

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter

August 2016

Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

Events

[Harvest Howl in Great Falls](#): Sept. 9

[Peace Park Assembly](#): Sept. 16 – 18

[ANACONDA 100th Anniversary](#): Sept. 24

[DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER - FALL](#): Oct. 7

[Zone Institute](#): Oct. 27—30

[Young Professionals Summit](#): Oct. 27—30

[PETS 2017](#): Feb. 24—26

[District Conference 2017](#): April 28—30

August is Rotary Membership Month

As we celebrate Membership Month this August, give some thought about why you became involved in Rotary, how you can energize Rotarians within your club and interest others to join. There is a potential Rotarian in anyone who cares about their community and strives to make the world a better place.



Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016—2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen

The membership flexibility legislation approved during the 2016 Council on Legislation provides clubs with the freedom to determine how meetings are held, who is invited to join, and what defines engagement, which can help them grow into vibrant, successful clubs. You can read about the Council's work on our District website or www.rotary.org. There are also new videos on membership flexibility that help better define and explain what clubs can now do, which are available on www.rotary.org.

Here are some practical tips to get and keep *new members* connected:

- Ask them to join at least one committee to get them involved immediately
- Give them a club meeting assignment, e.g. greeter or sergeant at arms
- Make sure they sign up for socials and service projects
- Give them a **New Member Welcome Kit**, including a club roster and custom club brochure
- Utilize the "Red Badge" program
- Keep membership affordable

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Rotary Club News

Kootenai Valley Rotarians Continue Their Commitment to the Kids' Fishing Pond

During the week of August 1, members of the Rotary Club of Kootenai Valley completed work on the signage at the Kids' Fishing Pond. Complementing the metal sign constructed earlier by artist Todd Berget and his students, the new sign lists the major sponsors of the pond along with the regulations users are requested to abide by. The sign was constructed entirely by Rotarians with assistance and donations from local businesses and organizations.



Pictured from left are Rotarians Laurie Duarte, Chris Savage, Gary Huntsberger, Ron Denowh, and George Gerard.

Rotary Club of Twin Bridges/Ruby Valley Bench Project

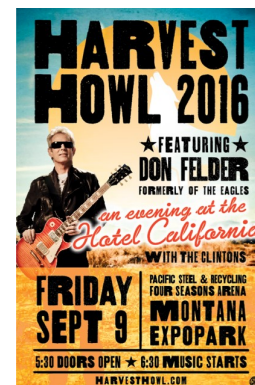
The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges / Ruby Valley met for a work project at the river trail in the Madison County Fairgrounds. These benches were installed along the river that will be a nice addition to the trail. As always, our work parties are a lot of fun.



Rotary Club of Great Falls

Harvest Howl 2016 will be here sooner than you think. We moved the date up a couple months - this year's event will be Friday, September 9. The Clintons return as our opening act. The headliner this year is Don Felder, the former lead guitarist and member of the Eagles during their heyday from 1974 until 2001. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as an Eagle in 1998, and is a four-time Grammy Award winner. Don is credited with giving the Eagles its rock'n roll sound, and co-wrote their biggest hit Hotel California. With Glenn Frey's passing earlier in the year, there will be no more live Eagles concerts. If you like the Eagles music, you're going to love this show.

Camp Rotary is the beneficiary of the Great Falls Rotary Club's annual fundraiser. The Camp, located in the Little Belt mountains, serves children and families with a variety of events and programs. The proceeds from previous Harvest Howls have been used to add significant improvements and amenities to the Camp. For more information about this event, go to www.harvesthowl.com.



I n t e r a c t C l u b N e w s

Lone Peak High School Interact Club *Flamingo Fling*

The Lone Peak High School Interact Club of Big Sky was looking for a project to keep the members active during the summer. They selected to do a *Flamingo Project*. The project involved the selling of “insurance,” the placement of *Flamingo Flocks* in “victims” yards, the collection of ransoms to get the *Flock* removed, and working with community to have someone else *Flocked*.

The Club planned to run the program from June 15 to July 15, but the community was having so much fun with this that we finally had to cut it off on August 1st. The Club raised over \$1,000. All monies earned will be sent to Rotary's Polio Plus Program.

So what is next for this Interact Club? We are in the early stages of planning a Trip to Nepal to work in schools and orphanages, delivering school supplies, clothing, toys and books. The Club has nine Seniors and eight of them are going planning to go Nepal!!



Bitterroot Valley Interact Clubs

The Darby Interact Club will officially start this fall, but this month ten Darby Interact Students will do their first community service project, cleaning up trash in the Bitterroot River. Thanks Jean Dreischer for being the spark plug getting the Darby Interact Club up and running.

Corvallis High School Interact Club regularly has around fifty members at club meetings. Around twenty Interact students will be helping the Hamilton Rotary Club's Fair Booth at the end of August.

Youth Exchange

Applications for Youth Exchange are available on the District Website. The deadline to submit applications to the local Rotary Clubs is October 15. Clubs must submit their nominations to the District by November 15th.

Youth Exchange students participated in orientation August 20th. Our inbound students come from Taiwan, Brazil, France, Italy and Aus-



tria. Rotary Clubs of Bozeman Sunrise, Billings, Missoula noon, Helena, and Livingston are hosting these students. If a club would like to have one or more come and make a presentation, they are can come to your club's meeting. However, club will have to pay any expense of their attendance.

Montana students who were our outbound last year spent most of the past year in Ecuador, Taiwan (2), France, Austria, and Brazil. They were sponsored by Bozeman Sunrise, Helena, Missoula (2), Helena and Townsend.



\$20,000.00
Study Abroad
Scholarship

Rotary District 5390 Study Abroad Scholarship!

High school year abroad, valued at \$20,000.00! Covers exchange arrangements, orientation, visa, board, tuition, allowance & Rotary support.

Scholarships for ages 15-18. The student's family pays for airfare, insurance, plus other reasonable expenses. (Assistance available)

HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF...

TRAVELING THE WORLD? **LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?** **BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?**

Application Deadline: High School Year Abroad By Oct. 15 for following school year.

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R Y L A



RYLA Service Project



New tables purchased by the Montana Rotary Foundation for RYLA



Leadership Training



Mural

D i s t r i c t N e w s



District 5390 Rotary Foundation Centennial Matching Grant Project

At its meeting in August, the District Foundation Board agreed to provide funding for a onetime Matching “Centennial Grant” to celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. This District Grant will provide up to \$1,000 per club. Clubs must match the grant received by 50% with their own source of funding. For this matching grant, projects must be a local project and fall within Rotary’s Six Areas of Service. Clubs can partner with other clubs or Rotaract clubs to do a larger, multi-club centennial project with each club’s \$500 being matched with \$1,000 from the District. Rotarians must be directly involved in the completion of the project and projects must be completed by December 1, 2017.

The funds for this grant were donated through the estate of past Big Fork Rotarian Carolyn Hummel

The grant will be available to all clubs within District 5390, whether they are qualified for other grants or not. This special *District Centennial Grant Application* is available on the District Website. Grant applications are due no later than December 15th, 2016 to the District Grant Committee

Chair Sue Carstens. The District will streamline these applications and review them when received. Clubs should receive their funds within 30 days of grant approval. Final Project Reports are due within 30 days of project completion.

The funds for this grant were donated through the estate of past Big Fork Rotarian Carolyn Hummel at the time Roy Beekman was District Governor. DRFC David Kinsey presented the idea of this grant in line with her wishes.

A complete list of requirements and timeline are available on the District [Website](#)). Contact District Rotary Foundation Chair David [Kinsey](#) or Grants Chair Sue Carstens for more details.

District 53390 Rotary Foundation Centennial Project Grant Requirements

- Each club is eligible for this centennial matching grant and does not need to be qualified as for our other District or Global Grants
- The Grant will provide up to \$1,000 per club. Clubs must match the grant received by 50% with their own source of funding. The total project budget can exceed \$1,500.
- Project must be a local community project
- Budget submitted does not need bid estimates, but Final Report needs to be detailed with receipts for expenses
- Rotarians must be directly involved in the completion of the project (from all clubs involved with multi-club projects)
- Projects must be within Rotary’s Six Areas of Service
- All Reports must be completed on time or club will not be eligible for future District or Global Grants
- Clubs will not need to show proof of matching club funds

Rotary District 5390 Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee

2016 is the inaugural year for the Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee in District 5390. Committee members Brian Ayers (Chair, Bozeman Noon), David Kimball (Billings), Ed Handl (Whitehall), Sue Carstens (Whitefish), Marshall Gingery (Helena), Doug Russell (Kalispell Daybreak), and Mary McClarty (Evergreen), held a conference call in January to discuss potential ideas for local, national, and international projects that would support peace and conflict resolution. Waterton/Glacier Peace Park support, TRF Peace Fellowship(s), Peer Mediation programs in schools, sportsmanship in schools, the Mansfield Center in Missoula, refugee assistance/outreach, Shelterbox coordination, World Bank informational outreach, Seven Tribal Nations in Montana, Rotary International theme of "Serving Humanity," Rotarian Action Group for Peace, and "Peace building: A Book Discussion Series," were among the main ideas discussed.

The Committee prioritized TRF Peace Fellowships since they had a timeline and applicants are interviewed and recommended by Districts. These recommendations are due to TRF by July 1st. The committee also decided to prioritize and promote the Peace Park Assembly, along with the Peace builder program. A long-term goal is the development of the Wheeler Property in Glacier National Park as a Peace and Conflict Resolution Center. This goal is actively being researched. Very exciting!

"Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank." (Rotary.org)

Our Peace Fellowship Subcommittee recently interviewed a candidate for a Rotary Peace Fellowship. Here in District 5390, this is but one way in which we are doing our part in the development of peace workers around the world. Remember, every humanitarian act, no matter how small, promotes Peace. You can make a world of difference!

District Dictionary (*Literacy*) Project

Since the program's inception there have been several changes that have led the District leadership to create some guidelines and recommendations on how this program should be administered. The Guidelines are available on the District Website under [Document Download](#).

Public Image

Help us spread the word about good things your Club is doing. Please send any information about any articles about your Rotary Club published in your local media outlets to Public Image Coordinator Patrick Plantenburg at m2andp2@mt.net

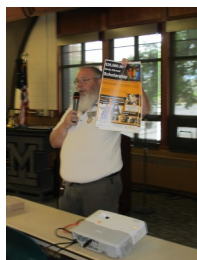
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Here are some practical tips to *retain members*:

- Make the membership experience fun
- Honor long term members
- Communicate regularly with members – social media avenues, newsletters, monthly email updates, phone tree (whatever is their preference)
- Regularly recognize members for their achievements – both professional and in Rotary
- Keep members involved in club projects and activities
- Encourage members to take on leadership roles

There are numerous new resources created by Rotary International for clubs to use in their membership efforts. Find these on www.rotary.org or contact our District Membership Chair Dale Palmer. Our Zone membership co-chairs, Kelly Atkinson and Sherri Muniz, host membership webinars each month on the 3rd Tuesday, from 7-8 p.m. Mountain Time. Each webinar will feature a tool, an opportunity and a success story, all designed to help clubs strengthen, grow and retain membership. Your club president will receive the link to the webinar each month and it will be posted on the District website by the day of the webinar. I encourage Club Membership Committee members to participate in these webinars. We can all be involved to help create a great Membership experience for Rotarians!

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The Rotarian's The 4-Way Test
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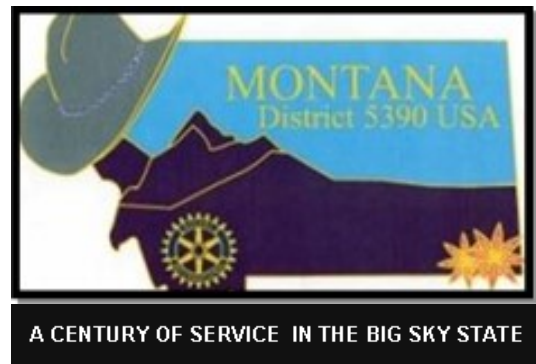
Is it the Truth?
Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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*September is
Basic Education and Literacy Month*

Auction at District Training Assembly Raises Funds for End Polio Now

Patrick and Millie conducted an auction at the District Assembly to raise funds for *End Polio Now*. Several bottles of liquor were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Some of the "lucky" winners donated their bottle back to be auctioned off again to raise more funds. We raised almost \$400 from generous Rotarians in our District. When matched by funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this amounts to almost \$1,200 that our District contributed to the fight to *End Polio Now*!

