CHANGEMAKER AWARD: During the Rotary year of 2011-2012, Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee introduced a new recognition, the Changemaker Award, to accompany the Presidential Citation. The Rotary Club of Mountain Home, Arkansas, was 1 of 11 clubs ...to receive the award in District 6110, which has 81 clubs from OK, MO, KS and AR. Local president Stacy Helmert had made it her goal to receive this new citation during her administrative year. And, on Thursday, May 24, Assistant Governor Dave Matty presented the prestigious award to Helmert during the regular club meeting.



Stacy Helmert with Changemaker Citation

President Banerjee, who said he will encourage Rotarians to focus on change, explained that the Changemaker Award will recognize Rotary clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in their communities and their world. For Banerjee, the Changemaker Award and Presidential Citation will reinforce "the work of each Rotarian throughout the year to make the world a better place through service to others whom they do not know and have not met."

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:

The Installation of Officers for the Rotary Club of Mountain Home was held on Thursday evening, June 28 at Big Creek. A roomful of Rotarians and their quests congratulated the newly inducted leaders for 2012-2013. Past-President Stacy Helmert thanked everyone for their help during her year and handed the gavel over to President Sheila Wingard.



Mountain Home Officers for 2012-2013
(I-r): President Sheila Wingard, Director Mike Willard, Past President/Secretary Mary Kirby, Director Elton Kirby, Past President Stacy Helmert, and Director Stewart Brunner

Assistant Governor Larry Nelson charged Sheila and the new Board of Directors to make a difference in everything that they do for and through Rotary. The new Board is President Sheila, President-Elect Elton Kirby, Past President Stacy Helmert, members Stewart Brunner, Mike Willard, and Sally Gilbert.



Academy Graduation:

Recently, the graduates of the first District Leadership Academy were announced at a dinner in NWA. One of the 11 graduates from 6110 was Larry Nelson from the Rotary Club of Mountain Home. The in-depth study required reading most of the publications on all phases of Rotary's work and projects, plus submitting essays and completing comprehensive tests. Nelson is shown here with District Governor Danny Mitchell. The Dean of the Academy was Past DG Ellis Potter from Iola, KS.