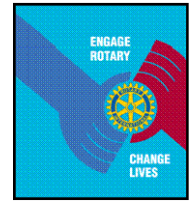


DISTRICT FOCUS



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5390

G'DAY MONTANA ROTARIANS

Just one month into the Montana District Governor's road tour, 2,200 miles of road trip so far, and it still seems like I am just waking up from RYLA Camp. Or, maybe I am still sleep deprived from that week and weeks on the road.

Several clubs have had their RYLA campers tell of their experiences when I have attended to visit. The young people who emerge from this intense week of leadership, learning and life situation problem solving give me great confidence in the future leadership of our country. The sponsorship of your student representatives to RYLA is one of the greatest gifts that you Rotarians can give to your community children.

I have been through most all of the communities I am visiting at least once before in my life, but I have not really stopped to get out and walk around, to meet people, and to explore interesting places until Rotary gave me a reason to do so. On the faces of the individual Rotarians I have met who call Montana home I see the smiles of some of the friendliest people in the world. I too see that the Big Sky State has also cornered that market on wide-open space. There are several locations where one can watch their dog run away from home for five or more days.

A thank you to all who took the time to come join in the learning and teaching at our Assembly this last



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District Governor
John Stewart and Susan

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week-end. Everyone helped contribute to better understanding of Rotary in our communities and in our world. A special thank you to my "committee" of helpers from the Billings Club. I hope everyone went home with some new knowledge, information, do a new idea learned from a new Rotary friend found at the Assembly. A Big Good Luck wish to the Wrecking Clowns Dance Crew at their Las Vegas dance contest. Remember, How are you going to Engage Rotary this year?!

DG John

Special Point of Interest:

Get well wishes to District Governor John Stewart. He is recovering from surgery and will be rescheduling club visits that would have occurred during his recovery time.

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RYLA CAMP PROJECT UPDATE

During the July RYLA camp, a single dollar found by the campfire turned into \$58 to help with a camp improvement project.

RYLA has a tradition of leaving camps better than when we arrived. With

help from clubs and individuals, we will be able to provide a new or newer commercial dish washer and convection oven.

A special thanks goes to the **Twin Bridges** club for their contribution. We

are a little closer to the goal of \$6,000 to 7,000. All contributions should be made to The Rotary District 5390 Foundation with RYLA noted on the memo line.

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FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP

(From the Rotary Newsletter, Membership Minute) During Membership and Extension Month, Rotary has planned a variety of activities to help you get your club members involved and share your passion for Rotary. Building strong and vibrant clubs is critical for Rotary's future. Here are some steps you can take this month to attract new members and engage the ones you already have:

Join our Thunderclap and share a powerful membership message with the world on the last day of August. Thunderclap is a tool that allows thousands of people to connect their social media accounts to send a single, simple, amplified message all at once. Spread a message on Facebook and Twitter that is sure to be heard. Learn more about Thunderclap and how it works

On the Rotary web site, use this address for more information on August Membership Month suggestions:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/Announcements/Pages/130801_annnc_membershipmonth.aspx

(Remember, to access the link in this article, copy and paste the address or hold the cursor over the http, (the arrow should change to a hand) click the left mouse button to connect.)



Barbara Liss, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Hamilton received her club's President's Award for her service in

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the District Web Site for Additional Information

ANNUAL PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY

September 13-15 in Waterton, Alberta. Link to on-line registration is available on the district web site.

FOUNDATION CERTIFICATION CLASS

October 12 (Saturday) at Montana Tech in Butte. About 5 hours. \$25.00 fee includes light breakfast and a

lunch. Free on-campus parking. Register on-line.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING

February 28 through March 2 in Denver, Colorado. PEs need to be at the Renaissance Hotel by 8:00 AM on Feb. 28th for training. PENs are also encouraged to attend. A special PEN session will be offered on March 1st.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014

May 2-4 in Billings

Clubs must recertify each year in order to apply for Global or District Grants. The October "make-up" class is being offered this year as we transition to the new grant model.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY FOR 2013

About 100 Rotarians attending the District Training Assembly in Billings on August 2nd and 3rd. Friday focused on the various avenues of Rotary service with Assistant Governors facilitating most sessions. Saturday morning featured needed training for clubs to recertify for grant eligibility whether District, Global or Packaged. Due to scheduling difficulties and this being the transition year into the new

requirements for obtaining grants, an additional certification session will be held in Butte on October 12. Registration is open on the District web site.

Several entertainers were featured during the Saturday sessions, including Elvis and a group of local youth dancers—the Wrecking Clown Crew. They were on their way to a dance competition in Las Vegas. The dance program helps the boys and girls turn



Wrecking Clown Crew members entertained with Hip Hop moves.

their lives into a positive in spite of some very rough beginnings.

CLUB FOCUS

Helena Sunrise Rotary Club members held a social event with dinner and a fundraising event auctioning dessert items homemade by Club members. The event was a lot of fun and raised \$1,000.00 which was donated to the Salvation Army and Helena Food Share, each organization receiving \$500/each.

The Club hosted a Trivia Night contest to raise funds for Helena Industries and for RYLA. The event was held at the Staggering Ox and participants paid \$10 each and formed teams up to eight people to compete against other teams. The winning team received half of their participant's fee back, but the winning team donated their prize back. The proceeds from the event generated \$465 for Helena Industries and \$250 for a RYLA scholarship. The Club was delighted at the success of the event and plans to host more Trivia Night events in Autumn 2013 and winter 2014 to benefit local charities. Ω

Hamilton Club member, Ken Riemer was a recent speaker for the club. Ken teaches part time at Temple University in Pennsylvania, the University of Montana, and the Bitterroot College in the field of Business Leadership. His outstanding presentation focused on "12 Hurdles to Clear From Manager to Leader". Any Rotary Club would enjoy this great presentation.



PDGs Daryl Hansen, Arlene Weber, Dave Kinsey, Erv Hedegaard, and Bill Spath all attended the Whitehall club picnic and DG visit on August 5th.

First District Scholarship recipient named. Todd Wojtanowicz of Bozeman is starting his studies at Northwestern in medicine (campus can be seen from RI headquarters). More on Todd next month.

The **Rotary Club of Glendive** made a \$1000 contribution to the local Splash Park and provided other support. The grand opening on August 11th let the community enjoy the new facility for the first time. Glendive Rotarians painted the cinder block bathrooms inside and out. The club also gained a member, Deb Toepke, after she helped with the painting and was encouraged to enjoy the social times as well as community service. The splash park became a reality in less than a year thanks to the persistence of young moms.



Glendive families enjoy the new Splash Park on opening day, Sunday, August 11th.

RYLA 2013—Still Spreading Service Above Self

Even though more than a month has passed since RYLA 2013 ended, the campers are staying in touch and sharing what they have learned about Service Above Self. Here are a few notes from some of our campers (and the future of Rotary):

Camper Haydn—I have met so many great adult role models. My life has been so brilliant. I can't thank you guys enough. I can't emphasize enough how great this experience

was to me and how much I will cherish this memory.

Wyatt, Senior Adult Counselor—Yesterday a lady came into the ice cream shop where I work and handed us 3 dollars and said "I don't need anything, this money is for any little kid who might be short on money when they are buying ice cream." And with that she left. That made my entire week.

Sedona, Senior Counselor—We have a run in Missoula that is through mud! It is a 5k but is seriously so fun! I would love to see everyone from RYLA in this race. It is going to be a blast! It is on September 7th! If you enter "casa" into the promo code it donates 35% of that \$53 (entry fee) to help abused and neglected kids get out of bad homes.

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Please submit news articles/photos to editor Arlene Weber by the 10th of the month.
Club membership information needs to be updated by the 14th of the month to be included .



Rotary Under the Big Sky of Montana

Find District 5390 on the web at:
www.montanarotary.org and on Face Book

For more information on Rotary, visit www.Rotary.org

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE UPDATE

The Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org will receive a great facelift in a just a few days. If you have not been there in a while, remember to take a look next week. From club membership to projects to world Rotary news and everything in between, there are valuable resources for clubs and districts on the web site. With a Google style search engine, finding what you need will be even easier.

Rotary offers numerous webinars for members. In September, you and other club members may benefit from the following:

Rotarians are invited to participate in an innovative 5-part webinar series to support the Rotary family in producing sustainable service projects in the coming year. Read more information and register for the first in the series, "Lifecycle of a Service Project":

September 24, 2013 9:00-10:00 AM MDT <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3298672674180338176>

OR
September 24, 2013 5:00-6:00 PM, MDT <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2611293188867032320>

You can copy and paste the link into your browser or hold your cursor over the https and click your left mouse button to open the registration page for either webinar.



July 2013, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report (as reported on August 15th) & Foundation Giving
Foundation numbers are for Annual Program Fund giving only. 50% of this amount returns to the District in 3 years.

Club	40% Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	YES	22	68	5	Each Club President must post Foundation Goals in Rotary Club Central on The RI website Under Member Access. Other Club goals are to be posted as well.	
Big Sandy	YES	17	54	4		
Big Sky	No					
Bigfork	YES	33	70	4		
Billings Noon	No					
Billings West	YES	82	33	3		
Bozeman Noon	No					
Bozeman Sunrise	No					
Butte	No					
Columbia Falls	YES	17	47	3		
Deer Lodge	No					
Dillon	YES	18	65	5		
Evergreen	YES	17	81	5		
Glendive	No					
Great Falls	YES	112	38	5		
Hamilton	YES	28	64	5		
Havre	No					
Helena	No					
Helena Sunrise	YES	17	71	5		
Kalispell	YES	117	77	3		
Kalispell Daybreak	No					
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	No					
Laurel	No					
Lewistown	No					
Livingston	No					
Malta	No					
Manhattan	No					
Miles City	YES	37	62	5		
Missoula	No					
Missoula Centennial	YES	7	79	2		
Missoula Sunrise	YES	41	64	5		
Philipsburg	No					
Polson	No					
Red Lodge	No					
Roundup	No					
Townsend	No					
Twin Bridges	No					
White Sulphur Springs	No					
Whitefish	YES	60	49	5		
Whitehall	YES	20	64	5		