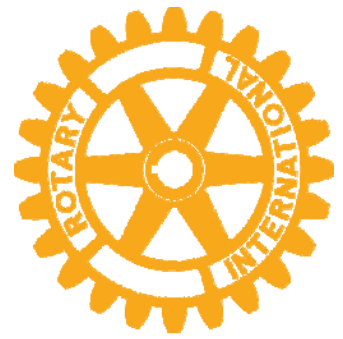


ROTARY DISTRICT 5390

April 2014
Rotary Magazine Month

2013-14 District Governor
John Stewart and Susan



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DISTRICT ROUNDUP

G'Day, Montana Rotarians

I don't know about all of you, but April seems to be my busiest month! Shovel the snow! Will it every quit? Billings has had the greatest snowfall depth of record. What is up with that!? But, then it is time to rake the yard and get spring clean-up done, and shovel snow again, all in the same afternoon.

Then those darned taxes have to be prepared and mailed. And, the Conference final details worked out, along with spring soccer practice and some of the best powder skiing of the year. You know . . .if we really concentrated on the important stuff in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles!

In our Rotary world, April is Magazine Month. I have no idea who, or how, anyone came up with our monthly themes; but, I think maybe that someone had some thoughtful insight or foresight. During this busy time of the year, we all need to take a minute and STOP, LOOK and LISTEN. Take a little time to reflect. Recalibrate our GPS. It would also help us to reset our priorities; and, it would give us time to renew our purposes.

This month, Rotary has made it even easier for all of us busy people to stay connected and to still take a minute to relax and read the Rotarian Magazine with the new on-line edition. Go to www.therotarianmagazine.com, relax a moment, and stay in tune with your Rotarian friends around the world.

STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN. And, go find your fishing pole before there is a shortage! ☺

John Stewart

DG 2013-14

District Conference
May 2-3, 2014
Billings, MT



Special points of interest

- Project in Liberia
- Club Activities
- District Scholar Update
- Website Help

For information about key District Events, visit www.montanarotary.org

ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.



Hamilton Rotarians enjoyed reading a giant thank you card from the Daly School 3rd graders who received their new dictionaries from the club.



Paul Bray has become the first Townsend Rotarian inducted into District 5390's Paul Harris Society. On March 11, AG Marshall Gingery of Helena, attended the Townsend regular meeting and presented a certificate to Paul honoring him for becoming a member of the Paul Harris Society. PHS members contribute \$1000 or more each year to The Rotary Foundation. This helps to increase the amount returned to our district in future years for use in district grant programs.

“No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.”
Confucius

LUCCOCK PARK KITCHEN PROJECT

Plans have been made to install upgraded kitchen equipment at the Luccock Park Camp lodge in May. This includes a relatively new commercial high temperature dishwasher (like you would find in a restaurant) and commercial size ovens. Plumbers and electricians have been scheduled as well to make sure the installations meet current code requirements.

Close to \$6000 has been donated by clubs and individuals and a small grant is being made available through the Rotary District 5390 Foundation. While these kitchen upgrades will benefit our RYLA group for the 1 week we use the camp each summer, everyone who uses the camp during the months it is open will experience a positive impact.

It has become a tradition of RYLA and our district to improve the camp where we hold RYLA.

HOW DO I DO THAT ON CLUB RUNNER?

If you have questions about how to use various functions and features on your club's or the district's web site, a wealth of information is available on the Club Runner Help page. But, how do you find it?

One way is to go to <http://clubrunner.helpserve.com/>. You can type this address into your web browser or find it through several simple steps on your club or the district Club Runner Site.

On the district web site, log in and then click on Member Area in the upper right corner of the home page. This will take you to the Admin page. Near the top of the page, there is a series of gray tabs (club and district). The one on the far right says Help. Click on this tab to open three options in the blue bar just below: For the district site, the options are On-line Help, Submit a Ticket, and Service Updates. Submit a Ticket is handy for web site administrators and Club officers if there are problems with how something on the web site is working or not working. One of the Club Runner technical staff will send an e-mail reply—BUT, a clear explanation will improve your chances of receiving a useful response. For example, sending a note that says “the e-mail system does not work” will not supply information that can help pinpoint a problem.

For a wide selection of help options, click on On-Line Help. This will take you to the address listed above. There you will find access to a Knowledge base, Downloadable help sheets, videos, webinars on various topics, and more. There is also a Search bar where you can type in a topic. For example, you might want to know how to put a member on a Leave of Absence. Type this in and click on Search to bring up a list of items related to the topic.

For other questions or help on finding the right help for your Club Runner site, contact our District web administrator, Arlene Weber. Ω

BILLINGS NOON CLUB PROJECT IN LIBERIA

Improving Water and Sanitation



In 2013, the Billings Downtown club assisted a remote village in Liberia, West Africa by providing a water well and a sanitation project. In January 2014, Rotarians Mike Mayott and Cindy Bye traveled to the village to work on a second water and sanitation project. With the help of a District Grant, construction was possible for 2 more wells and 4 latrines. Before help arrived from Rotary, the villagers only had stream water to drink and they practiced open defecation.

The latrines are built with mud block, cement plaster and a metal roof. They are the sit-down style with a septic tank behind the building. With their solid construction, they should last a long time.

The January visit also included a project to improve the emotional health of the people. Rotarian Mike Mayott funded and conducted a soccer tournament for 4 teams in



the area. This was their first ever soccer tournament and the first time for many of the area residents to get to know each other. Soccer is a favorite pastime in Liberia, so it was a great way to build community and celebrate the development taking place. The tournament took place over 3 days and was a huge success. Following the



championship game, dinner was served and the villagers celebrated into the night. It was quite an event. Ω

TOWNSEND INDUCTS NEW WALL OF FAME MEMBERS



On Wednesday, March 19th the Townsend Rotary Club inducted two new members into the Club's Wall of Fame. Members must meet several criteria to qualify including being Paul Harris Fellows and Past President of the Club. New members this year include Chuck Holling and Beth Ihle. Chuck was very active in the club for many years while working as a lineman for Montana Power.

Beth Ihle was the first woman President of the

Townsend Rotary Club.

The club also welcomed twelve new club members. They will help their fellow Rotarians with the many projects of Townsend Rotary. These include the Fall Fest and Car Show; Christmas Light Contest; Christmas Senior Light Tour and Dinner; Food Pantry; Tree Board Beautification Projects; Spring Fling or Variety Show; Youth Programs including two scholarships (\$1,500 ; \$1,000), Girls/Boys State, Youth Exchange Program, and RYLA.

DISTRICT SCHOLAR REPORTS ON HIS FIRST YEAR OF MED SCHOOL

Dear Montana Rotary Members:

I'm taking this opportunity to update you on my experience in medical school here in Chicago, being that you have helped to make it possible for me! School is going well and my classes continue to present interesting challenges. My cohort and I are currently studying kidney function and pathology, having already covered the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems in depth. In addition, I am conducting research in a radiology lab. Specifically, I am looking into the neurological effects of early HIV infection; it is challenging and exciting work. I am in clinic bi-weekly, where an inspiring internal medicine physician supervises me. Every day is exciting and filled with teaching points.

Needless to say, your generous investment in my education has had a very positive impact on my life. I can devote time to internships and student organizations that would have otherwise been devoted to a part-time job. I was



elected president of the Internal Medicine Society and also serve on the Curriculum Review Board at Northwestern. I am truly grateful.

In terms of volunteerism, it's

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MARCH CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND

FOUNDATION GIVING (from February reports). Foundation \$ is for APF giving only.

Total through February: \$78,028

Club (March— 52.5 % reported)	No. Members	% Attendance	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	74	\$1200	0
Bigfork	33	55	Not Listed	0
Big Sandy	20	71	Not Listed	\$1146
Big Sky	NR		\$4600	0
Billings	NR		\$20,800	\$4235
Billings West	81	57	Not Listed	\$1470
Bozeman	NR		Not Listed	\$5500
Bozeman Sunrise	NR		\$11750	\$4728
Butte	NR		\$775	\$2750
Columbia Falls	15	48	Not Listed	0
Deer Lodge	NR		Not Listed	\$325
Dillon	20	64	\$680	0
Evergreen	16	92	\$2000	\$1600
Glendive	NR		\$1008	\$430
Great Falls	113	45	Not Listed	\$4850
Hamilton	26	71	\$2700	\$1000
Havre	NR		Not Listed	0
Helena	74	44	Not Listed	\$2625
Helena Sunrise	NR		Not listed	\$100
Kalispell	113	74	\$13500	\$10570
Kalispell Daybreak	71	76	\$8800	\$6877
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	NR		\$6000	\$2925
Laurel	24	62	Not Listed	0
Lewistown	NR		Not Listed	0
Livingston	NR		\$2500	\$1577
Malta	NR		Not Listed	0
Manhattan	NR		\$300	\$125
Miles City	36	73	\$1980	\$1250
Missoula	124	35	\$6500	\$6549
Missoula Centennial	NR		\$2000	\$1465
Missoula Sunrise	41	62	\$4600	\$2500
Philipsburg	NR		Not Listed	\$100
Polson	78	32	Not Listed	\$1600
Red Lodge	39	48	Not Listed	\$218
Roundup	NR		Not Listed	0
Townsend	NR		Not Listed	\$1098
Twin Bridges	16	77	\$750	0
Whitefish	56	55	\$5000	\$2915
Whitehall	18	72	\$1900	\$500
White Sulphur Springs	NR		Not listed	0

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THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say,
or do (everyday):

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL
and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

been my pleasure to try and repay the generosity shown to me by Montana Rotary. I've volunteered my time at several of the student-run free clinics in the city where I have seen first-hand the glaring disparities of our healthcare system. In addition, it has been especially rewarding to volunteer my time helping pre-medical students prepare for their entrance exams.

My wife and I thank you all so very much and often discuss how Montana Rotary's generous contribution to my education has helped make our lives more manageable here in Chicago. Thank you very much for everything you have done for my family, we are truly grateful to have the support of such a generous organization!

Sincerely,

Todd Wojtanowicz
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine
MD Candidate, Class of 2017 *(Todd is from Bozeman, Montana)*

Learn more about Rotary at www.rotary.org and www.montanarotary.org



BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

The **Rotary Club of Evergreen** recognized their newest PHF members during their club's 11th Anniversary dinner. Ross Holter received his first Paul Harris. TJ Wendt Received his first Paul Harris and his Paul Harris +1 in the same month. Roxanne Swartzenberger received her Paul Harris +2. The club also welcomed new member Ryan Augusta. He knew about the club from giving a presentation about his not for profit group, Reminiscence Theater. His

enthusiasm for Grant Writing will be directed to the club Grant committee and his application of the 4 Way Test in his everyday life and business activities was already in place before joining Rotary.



The **Rotary Club of Whitehall** has presented their 48th wheelchair award and have the 49th and 50th ready. The program was started about 10 years ago to recognize local people, groups and businesses who provide service to the Whitehall and/or have given assistance to the club. All donations come through a collection jar at the local KFC/A&W and each presentation is recognized in the local newspaper. Wheelchairs have been provided for people around the world through the Wheelchair Foundation.

The **Rotary Club of Livingston** has a long-standing program of recognizing local high school students by featuring them at club meetings as the "Student Rotarian." Each student has the opportunity to make a presentation to the club about their school and community activities as well as future education and career plans.

PDG Carl Prinzing received good news about Matching Grant #75016 between **Missoula Sunrise** and the Rotary Club of Farooqabad for aid to flood victims in Pakistan. Although it took three years to finish, the grant is now officially complete and closed. Through the cooperation of our district and Pakistan district 3272, cots, mattresses, quilts, and pillows were provided for the flood survivors in Lund Wala, Tehsil Jampur in Punjab, Pakistan.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Hamilton** were not only busy preparing dictionaries for distribution to 3rd graders, they took time to pick up a little trash along a local highway, a spring ritual for many Montana clubs. Kirk Hamman, Mick Gray, Tom and Carter Korst, Barbara Liss, Jeff Wolfe, Doug McLaren, Gordon Finney, Mark Jergens, Bob Broughton,

Marilyn Morris, Win Smith and (not in photo) Gordon Read all joined together to make short work of the cleanup on April 12th.

