

# The MarRotagram

## Club Leaders



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*Por que o livro de matemática estava triste? Porque ele tinha muitos problemas.*

In honor of our Brazilian educator guests, here's a Portuguese joke about math.

You'll have to share it with them to see if it's funny or not!

**Social Alert!!!** - Join us for the **NGSE Social** at **The Townhouse** **this Thursday from 4:00–7:00P.** Cash bar with heavy appetizers provided. Please come out and help us show our guests some good old-fashioned Marietta hospitality.

**THIS WEEK - January 15, 2025**

**Program:** This week, our club is pleased to welcome a group of educators from Brazil as part of the Rotary Next Generation Service Exchange. These talented professionals bring with them a shared passion for education, language, and cross-cultural learning, and they will be joining us to share their experiences from Brazil and their impressions from their visit to Ohio.

Our guests include Édipo Jéssé Corrêa, an English teacher; Elaine Berges, a college professor; Glauce Silva Benedito, a Portuguese and science teacher; Amanda Piovezani Assis, an English teacher; and Ana Carolina Antonelli Pandolfo, also an English teacher. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from their perspectives and to continue Rotary's mission of building understanding, goodwill, and lasting connections across borders.

**Attendance:** Dave Baker

**Ticket Sales:** Hayden Flinger

**Greeter:** Lisa Blavos

**Invocator:** Laura Miller

**Can Collector:** Lori Hart

## Speakers

January 15, 2026

[Brazil Group](#)  
[NGSE Visit](#)

January 22, 2026

[Davis Powers/Troy Hawkins](#)  
Canine Demo-therapy dog and bloodhound

January 29, 2026

[Tasha/Jona/Susie/Terry](#)  
International Projects - The Possibility of Joint Adventures!!!

February 05, 2026

[Amy Buchman](#)  
Warren Students Solving Problems

February 12, 2026

[Gretchen & Hayden Flinner](#)  
New Member Bios

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- *Details coming soon regarding future service projects!*

## LAST MEETING - January 8, 2025

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Roush announced that the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, the Christmas Feast, and the service project completed together during the early December club meeting were all a success, with a record number of volunteer hours donated. Thank you to everyone who participated and made these efforts possible.
- **NGSE Update:** Dave Vendenberg shared that the Brazilian Rotarians are now in the United States and will be joining our club meeting this Thursday. **A social will follow Thursday evening at the Townhouse from 4:00 to approximately 7:00P.** Members are encouraged to stop in. A cash bar will be available, and heavy appetizers will be provided.
- President Roush announced that total sales for the Brick Project reached 92 bricks, just short of the club's goal of 100. A flash brick sale held during the meeting helped push the total to 100 bricks sold, officially reaching our goal. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. More information on brick placement and an upcoming ribbon cutting will be shared soon.

**PRESENTATION:** Last Thursday, our club had the pleasure of hearing from Terry Rataiczak and Heather Allender as they shared information about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL). Terry spoke specifically about DPIL in relation to the 2026 PETS Service Project, which begins immediately and will culminate at the PETS Conference in late February 2026. As District Governor-Elect, Terry is responsible for selecting and leading the District-wide service project for the year.

Terry chose the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for two key reasons. First, based on his personal experience, reading and comprehension are deeply important to him, and the value of early childhood literacy cannot be overstated. Second, Governor Mike DeWine's wife has worked diligently to ensure that every child born in Ohio is registered for DPIL at the time their birth certificate is issued. Through this initiative, the state provides 50 percent of the funding at the community level, with the remaining cost covered by local partners.

Heather then shared the history of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and how the Marietta Community Foundation became involved in supporting the program in Washington County. She highlighted several impressive statistics, including that 2,979 children from birth through age five currently qualify for the program, and that 93,960 books have been delivered to children in Washington County since

2017. While a waitlist still exists, Heather noted it has been reduced to just 40 children.

Terry concluded by sharing that the cost to sponsor one book per month for a child over the first five years of life is only \$155. Those interested in contributing can sponsor through the Marietta Rotary Club. See Terry for additional details.

**Split the Pot:** Daily: \$3

**Jackpot:** \$625

**Winner:** *As Davis Powers would say, Terry Ratazackalacky. Daily only. Game goes on!*

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### Birthdays



[Nathan Lord](#)  
January 17th



[Todd Hughes](#)  
January 23rd



[Kenneth Morrison](#)  
February 9th

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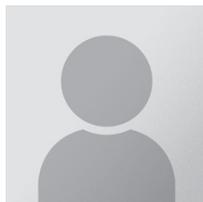
### Years of Service



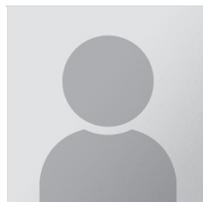
[Mark Kerenyi](#)  
13 Years



[Jarrett Stull](#)  
4 Years



[Amy Knapp](#)  
2 Years



[Lisa Blavos](#)  
0 Years

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# SORTING OUT WHERE CONTRIBUTIONS GO

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Marietta Rotarians direct our Rotary Giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

ORGANIZATION	DONATION DESIGNATIONS	ADDRESS	MEMBER CONTACT	EMAIL
Rotary Club of Marietta	Club Dues	PO Box 1138 Marietta, OH 45750	Terry Rataiczak	treasurer@mariettanoonrotary.org
Marietta Rotary Foundation	Unrestricted Fund, Safetytown, Scholarships	424 2nd Street Marietta, OH 45750	Colleen Cook Bob Kirkbride	cook@theisenbrock.com rekirkbride@yahoo.com
Rotary International Foundation	\$125 Club, Paul Harris, Annual Fund, PolioPlus	PO Box 1138 Marietta, OH 45750	Terry Rataiczak	treasurer@mariettanoonrotary.org



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