

# The MarRotagram

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*Why are snowmen great at parties? They always break the ice.*

We're going to want a break in the ice if this forecast holds! I enjoy all the seasons, and yes, I even like winter, but only when it snows. This single digit stuff is for the (snow) birds! Stay warm out there and I'll see you all on Thursday.

### **THIS WEEK - January 22, 2025**

**Program:** Dog lovers will not want to miss this week's program featuring a canine demonstration by our own Rotarians, Davis Powers and Troy Hawkins with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. They will share how therapy dogs and bloodhounds are trained and deployed, along with real-world stories that highlight the powerful bond between handler and canine. From calming therapy work to scent tracking, this presentation offers a fascinating look at working dogs in action. If you love dogs, this is a meeting you will not want to miss.

**Attendance:** Duane Huck

**Ticket Sales:** Larry Hiser

**Greeter:** Tommy Hickey

**Invoker:** **NEEDED**

**Can Collector:** Colleen Cook

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Brick Removal** - We will remove the bricks on Sunday, January 25th at 2P in Rotary Park (next to the bridge in East Muskingum Park). We also need help carrying the bricks into the Armory on Monday the 26th at 2:30P.

### **LAST MEETING - January 15, 2025**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## Speakers

**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

**February 19, 2026**

Sandy Knoesel  
District Governor

- **Rotary for Reading 2026** - We are gearing up for Rotary for Reading 2026. This will again be a district-wide initiative, and our club will be supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as part of that effort.
- **Brick Project Update** - President Roush provided an update on the brick project. We have 110 bricks that need to be removed this Sunday, the 25th, starting at 2:00P. If you are able to help, we would greatly appreciate it. We also need help moving the bricks into the Armory on Monday, the 26th, at 2:30P.
- **NGSE Visit Social Hour** - President Roush reminded everyone about the social hour at The Townhouse starting at 4:00P for our NGSE guests.

**PRESENTATION:** Last week's program featured an engaging presentation from our Next Generation Service Exchange educators from Brazil, who introduced themselves and shared their personal and professional journeys. Édipo Jéssé Corrêa, Elaine Berges, Glauce Silva Benedito, Amanda Piovezani Assis, and Ana Carolina Antonelli Pandolfo spoke about their backgrounds in education and the communities they serve across Brazil. Each shared insights into their teaching roles, their passion for language and learning, and what inspired them to participate in an international Rotary exchange. They also reflected on the cultural differences and similarities they have observed during their visit to Ohio. Their stories offered members a personal look at education in Brazil and reinforced Rotary's mission of building understanding, goodwill, and lasting global connections.

**Split the Pot:** Daily: \$46

**Jackpot:** \$670

**Winner:** Sherry Wagner. Daily only. Game goes on!

## Dolly Parton Imagination Library Selected as All Ohio Presidents Elect Service Project



 | **Rotary** 

### Rotary for Reading

Making reading accessible, impactful, and exciting for Ohio children and their families.

A child's brain forms 1 million connections per second in the early years, reaching 80% of development by age 3. Shared reading is a key component to a child's future success. That's why the Ohio District Governors Elect selected Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for their service project competition this year.

District 6690 has won the Presidents Elect service project nearly every year since its inception. It's time for District 6690 Rotarians to step up again to ensure District Governor Elect Terry Rataiczak brings home the trophy to our District. Donations can be made until noon on March 14.

#### **Why should you donate?**

Having access to books in the home is critical for a child. Research has shown that children with at least 25 books in the home complete an average of two more years of schooling than those with no books.

#### **One free book each month until age 5**

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio mails one free book each month to children born in Ohio until age 5. These high-quality, age-appropriate books help kids develop critical early literacy skills before starting kindergarten.

Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine recently announced that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is now part of the Ohio birth certificate paperwork process. Through this new enrollment initiative, more families with newborns will be able to opt into the program and receive a complete collection of 60 books. That's why more funds are needed to support this literacy initiative.

Since 2019, about 23 million books in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio program have been mailed to children in Ohio at no cost to families. Currently, more than 404,000 kids are enrolled in the program, which represents 70% of Ohio households that have a child under age 5.

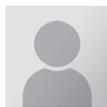
#### **Donations directly help kids in our community**

Donations to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library go directly to the county where the Rotary Club is located. To donate, go to Rotary for Reading at [www.rotary6690.org](http://www.rotary6690.org) and click at the top of the page on Support Rotary for Reading Service Project. Next, scroll down to Team Members and click on your Club Name.

Let's Unite for Good and help make reading fun for Ohio kids and foster a love for reading.

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### **Birthdays**



[Todd Hughes](#)  
January 23rd



[Kenneth Morrison](#)  
February 9th



[Lori Hart](#)  
February 14th

### **Years of Service**

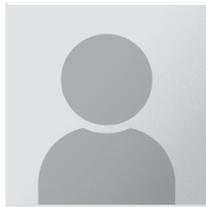


[Mark Kerenyi](#)  
13 Years



[Jarrett Stull](#)  
4 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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