

The 5390 Roundup

Rotary District 5390 • Montana

The Rotary motto Service Above Self conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.



Our District is Huge...

I know big surprise to you all. We have completed my first month of club visits, our District Assembly and the International Great Western Cattle Drive marker event. The clubs of Red Lodge and Miles City put on such terrific events that RI President Ray and Judie plan to return to Montana after their presidential year to just visit us. The official count for your Assembly in Red Lodge exceeded 100, thank you all for coming to what many described as an outstanding learning and fellowship event. Sandy Conlee PP, Red Lodge and Assembly Chair left no stone unturned to provide an fantastic 48 hours for all of us. Barrie Matthews PP, Miles City orchestrated multiple events while conducting an international fellowship event to promote the historical significance of the Great Cattle Drives of days gone by. Thanks to both of these leaders and clubs to continue "Building Communities and Bridging Continents."



The next big things are:

The District Leadership Academy, which begins in September. You have all received information concerning this online course and I strongly encourage you to participate in this Rotary development course. Joop and the district have invested significant resources in this training and we know that improves the leadership of your club and district.

The International Peace Park Assembly is coming right up on September, 10-12 in Many Glacier, Montana. The Helena and Townsend

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**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY
TO KALISPELL ROTARIAN
EMMETT MYHRE**



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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clubs have been working for nearly two years to put on this event and it will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate with Canadian Rotarians, while pledging to keep our boarder the longest undefended border in the world.

In October we will have an opportunity to witness how our foundation gives the world leaders in Peace and Conflict resolution. We will have two foundation dinners (Billings and Missoula), the 15th and 16th to raise this awareness. Come and see the return on the foundation's two year investment in Peace Scholar, MJ Vuinovich. MJ began her under graduate study at UM and is very enthusiastic to return to MT and inform us how she is using her education to improve our world.

It is not too early to start planning to attend the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. President Ray will put on a terrific convention I know. We are challenging every club to send two people to the convention next May. This will be the last North American convention for many years to come. We will have a block of rooms for Montanan's at hotel in the heart of New Orleans. Check out the RI website to learn more about this most international Rotary event.

I have to tell you that visiting your clubs always inspires me to do even more for Rotary. The projects that are being completed all over Montana every day by your clubs are remarkable. President Ray was so impressed with the service projects that you are all doing that Ray remarked "You all have service projects figured out so keep doing what you are doing". Pretty heady stuff for our District, congratulations. Many of you are now aware that my emphasis for this year is in the areas of Youth and Water. Look into your resources and pick out projects that improve the world through engaging any youth in literacy and ethics. The use and abuse of water in our world can be linked to the vast majority of health, hunger and quality of life issues. Search out and find a water project to improve these situations. Remember engage as many service and community resources to make our projects Bigger, Better and Bolder.

See you soon, David.

Sakuji Tanaka is Rotary International choice for President 2012-2013



Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Tanaka said he would like to see Rotary "continue its vital work as the force to improve our communities." To do this work, Rotary needs active, involved clubs, he added. "We are fortunate to have our revised RI Strategic Plan to help build strong clubs that are vibrant, action-oriented, and relevant in the changing world." For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce and adviser to Arata Co. Ltd., an animal feed and pet food wholesaler. He also chaired the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan for eight years. Tanaka studied business at Nihon Management Daigakuin and Tokyo Management Daigakuin.

A past trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.

Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors.

He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. Tanaka said that eradicating polio will "fulfill the promise we made to children in the world" and that "there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future." Tanaka and Kyoko have three children and five grandchildren.

CLUB NEWS

ROTARY CLUB OF BIGFORK PRESENTS

POWERBALL

*Fundraiser for: Swan River Bike Path Construction and Maintenance,
Scholarships, Polio Eradication*

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1, 2010 6:00 PM

Eagle Bend Golf Course-Practice Green
No Host BBQ and Bar to Follow

Win \$5000

Golf Ball Drop from Fire Truck Ladder onto Golf Green



If your numbered ball goes in the hole, you win! Only 1000 tickets will be sold.

1 Ticket \$20

3 Tickets \$50

Ticket Outlets: *Bigfork:* The Jug Tree, Nancy O's Interiors, Flathead Bank, First Interstate Bank, Rocky Mountain Bank *Kalispell:* The Stone Chair

Call 837-5888 for more information or  Bigfork Rotary Club



WHITEFISH ROTARY CLUB

Scott Ringer, President of the Whitefish Rotary Foundation, presented awards on August 3, 2010 to Jim and Connie Alderson recognizing their role as Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. Through their efforts and generosity they have greatly contributed to the Foundation's success in making our world a better place.

CLUB NEWS

HAMILTON CLUB MEETING

Hi All,

Here are photos from our August 3rd meeting. Our speaker was RYLA Student, Kate Keskeny, and Keely, Hogg. Kate spoke about her experiences at RYLA this year. Keely showed photos and spoke about her month of volunteer service in Haiti under the auspices of GVN, The Global Volunteer Network Foundation.

(www.gvnfoundation.org)

HAMILTON ROTARY CLUB
MILITARY KIDS CAMP

Here are some photos from our Hamilton Rotary Club, Military Kids Camp, the first weekend in August. It was a great experience for the kids and Rotarians! The Ravalli Republic posted the following coverage at:

http://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article_7bf7baae-9de0-11df-8770-001cc4c002e0.html. Missoula KPAX TV Station, (Channel 8) also ran a video of the event.



CLUB NEWS

ROTARY CLUB OF KALISPELL



EMMETT MYHRE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS! A MARVELOUS MAN AND INSPIRATIONAL ROTARIAN!

A grand party was held on July 29, 2010 in honor of Emmett Myhre's 100th birthday. Our Rotary Boy Scout Troop # 1639 presented the colors, while Rotarian Lucy Smith led us in the National Anthem. 4 jumpers landed safely on the Miracle Field in honor of Emmett (see photo below). What a grand entrance!

Cake, happy birthday wishes, and a letter read to Emmett from Congressman Dennis Rehberg's office were just part of the festivities. *We are blessed to have such a wonderful man in our Rotary Club of Kalispell and we wish you many more Happy Birthday's Emmett!*



Emmett (Birthday boy) surrounded by the jumpers Vaughn Penrod - Kalispell Red/Blue chute - 500 jumps since 2005 Dick Rapicillo; Kalispell Red/White/Blue chute - 6000 jumps since 1964; Bill Cayford - C Falls Purple/white chute - 1100 jumps since 1974; Jack Schwarz - C Falls Teal/Purple chute - 2600 jumps since 1972.



Emmett listening and enjoying his special day with shade provided by rotarian Heidi Escalante.

Rotary Historian Bill Dakin telling us a little about Emmett's 100 years.



ROTARY CLUB OF WHITEHALL

The Rotary Club of Whitehall sponsored their second blood drive on July 15th. The effort resulted in 43 units of blood being donated. Ten of the club's members volunteered to donate and 8 had the needed blood type. PDG Erv Hedegaard handled the scheduling of donors and Club Secretary Irene Strauss was in charge of the check-in desk.



Jerry Traylor encourages RYLA campers during his presentation at the 2010 camp. Jerry, from Arizona, has been part of our RYLA program for many years and is consistently one of the top rated speakers during camp.

A little damp weather did not stop the annual Twin Bridges Rotary picnic at the end of June. Four Whitehall Rotarians were able to attend as well. The two clubs always exchange invitations to their annual picnics. President Ken Kozimer presented the 2010-11 president Rand Bradley with his club president pin during a short ceremony around the campfire.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Montana Rotarians at the District Assembly Red Lodge • August 6th, 2010



President of Rotary International Ray Klingsmith took time to have photo shots with many of our District 5390 Clubs leaders and members.

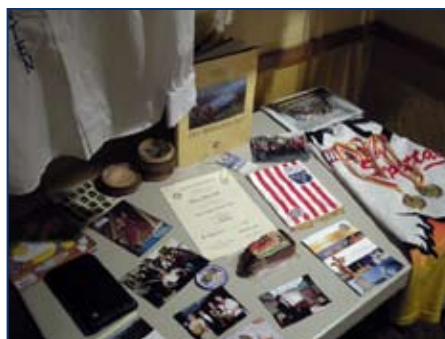
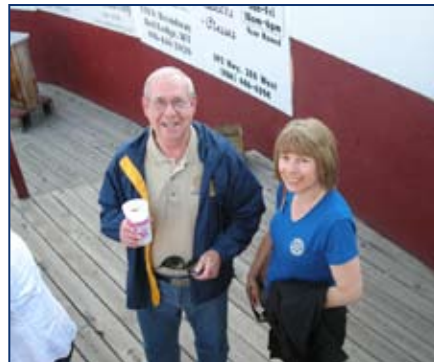


And they ate... and ate... and ate... and then they ate some more!!



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Montana Rotarians at the District Assembly • Red Lodge, MT



POLIO HIGHLIGHTS

POLIO UPDATE

Highlights from Ray Klingensmith RI President who spoke to the Montana Rotarians at the District Assembly in Red Lodge on August 6th, 2010.

- Late '70's RI decides on a world wide effort to eliminate polio.
- \$7 million raised by direct donations from Rotary clubs.
- First National Immunization Day (NID) occurs – all kids in the Philippines are immunized.
- In early 1980's there are 500,000 cases of polio each year and 50,000 deaths.
- Similar NIDs done in Bolivia, Sierra Leone, and Gambia.
- In mid- 80's the goal becomes to target all kids and \$120 million is the fund raising goal. \$247 million is raised.
- 1988 World Health Organization (WHO) sees Rotary is being effective and comes on board as a partner together with United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).
- Last 3 – 4 years worldwide average of 1500 cases per year. This past year less than 100 cases.
- Difficult regions where polio is still endemic: Nigeria (where there is political resistance), Afghanistan and Pakistan (civil strife) and India (high birth rates).
- This year there has been an outbreak in Tajikistan where 300 cases were reported.
- Per RI President Ray we are within 1 – 2 years of getting polio stopped.
- Gates Foundation believes in our efforts and has pledged a total of \$355 million challenge if we raise \$200 million by July 1 2012. To date \$140 million has been raised by Rotary
- In our own back yard the Ted Turner matching challenge, (where he will match all our Polio Plus donations) finishes 16 August.

*Roger Barnes DC
Club Foundation Chair*

For more information on Polio Highlights:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/>



Contribute to stopping polio

Find out how you can make a difference.



Polio resources

Learn what tools help inform and fundraise



Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge

Read about this grant for helping to eradicate polio.

