

The Faces of Rotary

When it comes to Service Above Self, Beth Fortenberry-Kornick of Kalispell is a shining star. In spite of her very demanding job as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of School District 5, she dedicates an amazing amount of time to service projects as a Rotarian.

When Beth joined the Kalispell Rotary a few years ago, she jumped right in to chair the Program Committee. In that capacity, she not only seeks out great programs for every meeting, but she also finds Rotarians to introduce each program, occasionally filling in herself as needed.

But that's not all. Beth works diligently year-round on the club's fundraising initiatives. Last year alone, she helped with the annual Instant Wine Cellar event and was also a key member of the group that developed the Great Bear Festival beer-tasting event last fall. In its debut year, that event took Kalispell by storm. Beth coordinated, cajoled and orchestrated efforts to get a huge number of volunteers in place for the event. She demonstrated a knack for making sure everyone was having a good time while navigating the tricky waters of the first year of a big event.

And that's not all. Every holiday season, Beth can be found with other Rotarians volunteering for the Salvation Army kettle bell-ringing. Beth is now dedicating her energy to recruiting new members to the club. On top of her coordinating activities, she can always be relied on to add fun and energy to every event, whether it is a weekly meeting or a special get-together like a "Dinner for Eight."

Laura O'Connor recruited Beth to Rotary three years ago and marvels at her good luck: "Beth has made me, and our Rotary Club, look good every day since that day. She is a dream as a new Rotarian."



Beth (left) and fellow Rotarians



Beth and family