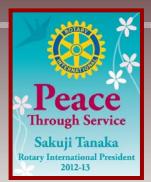
# District Focus

Monthly Journal of Rotary District 5390

## **AUGUST 2012**





District Governor 2012-13 Daryl and Juanita Hansen Rotary Club of Livingston

## MY FIRST DG MONTH

Well my foray into the world of District Governor got off to a rousing start, when I attended Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp at Luccock Park. There were 101 campers this year which is a record number for our RYLA. We had three join us from Idaho and two from Wyoming. I would highly recommend Rotarians plan on coming for a visit and see what an amazing group of young adults these kids are. We try to ensure that they have some fun, but we also work them hard. These great kids will show you that the future of our world is in good hands. I also want to thank Jerry Traylor for coming up from Arizona to inspire these campers with his vision, enthusiasm, and genuine love for these outstanding students. Every year he is one of the highlights of their experience. A Special thank you also goes out to Billings Rotarian Karen Grosz and her husband Paul. Karen, for the past two years, has developed a great curriculum for us to follow, and Paul is the camp Mr. Fixit. Carl and Carolyn Prinzing have been the overall Camp Directors and have given many long hours to make the camp run smoothly. Lois Smith-Lehwalder from Twin Bridges, who the kids all call Granma, is also another favorite. Beth Billings from Whitehall was a new adult staff member and added insight that was helpful. DGE John Stewart helped keep us all inline and his wife Susan is the Camp Nurse. Former Rotarian Ken Kozimer did his usual bang up job with registration and cabin assignments. We had two new additions to the adult staff Levi Merkel a recent Helena High graduate who has now been to RYLA four years in a row. Catherine Kenney who is attending Rocky Mountain College also came and was a valuable asset. Last but not least PDG Arlene Weber whose enthusiasm and insights help keep us grounded. Thank you all for making this edition of RYLA such a success. As you can see, this is a small group of volunteers for 101 campers, even with the great help of 11 junior counselors and 8 senior Counselors. (continued, page 2)

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#### **SEEKING 2015-16 DG**

Nominations are being accepted through December 31st of this year for the Rotarian who will become our District Governor on July 1, 2015. Qualified candidates need to have at least 7 years of Rotary membership in good standing and should have served in some capacity at the District level. For more information on DG qualifications, refer to the RI Manual of Procedure, RI Bylaws, 15.070. The nomination form can be downloaded from the District web site in the Downloadable Documents tab. Interviews will be held in early 2013.  $\Omega$ 

## CRITICAL FOUNDATION TRAINING

Required training for Club Foundation Chairs, Presidents-elect, Presidents-elect Nominee, current Club Presidents and any other club and/or district leaders who will be involved with the new Grant Model from the Rotary Foundation will be held in Butte, Montana on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration is \$25 and is on-line at www.montanarotary.org. This seminar will not be held again until sometime in the next Rotary year.  $\Omega$ 

## WHAT ALL CLUBS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

#### PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW GRANT MODEL

On Saturday, October 20th, all clubs in our district need to plan on sending representatives to Butte at the Copper King Inn for the District Foundation Seminar. Using District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, scholarships, vocational exchanges and other Rotary Foundation related programs will drastically change next year. Everything will now be known as a grant and the administration of these grants will fall on Districts. This will require a totally new structure for the District Foundation Committee. No longer will it be possible to have one person handle the international grants or what have been known as District Simplified Grants. It is anticipated that a minimum of 36 to 40 Rotarians will be needed to staff the numerous committees of the new structure.

David Kinsey, our new District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC), provided an introduction of the new structure during the District Assembly on August 11th. The seminar



being held on October 20th will explain this further as well as prepare clubs for the new Foundation certification process. Prior to next spring, our district must prepare and present a proposal on how the money we receive from The Rotary Foundation (DDF) will be used. This means a lot of planning not only for the district but any club wanting to apply for a grant. Unused DDF will no longer roll over to the next year - we must plan how to use every dollar each year.

#### DG Daryl's Message, continued from page 1:

Club visits are underway and it is heartwarming to hear about all of the wonderful things that Rotary clubs do around the state. Libby started a new program to promote literacy where and member George Gerard built, I believe, 16 beautiful bookcases and they are given to deserving 4 and 5 year olds complete with a couple dozen books for a good start on learning to read. In Polson they have committed around \$100,000 to help build a much needed swimming pool. Club members are busy raising money and have several good events coming up soon. Billings West End just raised around \$7000 for the Relay for Life. Billings Downtown held an intense long range planning session where around 30 members spent the afternoon sharing ideas. Malta is busy helping with Literacy programs and more. In Havre they just completed two major fundraisers in two weekends. With lots of hard work and effort they squeezed lemonade for the fair booth and raised over \$4000 (now that's a lot of lemons) and followed it up a week later with a successful golf tournament. They do many amazing things in the Havre area and will be sending photos for a future newsletter.

The Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park celebration is to be in Kalispell next month and promises to be a great time. The clubs in the Kalispell area have been working for over a year to make this weekend enjoyable and affordable. The Hands-Across-the-Border ceremony is always a fun experience when Canadians and Montanans shake hands across the border and vow to never take up arms against one another. This year there have been articles in Flathead area papers and Flathead Living Magazine. Soon, our Peace Park Assembly will be on the Rotary International Website and maybe even The Rotarians Magazine. This is a great public relations opportunity for Rotary and we all need to take advantage when we can.

I am looking forward to the rest of my club visits and meeting more of the fantastic Rotarians who are doing good and creating Peace through their efforts. Please take pictures at your events and submit them with a short write up to the newsletter so we can let everyone else know of the many projects and programs that Montana Rotarians do. Otherwise most of our members will never know about these great efforts.

See you down the road.



## **NEW CLUB AWARD** 2012-13: GOVERNOR'S **CITATION**

Clubs are familiar with the Presidential Citation—an award from the Rotary International President that recognizes accomplishing a set standard of requirements for various aspects of membership and service. The Governor's Citation will be available to clubs in our district for achieving minimum required items in the areas of Membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, Training, and using Technology-Communication.

In Membership, two of the four listed items must be met. This includes a net gain in membership and/or holding a special reception to promote Rotary membership in the community.

For Rotary Foundation support, three of five items are required. This includes easily achievable tasks like adding at least one new member to the Bequest Society and 100% participation giving with no minimum amount.

Training includes sending the greater of two members or 5% of club membership to the District Assembly and/or the District Conference.

For Technology-Communication, three of five items much be completed including creating or significantly improving a club FaceBook page.

For more information, download a copy of the requirements from the District web site in Downloadable Ω Documents.

## DISTRICT PHOTO GALLERY





Rotarians enjoyed the cool Montana evening on August 10th at Luccock park before the Assembly sessions started on Saturday morning. Although a rain storm put a damper on the camp fire, everyone had a great time playing a couple rounds of Rotary Jeopardy in the lodge. General sessions and break-out discussions gave everyone attending new information about Rotary and our District.



The Hamilton Club continued with great programs in July and early August. From left to right, Lew Pacely from the Ravalli County Amateur Radio Emergency Services; Elizabeth Chilcote representing the Community Emergency Response Program; and, RYLA campers Rachel Devine and Tiffany McCluskey with Rotarian Barbara Bayer and Ellice Evans and Dakota Vaccaro.



Whitehall Rotarians, (from left to right), Don Bowman, PDG Erv Hedegaard, Ed Handl; and, Paul Buckley and President Hank King, removed forms to unveil the new wall at the Fish Pond. It will include granite tiles, a bronze history story plaque and the Rotary wheel.

## **NEW PETS FORMAT**

The 2013 PETS meeting in Denver will be different. Yes, it is at the same hotel with many of the same facilitators and district leadership and at about the same time of year; but this is not the same PETS.

Rotary International has totally revamped the training courses to help make them more relevant for new and repeating club presidents. Even if you have attended PETS before, this will be different and with many new changes coming next year, it will be more important than ever for each club to send their PE to Denver on March 1-3, 2013. While some topics will be repeated at the August 2013 Assembly in Billings, PEs who miss PETS will be in the dark on much of the new information being presented.

## RYLA PLANNING Meeting Scheduled

The District RYLA committee is being expanded to provide the best program possible for our growing participation.

A planning meeting is scheduled in Bozeman on Saturday, October 6th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The committee will look at how to improve all aspects or our RYLA program.  $\Omega$ 

## CLUB TWEETS AND MONTHLY CHIRPS

From the RYLA Facebook page, posted by some of our RYLA campers:

- "Hands down one of the most inspiring weeks I've ever had. Thank you guys!"
- "One of the single greatest weeks of my life. Thanks again to everyone!"
- "I would take a cold shower any day if it meant I could be at RYLA!"
- "This camp opened my eyes. . . I believe that many of us will go and do something

wonderful in our lives ...."

At the August 13 Glendive Rotary meeting, Cooper Knoll, Baylee Huschka, and Teia Knutson thanked the club and shared their experiences at RYLA in July. Josef Hageman, a Junior at DCHS, was selected as a junior counselor this year and told the Rotary Club how much he grew from the experience.

The Livingston club presented the New Rotarian Award to Tyler Erickson for his quick involvement with the Sweet Night with Rotary and his original artwork depicting Livingston and Park County, along with other activities .



# EYE ON IT—CLUB PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH: <u>DIVING IN NEAR POLSON AND NEW LODGE RISING AT CAMP ROTARY</u>

The Rotary club of Polson held a special board meeting in early July to discuss making the largest single investment in the club's history by giving significant financial support to the Mission Valley Aquatics project. The club had already committed to give its annual Chili Cook-off proceeds to the Aquatic Center. The club board further supports offering help to ensure that the 40-year long process of building a swimming pool in Polson becomes a reality. Several board members said, "It is time to show Polson that this community can work together, collaborate and build something of lasting value."

The club surprised Rotarian Hugh Beaver, President of the non-profit Mission Valley Aquatics, with a check for \$50,000 as a show of solid support for the project. The club has a stretch goal of giving a total of \$100,000 for the pool. Individual members have contributed a total of \$45,000 so far.

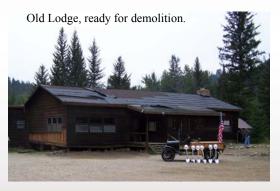
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Ground breaking for the new lodge at Camp Rotary took place on August 10th. Thanks to a generous donation from Rotarian Ian Davidson and his wife Nancy, a new modern lodge will begin to rise in the center area of the camp. The current lodge was completed in 1918. In the years since, it is estimated that at least 40,000 children and adults have enjoyed time inside its walls. The camp is filled each summer with various youth groups including boy and girl scouts, 4-H, bereaved children, foster children and their families and others.

The club holds their annual Harvest Howl to provide the funds needed to maintain and upgrade the camp facilities. Over the past few years, improvements include a new outdoor pavilion; a new bathhouse; upgraded septic system, and underground water holding tanks. The new lodge will allow the camp to used during more months of each year. Sletten, the construction company awarded the project, plans to complete the building by January 1, 2013.

Rotary Clubs in our district are encouraged to consider Camp Rotary as a future meeting location for retreats and other types of Rotary related meetings.  $\Omega$ 





## MEET ME AT ROTARY CLUB CENTRAL

If you have not logged into Member Access on the Rotary International web site lately, there are some changes worth checking out. Clubs can now update goals and accomplishments on a new feature called Club Central. Right now, our district information is bare—why?? Club presidents and/or secretaries need to log-in and enter their club information. It is easy and only takes a few minutes. Once all of our clubs have entered their data, anyone can click on the District View and see a summary for all of our clubs in Montana.

Check out the many other features on Member Access: Make a single or set up a recurring contribution to The Rotary Foundation; check your contribution history in an easy to understand format; look for other clubs/districts around the world; register for the RI Convention in Lisbon. You can Google Rotary Member Access or use the link on the District web site to reach the log-in page.

## Group Travel Available to Lisbon for 2013 RI Convention

If you are considering attending the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal and would like to spend time enjoying the country instead of trying to figure out where to stay, what to see, how to communicate in Portuguese, and all the other details of international travel, then consider booking your trip with the High Country Rotarian's group trip to Lisbon with an optional pre-trip to Spain. Look on our district web site under District Events for links to the travel web site and a downloadable trip brochure.  $\Omega$ 

July 2012, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report & Foundation Giving						
Club ((57.5% Reported)	Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	Y	19	74	5		
Big Sandy	Y	19	42	4		
Big Sky	NO	?	?	?		
Bigfork	Y	33	70	3		
Billings Noon	NO	203	?	?		
Billings West	Y	76	41	3		
Bozeman Noon	NO	?	?	?		
Bozeman Sunrise	Y	95	60	4		
Butte	NO	?	?	?		
Columbia Falls	Y	14	45	3		
Deer Lodge	NO	?	?	?		
Dillon	Y	15	64	3		
Evergreen	Y	17	80	5		
Glendive	Y	26	55	5		
Great Falls	Y	110	56	5		
Hamilton	Y	28	58	5		
Havre	Y	25	52	1		
Helena	NO	61	?	?		
Helena Sunrise	Y	18	64	5		
Kalispell	Y	111	74	4		
Kalispell Daybreak	NO	73	83	4		
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	Y	41	45	5		
Laurel	NO	21	?	?		
Lewistown	NO	?	?	?		
Livingston	NO	?	?	?		
Malta	NO	?	?	?		
Manhattan	NO	?	?	?		
Miles City	NO	39	?	?		
Missoula	Y	130	39	3		
Missoula Centennial	Y	7	71	5		
Missoula Sunrise	Y	45	63	3		
Philipsburg	NO	?	?	?		
Polson	NO	?	?	?		
Red Lodge	Y	35	60	4		
Roundup	NO	?	?	?		
Townsend	Y	49	38	2		
Twin Bridges	Y	18	80	3		
White Sulphur Springs	NO	?	?	?		
Whitefish	Y	70	49	5		
Whitehall	Y	19	92	4		



# **Upcoming Events**

## 80th ANNUAL PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY

**September 14-16, 2012** Renew old friendships and make new friends at the multi-district, US/ Canada celebration in Kalispell, Montana. Hands Across the Border will be held in Glacier.

#### DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR

October 20, 2012. An essential day-long training meeting in Butte, Montana on the new Rotary Foundation Grant Model. Required for clubs to participation in any of the new grant model areas. Highly recommended that all of the following attend: President-elect, President-elect Nominee, Club Foundation Chair and current Club President. All interested Rotarians are welcome.

## PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)

March 1-3, 2013 This will be a critical PETS for new Presidents and Presidents-Elect. New training topics. Attendees need to arrive before 8:00 AM on Friday, March 1 and stay until Noon on Sunday, March 3. As before, PETS is in Denver at the Marriott Tech Center

# **DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 2013**

May 3-5, 2013 Everyone is welcome to attend the end-of-the-year Rotary celebration in Livingston. Details and registration will be posted on the District web site.

## The 4-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?

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