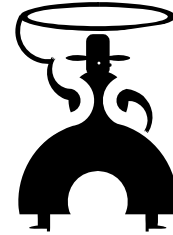


The 5390 Roundup



Rotary Year 2009-10

August, 2009 Membership & Extension Month

Rotary District 5390, Montana

MONTANA MUSING FROM THE ROTARY TRAIL

Good day to all,

Now that summer is pretty well winding down, it seems like a good time to be looking forward. Fall is my best time of year. The different color changes and a bit of chill in the air means the Peace Park meeting in Glacier country is almost upon us. Rates on rooms will be going up soon, so if you are not registered yet you still have time, but after the 15th it starts to go up. It will be a lot of fun, so if you can go, please do.

I have had a good hand full of club visits so far and I am totally impressed with what I have seen so far. Our Rotarian's are a real busy bunch of folks. The club activities and passion that I have seen is second to none. This is a lot of fun for me, too. I am an idea borrower, so as I make my



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way around the district please share as much as you can.

I see on the calendar that the District Assembly in Great Falls is just around the corner. Rotary International mandates that the club president go to PETS, Assembly and the Conference. I would like to invite any Rotarian who would like to go as the Assembly is a training workshop. If you want to learn more about Rotary this is the right place to do so. Registration will be available on the montanarotary.org website pretty soon. We are working on agenda and arrangements as this goes to press.

Polio plus fundraising is now in full swing. If you need an idea or two for you club to raise money, go to the RI website and search the Polio site. Super ideas abound. Remember that Oct 24th is the grand blitz weekend and we will hope- *(continued, page 4)*

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – NEW DEAN – ENROLLMENT STARTS SOON

Our District Leadership will open the virtual campus soon. While many log on, fewer log out at the end. Don't let this scare you off. Enroll with a fellow Rotarian and enjoy learning together. Information on becoming a part of the Class of 2009-10 can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

The Academy will be under the watchful eye of our new Dean, PDG

Don Gatzke, assisted by past AG and Co-Dean, Joop Thiessen. Both of these Montana Rotarians have the background and knowledge to provide a great Academy program and experience. Other Rotarians will be on the faculty to help you through each course.

For more information, continue to page 4.

Special points of interest:

- Helping wounded soldier return to life
- Leadership Academy opening soon
- District/Club Corral
- Don't forget Polio Eradication



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Hamilton Rotarian and District Annual Giving Chair, Don Doerfler gives his wife Peggy (also a Hamilton Rotarian) a big hug after she presented with his double Sustaining Member recognition.

DISTRICT TRIVIA

Rotary has been in Montana nearly as long as Montana has been a state. Check your history knowledge: How many Montana Rotary clubs will reach their 100th anniversary between Jan. 1, 2015 and Jan. 1, 2021? The answer is on page 6.



DG Mark Finnicum and DGN Arlene Weber were on hand to help install the new officers for the Rotary Club Townsend (more story in club news).

HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

The **Rotary Club of Whitefish** has scheduled their 2nd annual Spirit of Whitefish Award Dinner and Auction for November 7th. Everyone is welcome to attend. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with cocktails followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. Dinner is \$65.00 per person. There will be a Gold Raffle with tickets selling for \$50.00 each; but, the winner will be taking home a nice stash of gold Kruggerands, equal to 50% of all ticket sales. Not interested in gold? There will be plenty of silent auction items to choose from. The honoree for this year is the Sheppard's Hand Free Clinic.

Like any good Montana Rotary club, the **Rotary Club of Townsend** likes to have fun. They have created a new Wall of Fame and the first two people named for this honor were Mel Pottruff, club treasurer, and Hubert White. Mel has given countless hours of his time and talent to the club. For a little diversion, 18 Townsend Rotarians headed over to Virginia City in mid-July to enjoy the Virginia City players and a group dinner in McAllister. Now, they will be getting serious about their upcoming Fall Fest and car show.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Red Lodge** helped out at the local Rodeo of Champions. Some who were not able to be there in person, "hired" local teens to work for them. It was a great way to get the job done and help a few local kids at the same time.

The night golf held in Bozeman on August 1st by the **Bozeman Sunrise** club received some great coverage on the local TV news. Their special guest was Richard "Jaws" Kiel, the villain in several James Bond films.

The **Rotary Club of Twin Bridges** loves a parade and they will be carefully eying all the entries in the Madison County Fair parade on August 16th. The club provides entry judges and sponsors and award.

The **Rotary Club of Missoula** is working on a special international project through a matching grant with the Rotary Club of Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan. The project will focus on a group of women in Nookat located in the southern part of the country. This is an economically depressed area and women who have children with disabilities are compelled by circumstances to live at home with little or no support. Therefore, they can not work and it may be impossible for them to take care of their children's health care or educational needs. The goal is to provide a group of approximately 300 mothers with training to care for their children's health and education and also provide a micro-economic program to manufacture and market local felt handicraft products that will provide financial support for the families.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** is busy planning their Harvest Howl that takes place in November. This one of their major fundraiser. Like most of the other clubs in our district, they like pitching some trash—into garbage bags that is—during highway cleanup. Club members are already working on delivering dictionaries to local 3rd graders. Is your club this ready for school?

The **Rotary Club of Livingston** is working on a literacy program in cooperation with LINKS for Learning. They will be applying for a District Simplified Grant to help with costs—has your club applied?

ROCK'EM, SOCK'EM POLIO CAMPAIGN

(Submitted by PDG Carl Prinzing, District Polio Chair)

Rotarians, please remember that we still have the “200 Million Dollar Challenge” commitment until 2012. The District now has two Iron Lungs, one for the East side of the Continental Divide and one for the West side. The schedule is updated regularly and can be accessed on the home page of the Dis-

trict website at montanarotary.org.

On October 25th, there will be a special news blitz for four Districts, and possibly more, in Zone 27. **I need to know planned Rotary club Polio events** so that this information can be available for the general public. This is an opportunity to promote Rotary and the commitment we have as Rotari-

ans to eradicate Polio. Please select a Club Polio Chair so I can Coordinate all fundraising events as well as keep the clubs updated on RI polio news items.

(HINT: Club Polio Chair can easily be added to your club executives list on the website)

Remember to use the Iron Lungs for all events to assist you in raising money for this worthy cause.



What is that woman wearing!? It is a portable type of Iron Lung, back in the days of constant fear that Polio would strike at any time. The photo and the following are from a 1953 World Book Encyclopedia article: *“Infantile paralysis cannot be prevented as yet. But there are certain precautions which may be helpful”* Be thankful those days are gone.

Leadership Academy Class of 2010 Registration

(Submitted by Joop Thiesen, Academy Co-Dean)

The Leadership Academy consists of a series of six courses intended to provide students with in-depth knowledge of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. As the name indicates, the Academy aims at participation of current and future leaders of clubs and the District.

It provides ideal preparation for Presidents-Elect in the year before their tenure as President, for Assistant Governors in their first year, current Presidents, and other Rotarians preparing for future positions in their own club or at the District level. But every year, a number of Rotarians have applied simply because they

have an interest in learning more about Rotary. For example, the class of 2009 consisted of one District Governor elect, one assistant Governor, six Presidents-elect, five Presidents, two club secretaries, and six club members.

This year, PDG Don Gatzke and Past Assistant Governor
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A QUOTE OF WISDOM

“How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world.”

William Shakespeare

SHHHH! QUIET WATERS AHEAD

The **Rotary Club of Bozeman** has been supporting a local Bozeman foundation that helps wounded soldiers from all across the country. Warriors and Quiet Waters uses fly fishing as a form of therapy to help heal traumatically wounded

soldiers. Many other organizations and companies in the Gallatin Valley help with the expenses and taking our veterans out on local rivers and sometimes a tour of Yellowstone National Park.

This Bozeman based project has gained na-

tional recognition for the success achieved in helping young men and women return to a more normal life after being wounded in combat. For more information on this foundation, visit www.warriorsandquietwaters.org.



Brazil Youth Exchange student Juliana exchanges banners with Brazil outbound student, Kara Christensen, at a recent Hamilton club meeting. Kara is the daughter of Past President Dr. Chris Christensen.

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Townsend Rotarian Mel Pottruff (left) is honored by his club for his community and club service. He is one of the first people named to the club's new Wall of Fame. The award was presented by DG Mark Finnicum and Townsend Rotarian Jerry Rodacker.

IN MEMORY



Longtime Bozeman Rotarian, Dave Stewart, has passed away. He was very active in Rotary and other community groups. Dave held a Ph.D. in English.



Missoula Rotarian "Bo" Foster receives the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor from the government of France.

Joop Thiessen will act as "co-deans" of the Academy. We are ready to receive your expressions of interest in participating, and will, during the nine-month period of the Academy assist you wherever we can. The same is true for the instructors of the courses.

As a past-participant (JWT) I know that this is not an "easy" experience. Students are expected to provide, on average, a total of two to three days per course. Every course is downloaded from the web, and is followed by an open-book test, so you must have experience with accessing the Internet, and use email on a regular basis. Sometimes, you have to access Rotary web sites, and download specific publications to be consulted during your study. Some courses I found to be amenable to more relaxed study, others requiring quite intensive work. But I found all courses to be highly interesting, well-written, and full of practical information. I feel that, given proficiency in working with personal computers, and providing adequate time to digest the presented infor-

mation, every student should be able to graduate at the end of the nine-month period of instruction.

If you are interested in joining the 2010 class, please contact me right away. There will soon be more material on our District's and the Academy web site. Once your application has been accepted, you will receive general instructions from the Academy "Webmaster", Harriett Schoeller as to the processes involved.

Please contact us by email or telephone as soon as possible. As Don Gatzke is temporarily unavailable for direct contact, and given the necessary expediency, interested Rotarians should contact me (if by email, copy to Don), as follows: JW (Joop) Thiessen, tel. 857-2000 (Kalispell area), email address

Thiessen@centurytel.net;

Don Gatzke:
Gatzkedonalda@gmail.com

DO IT- PARTICIPATE-
YOU'LL ENJOY IT!

MISSOULA ROTARIAN HONORED BY FRANCE

Longtime member and former Club President, M.Y. "Bo" Foster received the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor from the government of France. This award is

the equivalent of the US Presidential Medal of Freedom. Many Rotarians came to support Bo when he received this high honor. He truly is a Rotarian who loves to

serve his country and others. The mayor declared July 22, 2009 as Bo Foster Day.

(Edited from the Rotary Club of Missoula newsletter)

Our Governor's Message, continued from page 1

fully have an RI grant to be on TV to let the public know about this. More details will follow.

Remember our RI President's, John Kenny, theme of the year is "The future of Rotary is in your hands". It is more important than ever to grow membership in our

clubs and the district. That will make our organization a much better place to be.

I'm proud to serve as your Governor!!!

Mark Finnicum



Club Membership and Foundation Giving

JULY 2009	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.		# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 1 Nancy Manning							AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen						
Kalispell Daybreak	72			72	NR	NR	Big Sky	19	0	0	19	4	50
Kalispell	122			122	NR	NR	Bozeman	123	3	2	124	4	43
Libby	44			44	NR	NR	Bozeman Sunrise	82	0	0	82	4	70
Whitefish	76	1	3	74	4	45	Livingston	59	0	1	58	4	46
AREA 2 Joanne Knutson							AREA 7 - John Stewart						
Bigfork	40	0	0	40	5	63.5	Laurel	26			26	NR	NR
Columbia Falls	16			16	NR	NR	Red Lodge	45			45	NR	NR
Evergreen	18			18	NR	NR	Billings	238	0	2	236	4	50
Polson	79			79	NR	NR	Billings Sunrise	6			6	NR	NR
AREA 3 - Dave Kinsey							AREA 8 - Rick Evans						
Hamilton	38	0	0	38	4	59	Big Sandy	19	0	0	19	2	53
Missoula	179	1	0	180	5	37	Chester	5			5	NR	NR
Missoula Centennial	10	0	0	10	4	50	Great Falls	94	1	5	90	4	47
Missoula Sunrise	74	1	3	72	5	63	Great Falls Morning	10	0	0	10	5	70
Philipsburg	37	2	1	38	5	50	Havre	31			31	NR	NR
AREA 4 - Ed Shaw							AREA 9 - Tom Reynolds						
Anaconda	18	0	0	18	4	77	Lewistown	53			53	NR	NR
Butte	41	0	0	41	5	63	Malta	13			13	NR	NR
Dillon	26			26	NR	NR	Roundup	9			9	NR	NR
Tw in Bridges	23			23	NR	NR	AREA 10-Carl Ernst						
Whitehall	24	1	1	25	3	86	Miles City	28			28	NR	NR
AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns							Glendive						
Deer Lodge	36	0	0	36	4	51							
Helena	81	0	3	79	5	38		983	4	10	977		
Helena Sunrise	17			17	NR	NR	TOTALS	2043	10	21	2034		
Townsend	43			43	NR	NR							
White Sulphur Springs	18			18	NR	NR							
	1060	6	11	1057									
46.5% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR JULY, DOWN FROM 58% IN MAY													
FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-10, as of August 15, 2009													
Goal \$91,560	Received \$7300.72	% Achieved --					Polio Contributions since 12/1/07 \$63,854.69						
Clubs Pledged 20	Clubs Below Goal --	Clubs at or Exceeding Goal --											
2009-10 Restricted Giving \$12,169.00				Goal 2008-09 \$144,735 with 39 clubs pledging									



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, do,
or say:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Will it Build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to All
Concerned?

District Officers, 2009-10

District Governor: Mark Finnicum, Great Falls
District Governor Elect: Dave Kinsey, Missoula
District Governor Nominee: Arlene Weber, Whitehall
District Governor Nominee Designee: Daryl Hansen, Livingston
District Foundation Chair: Mark Frisby, IPDG, Bozeman
District Treasurer: Ellen Robison, Billings
District Secretary, Web, Newsletter: Arlene Weber

**Remember to submit items
for the District Newsletter
to the Editor by the 10th of
each month.**

More information is available
at montanarotary.org or at
rotary.org.

District/Club Event Corral



AUGUST

- 15 **Manhattan**, Potato Festival and Blue Ribbon Duck Race
- 29 3rd Annual **Polson** Chili Cookoff

SEPTEMBER

- 25-27 **Peace Park** Assembly in Water ton

OCTOBER

- 3-4 **Townsend**, Fall Fest & Car Show
- 17 **Bigfork**, Annual Barn Dance
- 23-24 **District Assembly** in Great Falls

NOVEMBER

- 7 Harvest Howl, **Great Falls Whitefish**—Spirit of Whitefish Dinner, Auction & Awards
- 2-8 **World Interact Week**

FEBRUARY 2010

- 25-28 **PETS** in Denver

MAY 2010

- 7-9 **District Conference**, Great Falls

To Be Scheduled:

Our GSE Team heads to Brazil

Great get together for club officers, new Rotarians, long-time Rotarians—just about anyone who wants to learn more about Rotary and have fun at the same time.

If your club is having an event you would like everyone to know about, send information to Arlene by the 10th of the month to have it posted here.

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