

## Rotary Club of Townsend Actions during the COVID-19 Shutdown

### *Using Remote Meeting Technology*

The Club reviewed remote meeting technologies and has met using Zoom Meeting and Cisco's WebEx platforms. The Club used WebEx for Board and Regular meetings on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### *Painting the Senior Center*

The Club wanted to paint the inside of the Senior Center as part of a Montana Rotary District 5390 grant for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Small portions of the walls were cleaned, and test splotches were painted with variable colors and the Seniors picked their favorite color. Dates were set to remove articles and start cleaning walls. The dates were cancelled due to the COVID-19 shelter-at-home order.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Club successfully negotiated with Rocky Mountain Development Council and established cleaning and painting protocols to let 3-4 people into the Center at a time to complete the project during the shutdown. All walls were cleaned and painted by Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and members of the Rotary youth community-based Interact Club on April 17-19.



Rotarians Prepare Senior Center Walls for Painting

### *Donating Fall Fest Sanitary Supplies to County Health Department*

The Club donated all the left-over sanitary supplies from our annual Fall Fest to help with the shortage of hand sanitizer supplies and nitrile gloves. Three hand sanitizer stations and all our left over hand sanitizer supplies were donated to the Broadwater County Health Department who distributed the hand sanitizer stations to three of the busiest stores open during the shutdown: Bob's Supermarket, Family

Dollar, and Rocky Mountain Supply. In addition, the Club donated seven boxes of nitrile gloves, face masks, and disinfectant spray.



Townsend Resident Using Rotary Hand Sanitizer at Bob's Supermarket.

#### *Donating Car Show Window Washing Bottles to Helena Businesses*

The Montana Business Assistance Connection is working with two Helena businesses to make alcohol-based hand sanitizer. The Club donated a couple of hundred 4 oz. spray bottles of window wash left over from our Fall Fest Car Show supplies. The bottles were donated to the manufacturers for use in their product testing program.

#### *Missouri Valley Marketing Business Assistance Grants*

Missouri Valley Marketing (MVM) has been conducting a fundraising campaign to help local businesses community members, and community service organizations during the shutdown. Rotary is one of the organizations on the MVM grant review committee. The first round of grants were awarded on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Removing Skating Rink*

Club members took down the temporary skating rink in Holloway Park for the Townsend Skating Rink LLC.

#### *Developing Scholarship Application, Interview, and Review Protocols*

The Club awards at least three scholarships annually to Broadwater High School students. The Scholarship Committee has initiated discussions with the high school counselor and committee members on how to award the scholarships without a face-to-face interview.

*Interact Video goes Viral*

The Interact Club produced a YouTube music video for the Townsend Community to the tune of “We are All in This Together”. The video had over 3,700 views in the first 24 hours. To watch the video go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdtwi9PxeWk>

*Developing Contingency Budget Plans*

The Rotary Fall Fest is the major fundraiser during the year. The money raised is used to fund all Club projects in the next fiscal year. The Rotary Club Board will meet on May 5th to develop a contingency budget plan in case the Townsend Fall Fest in October 2020 is cancelled or only produces a fraction of the funds needed to fund club projects in 2021-2022.