

**Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club
New Member Activity Briefing
April 2021**

In this briefing, you will find info on most of the major activities of the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club (BSRC). For more information, please feel free to contact the respective committee or activity chairs. Club leadership is listed on the left side of the Club Runner home page. You can also review the CR calendar for upcoming meetings and activities.

Community Services – Chair Bob Frey

Glen Lake Rotary Park (GLRP) – Chairs Bob Farrington & Joe Souther

Over the past 30 years, BSRC has built and helped maintain a large beach, restroom concession building, park fencing, picnic pavilions, docks and a bridge as well as planted trees. We are helping to fulfill the Park Conceptual Master Plan by producing construction plans, seeking grant funding opportunities and organizing volunteers. GLRP also does hands on construction for pedestrian and nature Trails, lake front watercraft access, motor vehicle access and parking and recreational facilities for adults and children. The committee coordinates with the City of Bozeman on the planning, construction and maintenance of a 55-acre Community Park. We work with the State Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, adjoining park neighborhoods and businesses as well as the public to improve the park's use and function. We also provide support at public hearings for proposed park improvements.

Fix Up Festival (FUF) – Chair Cathy Fisher

FUF is a Bozeman Sunrise Rotary community project where in one day, we organize and coordinate home repairs for low-income, elderly, disabled and Veterans. This is our 11th year and we have completed over 100 projects. Each year, we select and repair an average of 12 homes. Local service clubs and businesses adopt homes and provide the volunteers for that project. It is truly a community project. 100% of the outside funds raised for FUF go to the projects.

COAD – Chair Sue Higgins

The Southwest Montana Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) is an association of 26 local organizations, including BSRC, assisting our communities in disasters through coordination, preparation, education, and implementation serving Gallatin, Madison, and Park Counties. BSRC members will be afforded volunteer opportunities as they may arise in the future.

Kids Fishing Day (KFF) – Chair Justin Clark

This BSRC annual event focuses on introducing and maintaining the excitement of fishing and enjoying our great outdoors. Each spring we host KFF at our Glen Lake Rotary Park. It is open to all kids ages 3 – 13. Go to our Club Runner (<https://bozemansunriserotary.org/>) and click on the tab “Kids Fishing” and “Club videos” to view some of the kids and the excitement.

Youth Services – Chair Paddy Stoy

Interact--A high school aged club sponsored by Bozeman Sunrise Rotary at the Bozeman High School that promotes Rotary values and engages students in community service. The Interact club hosts multiple fundraising events each year and donates the proceeds to local non-profit organizations as well as their yearly scholarship fund for worthy students.

Rotaract--A young adult club sponsored by Bozeman Sunrise Rotary in the local community intended to get early career community members engaged with rotary values. The Rotaract club is very active in the community, hosting 3 events a month including service, social, and program. They have a large

fundraising event every year in which they donate the more than \$15,000 in proceeds to a chosen local non-profit.

RYLA--Rotary Youth Leadership Awards -- A yearly summer camp for students entering their Junior year of high school which focuses on leadership development and Rotary values. The club generally sponsors at least 2 local students to attend each summer and then present to the club their experiences upon their return.

Vocation Education – Chair Teri Lumsden

Currently, the Vocational Education committee (Voc Ed) focuses on supporting students within our community through literacy projects, homeless or housing sensitive student assistance, ongoing scholarship funding for post high school and other areas. Our main projects are:

- 2nd Grade Book Give Away: We organize, sticker and personally deliver two books to all public and private schools in Gallatin County. Typical time frame: planning occurs in the Autumn, Sticker party in March with deliveries in April and May.
- Homeless or Housing Sensitive High School support: We coordinate monthly donations of grocery store gift cards, footwear and coats to Bozeman, Gallatin, and Belgrade High School homeless or housing sensitive students. All the students are identified and vetted by school counselors.
- Scholarship: typically, we provide scholarships to multiple High School graduates typically from the Bridger School who are going into technical disciplines. The recipients apply and are awarded through the Bozeman School Foundation in May.
- Other projects:
 - The concept of BOAR (Blueprint Obstacle Adventure Race) was initially developed by the Voc Ed committee and then handed off to HRDC which runs the Blueprint house. BSRC will be part of the upcoming August race volunteer pool (unless you race!!).
 - The committee is also currently investigating how to assist with student internet access. And a focus group within the Bozeman School District called Student Inclusivity and Resiliency Initiative (SIRI may become a great opportunity to collaborate and mentor some of our young people.

International – Chair Mary Hubbard

The International Committee's main projects are submitting a Global Grant for education in Nepal, funding CultureGrams at the Bozeman library, supporting global TEA teachers from MSU with a small grant, planning a Friendship Exchange with our partner club in Japan, and scheduling international speakers for the month of February.

Public Relations – Chair Jackie Haines

PR doesn't have specific projects that are on-going. Our on-going project is to make sure that internal communication within the club is aligned, and we do this by facilitating the bulletin. We also develop a calendar of Rotary events that we use to guide our PR activities throughout the year. We do external PR with the goal to advertise club activities, garner support, and encourage engagement. We do this by writing press releases, engaging with local news outlets, and managing social media.

Membership – Chair Bob Wiersma

Membership Committee meets monthly to discuss possible new members, recruitment, and resignations. We also discuss attendance records to help make our meetings more relevant. We will bring issues to the committee which impacts are membership. The club standards for membership are reviewed yearly to align with International Rotary standards. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 7 am. When we are over restrictions caused by Covid-19 we will meet at Yellowstone Bank.

Rotary Foundations – Chair Nancy MacBride

Collect, prioritize, and submit District Grant Applications once per year. Make sure all documents and requirements are in order before submitting.

-Track Paul Harris Award numbers, submit qualified (each \$1,000 donated per member) recipients to District and present awards to recipients at Club meetings.

-Contact Club Members who are close to qualifying for their next Paul Harris Fellowship award once per year to notify them of their standing and number of points to their next award.

-Annually, or as often seen fit by the committee and Board of Directors of the Club, collect and evaluate nominations for Honorary Paul Harris Foundation awards and select worthy nominees for the awards. Present honorees at a club meeting and arrange for them to talk about their community involvement.

-Promote District and International Foundation projects for involvement and donations.

Holiday Auction – Chair Roger Barnes

Sunrise Rotary's biggest annual social event and fundraiser is the Christmas Banquet and Holiday Auction and this year it is set for December 9, 2021. Many club members use the evening not only as a fun opportunity to get all dressed up and socialize but also as an opportunity to invite friends and family to see firsthand and support the club's many on-going service projects both local and international.

Meals on Wheels – Chair Dave Crawford

Our club delivers meals to folks on Tuesdays each week. We typically send two Bozeman Sunrise members—one as driver, one as navigator. This time together gives the Rotarians a chance to get to know each other a little better, while helping those in our community who need a little assistance. One Rotarian then carries on the next week, sort of “training” the next person on the route. And so on. During COVID, we’re only sending one Rotarian each week, but we sign up a “back-up” person in case the primary can’t make it. We get the meals at the Bozeman Senior Center at 10:30 am and drive them around town to around 8 to 12 homes. It takes just over an hour and is a great chance to connect with our community. We’re providing a “check in” to see that the person receiving the meal is ok, as well as providing them a nutritious meal. Normally we chat for a few minutes before moving to the next home. It is a lot of fun, gives you a chance to connect and a great way to give back to our community.

Glen Lake Rotary Park Clean Up – Chair John Allen

Every spring, our club and the community comes together to clean up and fix up Glen Lake Rotary Park before the busy summer season. We are planning a variety of opportunities for you to serve and will have multiple days to choose from during the month of May and later in the Summer. This year we will be correcting an erosion issue on the beach and removing fencing in preparation of work to reconstruct a drainage ditch into a meandering creek as well as our typical trash pickup and facility clean up. Specific dates, project information and sign up coming soon.

MSU Veterans Program – Chair Paddy Stoy (Acting)

Montana State University enjoys a well-deserved reputation as a veteran-friendly university. This reputation has been earned in part because of the support MSU provides to veterans, as they exit their military service, complete their college education and transition into their chosen careers.

In December of 2020 Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club and its affiliated Rotaract Club entered into a memorandum of understanding with MSU under which the members of the two clubs would provide career counseling and mentoring to veterans making their crucial career decisions.

Under this program, Rotarians and Rotaractors will utilize the background and experience they have in over 50 different careers to answer questions and provide information to veterans as they make their career choices and move off into both the Bozeman and other communities. The program is part of the Community Services Committee of the rotary club and is jointly administered by both clubs.