our \$100 Every Rotarian Every Year to be used. It is important to keep giving each year so RI can continue these important Education Programs.

- Dave Roasa, D6690 GSE Chair

The 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations. After adopting an amendment to change the name from Youth Service to New Generations, the Council narrowly supported the addition to article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

Rotarians have been serving youth for nearly 85 years. September is New Generations month! In this newsletter the Chairs for New Generations programs stress what clubs need to do to become involved in Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange.

New Generations programs provide opportunities for youth in your community to experience Rotary ideals first hand. Many will become future members and leaders in Rotary!

Recently, I was at a District Committee meeting. One of the members had become very active for his club in Rotaract, RYLA and Interact. He believed that he probably would have left Rotary had he not become involved in these programs!

Each program requires a club member who is dedicated to youth. Sometimes the first step in establishing a program or revitalizing one that has been discontinued is as simple as asking a club member to Chair a New Generations committee.

- PDG Roger Viers, D6690 New Generations Chair



## STEP

### Short-Term Exchange Program

STEP is a great introduction for students that want to travel abroad. The STEP program is an 8 week family to family exchange. It is perfect for students that do not want to miss school or a sports season. The only limit to the program is the age 18 ½. A student can go on multiple short term exchanges.

As a Rotarian, recruiting students is as easy as passing out youth exchange brochures or sending students and school counselors a link to our site: [rotariyyouthexchange6690.org](http://rotariyyouthexchange6690.org). There are so many students just looking for a program like ours...

We spend many hours preparing our students and their families. The students bond early with other outbound and inbound students. Additionally, the cost of our program is much less expensive than other programs. This is because we have so many volunteers.

We are always looking for clubs to host one of our weekends. Our calendar is on the website. It is wonderful to have Rotarians participate in any piece or part of the weekends that they can. Many weekends include a service project. All the weekends include educating the students on diplomacy, presentation skills, and leadership. We hope that you will join us soon!!

- Kathy Gatterdam, D6690 STEP Chair



A recent Brazilian GSE team is hosted by Circleville Rotary. Is this what they call "taken for a ride" in the United States?



## ROTEX IS BECOMING A REALITY IN D6690!

It is a huge adjustment for an exchange student at the end of their exchange. For two years they have been part of Rotary Youth Exchange and have focused completely on learning how to be an exchange student. Then their focus is on becoming part of the culture of their host country. At the end of their exchange they are uprooted and sent home. It used to mean the end, but not any more...

For the past two years, Youth Exchange has been having annual Rotex (ROTary EXchange students) weekends in the summer after the students all get back home. Now the students and RYE Volunteers are creating a mechanism designed not only to help kids adjust, but to keep them involved in youth exchange and Rotary. A Rotaract club designed for Rotex students and young adults who help youth exchange is in the process of forming. A steering committee, advised by Rotarians Bill McMurray and Sema Thimmes, has been formed and is headed by Brock Flint. It consists of former exchange students ranging in ages from 18-30.

Immediate goals include: Mentoring new outbound exchange students; Creating service projects to raise money to send needy students on youth exchange; and helping recently returning students to adjust back in the USA.

In the past three years our students have gone from exchange into Universities like Princeton; Georgetown; NYU Paris; Bogazici University, Istanbul; United World College in Mostar, Bosnia; Belgrano University, Argentina; as well as Ohio State, Ohio University, Miami University of Ohio, Marietta College, Kenyon, Dennison and many others. Our foreign and American students have meshed into a inter-supportive network of friends and mentors. Best of all, many of our inbound and outbounds students have gone on to become Rotarians. It is hoped the 6690 Rotex Rotaract will help pave that road.

Any former exchange student who wants to be part of this program should contact Brock Flint, Sema Thimmes, or Bill McMurray.

## RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Have you caught the excitement and buzz of the newest addition to our District New Generations programs? This past July our District held the first annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, known as RYLA, on the OU Campus in Athens and it changed the lives of the 64 student participants from around Southeastern Ohio and the Rotarians involved!

RYLA is a 2½ day youth leadership retreat for High School students entering their senior year. The goal of RYLA is not to develop a certain type of leader but to help each student recognize, explore and further develop the skills necessary to be a leader. Understanding these skills can then further assist these students in the everyday situations they face.

All you have to do is see the transformation the 64 student leaders went through to understand what a little investment of time and money can do in these young adults' lives. They left more confident and self-aware. All now realized, some for the first time, that they have the power within themselves to affect those around them and to choose to have a positive impact on their world. They also left knowing that Rotary had invested in them and this opened their eyes to new possibilities.

As with all Rotary programs, it wasn't just the students who grew through RYLA. The Rotarians involved left changed as well. We too left refocused on the skill and talents we possess and the power of sharing these through Rotary. We were all truly blessed to be able to share this experience with the students. The future looks bright when you see it through the eyes of these amazing young people.

Now, we are already looking to the 2012 RYLA Conference which will again be held on the OU Campus in Athens on July 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

You may be asking yourself, "What can my club do to get involved?" Here are a few suggestions to help your Club plan to participate in the RYLA experience:

- Your club may award up to two scholarships for a student to attend the RYLA conference. The cost is \$300 per student and although money and

commitment isn't due until January 31, 2012 there is a maximum of 96 spots for the 2012 conference that will go on a first come first serve basis. It is never too early to get your money in.

- If your Club is planning to participate in RYLA in 2012, have you identified a RYLA chair person? We are here to help you prepare for RYLA and that always goes easier if there is someone to whom we can direct the communications. If your club already has a RYLA Chair, please inform me or Roe Mauro of their name and contact email and telephone. This way we can remind you of important deadlines and be here to answer your questions.

- Student selections are not due until next Spring, however, it is never too early to develop relationships with your local school systems. Make contact now with officials in your local High Schools to introduce RYLA and establish a system in which they can

assist you in identifying candidates.

- Energize your Club by dedicating a meeting program to RYLA. We have 64 students throughout the district that just went through the experience and we are finding that they love to talk about RYLA. Roe or I are also willing to attend to add details but we've found that the students are much more exciting and your members will be amazed by these young people.

Roe and I would like to once again take a moment to thank all the great Rotarians who supported us last year and continue to support the program this year. We had a great group of dedicated committee members and facilitators that made this year's event outstanding. If you would like to join the team for 2012 please contact Roe or me for details. We also encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to assist you. We are here to serve the district and to make the RYLA experience the best it can be. - Larry Jenkins, RYLA District Co-Chair



## OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE RECORDS!

Newark Rotarians John Weaver (right, 58 years) and Past RI Director T.D. Griley (left, 53 years) have a combined 111 years of perfect attendance. That is longer than Rotary has been in existence!





## A WHOLE NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERACT CLUBS

One of the ways we introduce young people to Rotary is through Interact. For years, many Rotarians referred to Interact as "Rotary for high school." However, just last year, the RI Board agreed to lower the age of eligibility for Interactors from 14 to 12.

While this opens up a whole new opportunity for our Rotary clubs to start up new Interact in middle schools, it might be an even stronger opportunity for our existing Interact clubs to bolster themselves by starting a club in the same halls they used to roam just a few short months ago.

"I think a good strategy would be to encourage the high school clubs to organize the effort. They know the teachers at the middle schools and who would be the best kid magnets," New Generations Chair PDG Roger Viers said.

Additional benefits include:

- They can recruit teachers as staff advisers.
- They know the Principals and could promote Interact with the administration.
- They already work with a Rotarian Advisor and could recruit faculty advisors through that Rotarian.
- They will convey much enthusiasm and guidance that will motivate middle schoolers.

Middle school Interact Clubs will provide future members for the high school or vocational school clubs. However, it's important to note that each Interact club is a separate, self-governing body. It cannot be a subgroup of another club, though they can work together on joint service projects.

So put the gears of Service Above Self into motion:

- Meet with the current and future officers of your current Interact club(s) to discuss the idea.
- Share these benefits and gauge their interest.
- Target a middle school prospect. (Try the middle school last attended by the high school Interact club officers.)
- Meet with your Rotary club board for funds for an additional faculty advisor stipend and club supplies.
- Also motion to host a charter ceremony in the evening when parents of the high school Interactors and new middle school Interactors can attend to learn more about Interact and Rotary. These parents might even be potential Rotarians for your club!
- Commit your club's support for the middle school club to your high school club. Then, most importantly...
- **Get out of the way!**

Your high school Interactors already have relationships with the right people and can enthusiastically share all the good their high school Interact club has done.

The only question that remains is: who wants to be the first to turn this strategy into success? Your District Interact chairs, myself and Louis Hominga, are here to help! - C. Lee Smith, D6690 Interact Chair

## ROTARACT CELEBRATES NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

As Rotary International features September as New Generations month, Rotaract is contributing to the New Generations efforts by providing meaningful opportunities for young adults to contribute service to their respective communities. Sponsored by Rotary clubs in D6690, Rotaract club members are also learning leadership and professional development skills to help them become future community leaders...and hopefully lifelong Rotarians.

### **Rotaract Clubs...Summer Highlights**

As most Rotaract clubs are college clubs, many Rotaractors are away from their respective campuses and it is a time for Rotaract officers and committee chairs to plan for the upcoming school year. Yet, as service to others never stops, we would like to highlight a few Rotaract activities that have occurred this summer:

- **New Rotaract Club formation: Rotaract Club of Shawnee State University, sponsored by Portsmouth Rotary Club** - Over the past year, Rotarians and Rotaract student leadership team members successfully completed their activities to develop a Rotaract club. They are launching Club this Fall and are in the

process of applying for official Rotaract club charter status with Rotary International.

- **Local Service and Fundraising: Rotaract Club of OSU and Columbus Rotaract (Young Professionals) Club, sponsored by Columbus Rotary** helped contribute over \$7,500 to worthy local service organizations. \$4,800 of it went to **Kids 'N Kamp**, an organization that serves children and families with cancer. The Rotaract leaders contributed planning, logistics, event host responsibilities, and links with the Columbus Rotary and Kids 'N Kamp leaders to complete this successful project... and they plan for next year's fundraising to be even bigger. \$2,800 went to

**Alzheimer's Organization** by co-hosting a Casino Night. In the past 3 years, these Rotaract young professionals have contributed over \$12,000 to the local Alzheimer's' Organization! We wonder what is next!

- Tom Carlisi, D6690 Rotaract Chair

*This family is a part of the Kids 'N Kamp program, which benefits from the fundraising efforts of the OSU Rotaract Club.*



## DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE WEEKENDS

How do the nine mandatory monthly weekend meetings for Outbound (OB) and Inbound (IB) students contribute significantly to the excellence of the D6690 YE Program?

1. Short-term and academic-year OB students are well prepared for success through extensive training by D6690 YE Officers in language, ambassadorial skills, public speaking, adjusting to another culture, etc. They also socialize with IB students from all over the world, learning what to expect and how cultures differ.
2. IB students also receive orientations regarding cultural issues they may encounter and how to cope with them. The staffs can also council students who are having serious problems.
3. The weekend includes a service project. Students experience first hand Service Above Self and learn what Rotary is all about.

The most powerful aspects of YE is making friends from other countries and maintaining contact.

The weekends are hosted by Rotary Clubs and typically involve an over night stay in a Y, school gymnasium or camp. The September weekend is at Camp Mary Orton and is sponsored by Columbus Rotary. The last weekend is at the District Conference May 19. A complete list of weekends can be found on the D6690 YE website at [www.rotaryyouthexchange6690.org](http://www.rotaryyouthexchange6690.org).

The sponsoring Rotary Club or Clubs pay for all of the costs associated with the weekend. The YE Committee deeply appreciates our sponsoring clubs. Many clubs sponsor a weekend every year. Additional weekend sponsors are still needed! Ideally, we would like to have enough sponsor clubs so that they could host every other year.

If your club is interested in hosting a weekend this year or next year, please email Rotarian Sema Thimmes at [akgun.sema@gmail.com](mailto:akgun.sema@gmail.com). - Sandy Pyle-Viers, D6690 Youth Exchange Chair





## NEWARK CLUB VISIT

Newark Rotarian and District Hunger Resources Chairman shows off the food bank project supported by the Club. DG Brent is elated so many clubs are working to fight hunger in D6690!



In its 95 year history the Newark Club has provided both D6690 and RI with distinguished leaders. Past RI Director TD Griley (left), PDG Donn Alspach (2d from left) and PDG Bob McGaughey (2d from right) join President Gary Baker in welcoming DG Brent and DGN Bart Mahoney.

President Gary and PP Tom Slater congratulate member Ed Bohren for completing the recent Pelatonia bicycle ride to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

DG Brent was pleased to welcome Gary Baldwin to the Newark club. Gary is not a new Rotarian though, and is a Paul Harris Fellow!



## OLENTANGY CLUB VISIT



Club Treasurer John Jordan and his beautiful 1956 Packard was seen this summer at various cruise-ins.



President Steve Ussery and AG Susan Robenalt welcome DG Brent for his official visit.

## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR DICK SLAGER (Upper Arlington)



PDG Dick served as our District Governor in 1980-81. That year, the RI President was Rolf Klarich of Helsinki, Finland, and the RI theme was: "Take Time to Serve." There were 43 clubs in the district and Governor Dick held his district conference at King's Island. Dick is most proud of his successful campaign to build water wells in Central America. Through this campaign, over 195 wells have been provided to communities, mainly in Honduras. After serving as our Governor, Dick went on to become a Rotary International Director in 1994-95 then Vice President of Rotary International in 1995-96. His service to Rotary has been exemplary from the club level to the very top of our organization! Thank you Dick for the amazing leadership you have provided and continue to provide in this district!! (Insert: Service Above Self award recipient Dick Slager and his wife Elaine.)



# GAHANNA CLUB VISIT

President Rebecca Wigal shows off a commemorative marker denoting the Gahanna Rotary Stage at Gahanna's Creekside development.



Treasurer Brad Schneider goes over the club's financial records with DG Brent and President Rebecca Wigal.

President Rebecca Wigal takes the stage with PE (for the second time!) Tom Schneider.



PDGs Steve Stevenson and Bill Stout join President Judy Wolford in welcoming DG Brent.



Ty Ankrom introduces new member Mike Pelcic, who holds a sign to help Ty remember what field Mike works in!

PDG Bill evokes a laugh from new member Jamie Fountain during Jamie's installation into the club. PDG Bill's orange Rotary shirt is perfect for Pumpkin City!

# CIRCLEVILLE CLUB VISIT



# NEW ALBANY CLUB VISIT

Pat Hollern (second from left) sponsored new member Joe Evans (third from left), whom DG Brent helped induct. Joe got involved right away - he is the club's new official photographer!



President Elizabeth Gerhard and PE Marilyn Hughes greet DG Brent. The next time you see Marilyn, ask her to tell you her Joe Namath story!

The club meets at member Frank Yu's O'Charley's Restaurant, giving the club a much needed stable home. (FINE!)



The Baltimore Board of Directors - the club meets in the bar of a bowling alley (!)



DG Brent took this picture of some of the club members during his speech - just to make sure they were paying attention!



C.J. Lysinger and Ruth Crutcher share a laugh. Ruth started the Baltimore Food Pantry 20 years and remains its driving force. The Club generously supports this worthwhile project.



President Trudy Reeb warmly welcomed DG Brent and AG Lisa Kaltenecker.

# BALTIMORE CLUB VISIT



# LANCASTER CLUB VISIT

AG Ty Ankrom, PE Bob Competti, DG Brent, President Ryan Troup, and Past President Judy Root, one of D6690's dedicated Youth Exchange Committee members



DG Brent is introduced to Lancaster's two inbound youth exchange students. Jakob Brolli is from Graz, Austria and Bam Tianwattanasiri is from Korat, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand.



Lancaster Rotarian Jim Miller served our District as Governor in 1967-68 - making him our senior PDG!

The Athens Rotary Club Board of Directors with DG Brent



President Bob Troxel and PE Betsy Baringer with DG Brent who is wearing a ceremonial scarf that PDG Ram Gawande had made. It was presented to Brent during the meeting and bears the name of every DG from David Lusty to Brent.



PP Jody Harris and PDG David Lusty show off the Club's handicapped accessible playground. The 4 part project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2012.

DG Brent's official visit to the Rotary Club of Athens happened to be Athen's first club meeting since the passing of PDG Ram Gawande. As expected, it was a very emotional meeting. For DG Brent, it was a very healing experience to be able to be at Ram's home club and share in the memories of a man who was so dear to us all. Unfortunately, Brent's camera battery died and all the pictures he captured were from PDG David Lusty's cell phone! THANKS DAVID for helping out when needed (as usual)!

# ATHENS CLUB VISIT



# LEWIS CENTER/POLARIS CLUB VISIT



President Chari presented AG Bill Lehner, DGE Mike Brown, DGN Bart Mahoney and DG Brent with special Lewis Center/Polaris Rotary Club ceremonial shawls.

Past Presidents Lee Smith and Sue Rowland are long time members who have also been active on the District level. Lee is our current Interact Chair. DGE Mike was seen putting the hard sell on Sue to get her involved next year. Stay tuned!



# JACKSON CLUB VISIT



Former Assistant Governors Lee Hubbard (Club treasurer) and Curt Wiggins both served our District with distinction.



One of President Todd's innovations is a Powerpoint presentation shown during pre-meeting times that illustrates the history and scope of Rotary. AG Matt Willis approves!

President Todd Rubly's fancy footwear hasn't slowed down this active President and club!



**Want something included in the District Newsletter? Please submit to DG Brent ([brent.rosenthal1@gmail.com](mailto:brent.rosenthal1@gmail.com)) or District Secretary Kris**

**([secretary@district6690.org](mailto:secretary@district6690.org)) for consideration!**