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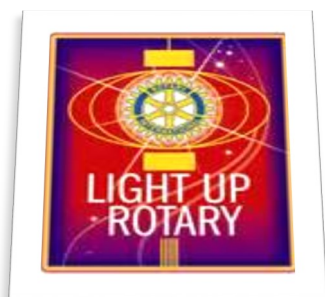
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ROTARIAN *MAGAZINE* MONTH

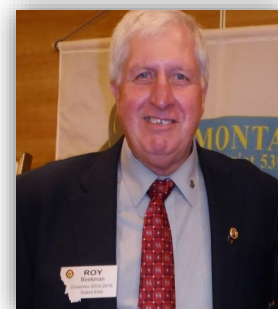
Each and every Rotarian in the District should be receiving The Rotary Magazine and if you aren't let your club secretary know. Every month I look forward to getting my magazine and am never disappointed in the articles and information contained, I make a point of reading it cover to cover and encourage every Rotarian to do the same.

I was entertained and inspired by Evan Burrell from Australia and his article about "Fun in Rotary" and his quote, "We can be serious about what we do, but let's do it with a smile on our faces." His reason for joining Rotary, - "I was really just looking for a girlfriend" he recalls and now look how he is trying to change the face of Rotary.

There is a World Roundup section that

gives us insight into goings on around the globe. An article on curling Fellowship and a page of Things To Do in April. This past year we have been treated to photos of the travels of our Rotary International President Gary Huang, even seeing one of our own PDGs giving up his cowboy hat as a present to Gary.

I personally know of a speaker for the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly that was contacted because of an article in The Rotarian Magazine. Not only was he contacted from that article, he attended and was keynote speaker, and has kept (cont. p. 6)



2014-15 District Governor

POLIO—"THIS CLOSE" Is Not Close Enough

The polio virus is sputtering. It has one finger of the last rung of survival. If we turn our backs now, it WILL take the opportunity to regain a firm grasp. "This Close" is not enough.

The continued National Immunization Days being held in vulnerable areas are having very positive effects. As of the first week of April, only 21 cases have been recorded worldwide compared to 47 at this time last year. Twenty of these are in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan. Rotarians and other key groups continue to work hard on delivering the polio vaccine despite the extreme danger to volunteers. Thanks to continued support from the Bill & Malinda Gates Foundation, every \$1 of contribution to polio eradication becomes \$3.

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A Few Interesting April Dates:

- 12th: Salk Polio Vaccine
- 18th: Paul Revere's Ride
- 23rd: Shakespeare's birthday and World Book Night
- 25th : First license plate issued (1901 in NY)
- 26th: National Pretzel Day

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT . . . COMMUNITY SERVICE

(Provided by Dale Palmer, District Membership Chair, Rotary Club of Big Sky)

Community Service is likely what you were thinking when you joined Rotary. It was an opportunity to make a difference in the community. As our third avenue of service, Community Service refers to those activities that we undertake as Rotarians to improve our com-

munity and serve the needs of those who may need our assistance.

Your Rotary Club undertakes a number of community service projects each year and considers new projects as the need arises. Do you have an idea for a new service project that your club should consider? Some of the most impactful projects come from club members who bring their passion for service to the club

for project consideration.

Community Service describes projects undertaken in our local community and an opportunity for every Rotarian to exemplify the motto of "Service Above Self". You are encouraged to participate in these projects and to invite your spouse or partner and your family to join in helping with a community service project. Ω

GLENDIVE ROTARIANS RE-SIGN

Thanks to a District Simplified Grant back in 2010, the Glendive Rotary Club was able to install informational signage for a public trail along the Yellowstone river.

The signs were enjoyed by the hundreds of trail users until March of 2014 when a incessant



ice jam on the Yellowstone crashed through the park, wiping out all of the hard work put in by Rotarians and others in the communi-

ty. Thanks to a second grant, Glendive Rotarians were able to re-sign the park. Thanks to an

App on a cell phone (yes, there is an app that turns your phone into a level), Connie Hilger made sure the sign was level. Ω



HELENA SUNRISE ROTARIAN RETURNS FROM NID IN INDIA

(Article—edited— provided by Belle Marie)

Belle Marie of the Helena Sunrise Rotary club participated this year in the polio National Immunization Day (NID) in Nuh, Haryana, India. Nuh, a predominately Muslim community, is located approximately 45 miles from Delhi and endures ongoing poverty. The goal of NID throughout India was to immunize 170 million children per day against polio during the five day immunization campaign.

During the NID in India, over 2.3 million volunteers administered two drops of the life-saving oral polio vaccine to children less than five years of age. India was declared polio-free in 2014 after three years with no new cases. However, continued vigilance is particularly important in India because neighbor-

ing Pakistan experiences high rates of polio cases as a result of resistance to immunizations in some communities. According to WHO, "As long as a single child remains infected, children in all countries are at risk of contracting polio. Failure to eradicate polio from the last remaining strongholds could result in as many as 200,000 new cases every year, within 10 years, all over the world"

Rotarian Belle Marie commented, "As polio immunization volunteers, we were welcomed by Indian communities. It was a privilege to participate in NID with other Rotarians from all over the world, and it's exciting to think that our work assisted efforts to make polio the first human disease to be eradicated in the 21st century." Ω



CLUB CLIPS

WHITEHALL HOSTS 2ND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The weather cleared just in time for the Rotary Leadership Institute attendees to make a safe trip to Whitehall on March 20th for the second session (the first was held in Great Falls) of the RLI in our district. Seven clubs were represented: Whitehall, Butte, Twin Bridges, Bozeman Sunrise, Kalispell, Missoula Centennial, and Evergreen.

Graduates of the two RLIs will be recognized during the District Convention over the April 24-25th weekend.



INTERACTORS HOP TO IT

Members of the **Corvallis Interact Club**, with support from the Hamilton Rotary Club, helped with the annual Easter egg hunt for the children at the SAFE House.

Interact members were joined by Alyce Leonardi, Corvallis High School Advisor and Rotarian Marilyn Morrison, club Interact Chair.



HEART WARMING HELP

Thanks to the generosity of medical equipment manufacturers and Benifis Health Systems, Great Falls Rotarian Dr. Roberto Cattaneo and his medical team were able to save the lives of 6 children during his February trip to Ethiopia. The children needed repair or replacement of heart valves due to damage caused by rheumatic fever. The replacement heart valves cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 each.

If access to penicillin was easier, these and other children in developing areas of the world could be spared this deadly complication that is now almost non-existent here at home.



SUNRISE IN THE EVENING

The satellite club of Bozeman Sunrise meets on Monday evenings at 5:45 PM in Fin's. They have great programs and the atmosphere is fun and relaxed. Drop in join the Bozeman Sunset Rotarians.



PARTY TIME (FOR KIDS) IN BOZEMAN

On May 16th, for the 6th year, Bozeman Sunrise Rotary members – in conjunction with our community partner Ressler Motors - will again host nearly 500 kids and parents at their FREE FISHING DAY event at East Gallatin Recreation Area. Activities begin with registration at 9:00am followed by fishing on Glen Lake from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be provided for everyone at no cost thanks to more Rotary partners including Wheat Montana, Foodservices of America and Lehrkind Coca-Cola.

The event is open to all kids ages 1-13. Each child will receive a goodie-bag with food, beverage, gear and certificates. Prizes will be awarded in each age category for boys & girl for the MOST fish caught and the LARGEST. Kids are encouraged to bring their own gear; but, limited loaner equipment will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at no cost. Fishing is free, for kids only, through a license exemption provided by Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks for this 2-hour period. FWP is also generously donating and planting nearly 1000 rainbow trout into the lake days before the event. Being added this year are more kid-friendly activities including on-site Face Painters and an inflatable bouncy house.

Sunrise Rotary started this event in 2010 to showcase the upgrades to the Park, especially the nearly \$200,000 restroom, changing and concession building built in 2009 by members and corporate partners. With the building addition, it has been easy to encourage more visitation to the Park on a year-round basis and better utilize the natural assets of the Park. In 2011, Rotarians built a new patio for larger group gatherings and provided upgrades to the volleyball courts. In 2014, a new fishing and diving dock at the lake's edge (adjacent to the patio) was installed. All told, Sunrise Rotary has invested nearly \$500,000 of its own member funds, funds from fundraising events (like the Golf in the Dark tournament), corporate sponsor efforts, and contributions from state and municipal grants as well as Rotary Worldwide and District grants.

What's next after fishing? Families can look forward to their newest event next winter, Rotary SnowFest, with more details forthcoming. *(Information provided by Mike Banville, Bozeman Sunrise Rotary) Ω*



Thanks to the efforts of Eagle Scout, Eli Kutsch, a new osprey nesting pole was installed at the East Gallatin Recreation Area.

This was done in cooperation with his scout troop #677, Bozeman Parks & Rec department, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, and Northwestern Energy.



MARCH CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Foundation \$ Given \$94,628—current amounts are through April 15th.

Club (Mar– 37.5% of clubs reported ☹)	No. Members	% Attnd	# of Mtng	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	60	4	\$1200	0
Bigfork	35	56	4	\$4500	\$3600
Big Sandy	19	64	4	0	\$50
Big Sky	20	NR	NR	\$2000	\$75
Billings	177	55	5	0	\$13,283
Billings West	76	46	4	\$9500	\$4350
Bozeman	NR			\$10,475	\$5161
Bozeman Sunrise	NR			\$10600	\$15660
Butte	NR			\$2200	\$6250
Columbia Falls	16	NR	NR	0	\$124
Deer Lodge	NR			0	\$270
Dillon	16	67	4	\$1700	
Evergreen	15	79	5	\$1600	\$1425
Glendive	23	NR	NR	0	\$500
Great Falls	96	NR	NR	\$5300	\$2193
Hamilton	228	65	5	\$2800	\$1200
Havre	NR			0	0
Helena	68	NR	NR	\$4250	\$2900
Helena Sunrise	14	NR	NR	0	\$275
Kalispell	115	70	4	\$14000	\$4850
Kalispell Daybreak	71	NR	NR	0	\$5575
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	35	NR	NR	\$4250	\$5275
Laurel	28	NR	NR	0	0
Lewistown	34	NR	NR	0	\$100
Livingston	30	50	5	0	\$2100
Malta	NR	NR	NR	0	\$350
Manhattan	23	42	4	0	\$100
Miles City	34	NR	NR	\$1900	\$1590
Missoula	111	NR	NR	0	\$7354
Missoula Centennial	7	NR	NR	\$2000	\$1680
Missoula Sunrise	39	65	4	\$7150	\$150
Philipsburg	NR			0	\$200
Polson	75	30	5	0	\$3500
Red Lodge	41	59	4	0	\$1500
Roundup	NR			0	0
Townsend	58	NR	NR	0	0
Twin Bridges	16	68	4	\$500	\$400
Whitefish	56	NR	NR	\$8200	\$1913
Whitehall	18	NR	NR	\$2125	\$675
White Sulphur Springs	NR			0	0

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up correspondence since. And the best part of the magazine is when you are done reading it, give it to a prospective member, put it in your office, pass it along, it is a great recruiting tool.

Spring Is In The Air

A sure sign that spring is here is the return of the snow birds to our northern Rotary clubs. I am reminded of not too long ago when a returning member made note of all the new members in our club. I commented that he needed to introduce himself to the new members to get acquainted. Too many times members make the mistake of thinking everyone knows them when they return, not taking into account new members. Introducing yourself, sitting at their table, and engaging in fellowship are part of Rotary. Introductions are not just to introduce you, but make that new member feel welcome and appreciated.

I truly love spring time in Montana. The winters finally give way to warmer weather, we trade in our winter coats, hats and gloves for lighter apparel, the days seem longer with additional sunlight, and slowly the gray of the landscape is overtaken by new growth and greenery.

I believe we need to carry on the spring-time feeling with our Rotary Clubs. Additional daylight hours afford us that additional time for club projects, highway clean up, needy community house fix-up projects and more. Much like the temperature rising and our changing of clothing choices, clubs should shed some of the stuffiness of regular meetings and have picnics and barbeques and outdoor activities for fellowship, remembering to include families. New members become the greenery of our clubs much like the new growth on our trees. Spring is the time to clean up your club, change how you are approaching and recruiting members, look forward to the new!

Upcoming Items

RYLA campers – make sure you have reserved your camper spots, made payments for campers, interviewed students and started the selection process. Dates are on the montanarotary.org website.

District Conference time, remember to log into the District Website and register – April 24th and 25th in Kalispell at the Hilton Garden Inn. This is open to all district members, not just officers, come one, come all and help us celebrate this past year's accomplishments.

Still time left to register for Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo Brazil June 6-9th. **Don't wait any longer** as it takes a while to get your Brazilian visa.

Mark your calendar for District Assembly in Butte, August 7-8, 2015. Each club needs two members there for grant qualifications.

Have a great spring – remember, "April showers bring May flowers", so smile when it's raining.

Roy Beekman

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at www.rotary.org**

SEEKING NEW DISTRICT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After more than a decade of producing the district newsletter, I find that it is time to pass the keyboard to a fresh set of eyes and hands. For many years of my life, I wanted to be a writer and holding the reigns of our Rotary newsletter has given me that opportunity. But, life changes and before too much falls off of my Rotary plate, it is time to make space for new challenges and opportunities.

As of July 1, 2015, the district will need a new editor as I dive into the mound of paperwork that will be arriving for the 2016 Counsel on Legislation, make final preparations for RYLA 2015 and begin planning for PETS 2016.

I know that somewhere in the vast expanse of Montana, there is a Rotarian who will love to take on the opportunity of creating the next few years of documenting all of the wonderful work that we accomplish here and abroad.

Arlene Weber, Editor 2003-15 Ω