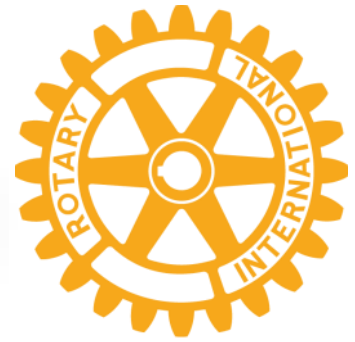


Rotary District 5390

December 2013
Rotary Family Month

2013-14 District Governor
John Stewart and Susan



Rotary

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

G'Day, Montana Rotarians

As I traveled home from Rotary Zone meetings in Bastrop, Texas this week I thought of the quickly closing year with all the happy festivities to come, the Rotary Christmas parties, sharing of gifts with those less fortunate, singing, and at New Years, remembering those projects completed, and those remaining to yet complete. But, this calendar year end is not the end of our Rotary year. We have only just begun our work in the world and our communities. There is still much time to complete our projects, attain our new membership goals, reach our Foundation goals, and "Finish Our Rotary Year Strong.!"

December in Rotary is Family Month.

Quite appropriate for this season, and as we share time and gifts with family and friends, I urge you all "To Pay It Forward". Who knows how a small random act of kindness will change someone's life. It may be the one act that changes your life the most. At this Christmas time, I share the following by an Unknown Author, titled Children.

CHILDREN, by Unknown Author:

*If I had not had children, I probably
Would have had more money
and material things.*

*I probably would have gone more places,
gotten more sleep, pampered myself more.*

My life would have been more predictable, ... and boring.

*As a result of being a parent,
I have laughed harder, cried more often,
I have worried more and hurried more.*

I have had less sleep.

But somehow, I have had more fun.

I have learned more, grown more, (cont. p. 4)

Special points of interest

- YE Students Interviewed
- Upcoming Club Fundraisers
- Being an Effective Club Leader
- Highlights from the Zone Institute
- Cat—Griz (or Griz-Cat) Fund-raiser results

For information about key District Events, visit
www.montanarotary.org

Club reservations for RYLA will open in early January.



Missoula club president, Laretta Belts (left) with Missoula mayor John Engen present a \$5000 check to the Missoula County Partnership Health Center to help cover the dental program for low income families.

FIVE INTERVIEWED FOR YOUTH EXCHANGE

Youth Exchange applicants from the Bozeman and Missoula areas were interviewed on December 7th in Helena. Each student's parents also met with the interview team. A long term exchange is a serious commitment for the students and their families. Submitting an application is no guarantee that a student will be selected to represent our district as a YE student in a foreign country.

All five of the applicants have been accepted and each will be

assigned to one of the following countries: Austria, France, Taiwan, Ecuador, and Brazil. Students are asked to submit a preferred country with the understanding that they may be assigned elsewhere.

Our district will be accepting five (5) inbound students for the 2014-15 school year. At least three clubs are needed to host one of these students. Clubs interested in participating are asked to contact District YE Chair Daryl Hansen as soon as possible.

"This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."

– Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, circa 1935

UPCOMING CLUB FUN

Looking for something to break up the winter? You may want to check out these club fundraisers:

February 7th, Whitehall—Annual Casino Night. The theme this year will be a Speakeasy. Don your flapper dress or pinstriped suite and enjoy a little legal gambling and maybe a drink or two. It'll be the cat's meow!

February 14th, Livingston—

Sweet Night with Rotary. If you like chocolate and wine, head over the hill to Livingston and enjoy tempting desserts and perhaps win a prize in the wine raffle.

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

January is an excellent time to have a special program about Rotary and to do a public relations event in your community. Even in our smaller communities, many residents have no or little idea about what the local Rotary Club contributes to the area.

Here are some suggestions to help promote and celebrate Rotary Awareness Month. If you are viewing this newsletter on-line, you can use the highlighted links to access additional information.

- ✔ Encourage club members to register on the new Rotary.org and join [Groups](#) to connect with other Rotarians who share their interests.
- ✔ Discuss [Rotary's Strategic Plan](#) at a new member orientation.
- ✔ Update members about polio eradication at your next weekly meeting, after getting the latest facts at www.endpolio.org.
- ✔ Include news from Rotary.org on your club and district websites to let members know how Rotarians around the world are serving their communities.
- ✔ Publicize Rotary club events in your community. Consider conducting a [public relations](#) training session, including Rotary's new [Visual and Voice Guidelines](#).



District Foundation Chair, PDG David Kinsey receives a check for the Rotary Foundation from Missoula and Bozeman club presidents Laurretta Belts and Jeremy Turner. The Cat-Griz (or Griz-Cat, depending on your favorite team) polio challenge raised \$67,500, which includes the 2 for 1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We really are "This Close to Ending Polio!"

GREAT CLUB LEADERS TEND TO HAVE . . .

Adapted from the Club Runner December 2013 Newsletter

There are numerous reasons members choose to join or to leave the club. Sometimes, it could be because poor leadership and motivation. The qualities of a good leader will help motivate club members to work harder to achieve goals and remain part of the club.

Leadership is a quality that comes naturally to some. Others have to work very hard at being an effective and respectable leader. A good leader knows that it's not about them - it's about the club, club members and the work the club does.

Developing the following five common attributes of successful leaders can help you keep your members engaged and motivated:

☺ **Listening and then listening**

some more.

As somebody in a position of power where you make the decisions, listening is a top quality to have. It makes fellow club members feel comfortable to approach and confide in you about things they like or dislike about the club. It also makes everyone feel like their ideas are heard. This will help members want to share more ideas about activities and projects for the club. Being able to listen and ask questions about the wants of your club members will increase trust and in turn help your club flourish and grow.

☺ **Taking a stand, and not being afraid of being wrong.**

As part of the leadership committee, you have to make decisions and take stands, whether it means you are supporting the ideas (cont. p. 4)

POLIO SURVIVOR AT ZONE

Most Rotarians of a "certain age" know someone who had polio back in the days before it was eradicated in North America. Few of us have seen a polio survivor whose mode of transportation is crawling. At the Zone Institute in Bastrop, Texas on December 13th, there was silence in the room as we all watched a young man pull himself along by his arms as his malformed legs dragged behind him. Ramesh Ferris was born in India in the mid 1970s and con-



tracted polio as an infant. The love of his birth mother and a caring adoptive couple from Canada provided Ramesh the opportunity to grow into a man who is making an enormous international difference in the polio eradication effort. Through fundraisers, meetings with heads of state, and public appearances, he is inspiring thousands of people around the world to End Polio Now. To learn more about Ramesh, visit YouTube and watch one of his inspiring videos.



AT ZONE IN TEXAS

When a Rotarian is selected to become District Governor, it is far more than a one year commitment. Attendance at Zone level training is required during the years as District Governor Nominee (DGN) and District Governor Elect (DGE). The final required training is at the International Assembly in San Diego in January of the year a Governor takes office. While there are long days of meetings, attendees also have some time to relax and make new friends. As you can see in the photos below, our District delegation enjoyed some down time. PDG Arlene wrote the daily Zone newsletter with assistance from D5470 PDG Roger Ptolemy. PDG Carl Prinzing and Carolyn served as hotel greeters/sergeants-at-arms.



The 2014 Zone meeting will be held in the Denver suburb of Westminster. It will be expanded to provide training for district level leaders and chairs in the positions of Foundation, Trainer, Public Image, Membership, as well as those interested in becoming a future district governor. A forum will be held for past district governors to help keep them informed and involved. Presentations are planned from numerous Rotary movers and shakers including RI General Secretary John Hewko and either RI President Huang or RI President Elect Ravindran.

CLUB TWEETS

There are many club projects taking place in Montana during the holidays—gifts to adopted families, clothes for kids (Helena), food baskets and these two that were found in club newsletters:

LIVINGSTON—money was raised and used to purchase a Shelter Box. The \$1000 donation to Shelter Box will provide shelter and essential supplies to survive for a number of months. The Livingston box will most likely help a family in the Philippines.

GREAT FALLS—Rotarians have been donating their time during December to ring bells for the Salvation Army. This is an annual club volunteer opportunity.



Hamilton Photos: Rotarians were recently entertained by the Corvallis High School choir. Several of the students are also Interact members.

Scott Southwick found that a little juggling not only helped attract donations, it brought joy to local children who stopped to watch.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING from November reports. Foundation \$ is for APF giving only.

Club	No. Members	% Attendance	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	21	72	\$1200	0
Bigfork	32	71	Not Listed	0
Big Sandy	20	70	Not Listed	0
Big Sky	NR	NR	\$4600	0
Billings	200	52	Not Listed	\$610
Billings West	81	31	Not Listed	0
Bozeman	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$450
Bozeman Sunrise	NR	NR	\$11750	\$100
Butte	NR	NR	\$775	\$1000
Columbia Falls	16	53	Not Listed	0
Deer Lodge	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$120
Dillon	20	55	\$680	0
Evergreen	17	88	\$2000	0
Glendive	NR	NR	\$1008	0
Great Falls	114	47	Not Listed	\$100
Hamilton	28	63	Not Listed	0
Havre	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Helena	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$1325
Helena Sunrise	16	77	Not listed	0
Kalispell	116	80	\$13500	\$1050
Kalispell Daybreak	NR	NR	\$8800	\$3625
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	NR	NR	\$6000	\$500
Laurel	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Lewistown	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Livingston	33	57	\$2500	\$382
Malta	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Manhattan	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$125
Miles City	35	68	\$1980	0
Missoula	124	40	\$6500	\$5855
Missoula Centennial	9	56	Not Listed	\$400
Missoula Sunrise	42	60	Not Listed	\$2450
Philipsburg	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$100
Polson	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$1100
Red Lodge	34	56	Not Listed	\$218
Roundup	9	60	Not Listed	0
Townsend	52	48	Not Listed	\$848
Twin Bridges	NR	NR	\$750	0
Whitefish	58	58	\$5000	\$740
Whitehall	20	70	\$1900	\$275
White Sulphur Springs	NR	NR	Not listed	0

GOVERNOR JOHN'S DECEMBER LETTER, continued from page 1

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say,
or do (everyday):

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL
and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

***My heart has ached harder, and
I have loved to capacity beyond my imagination.
I have given more of myself,
But I have derived more meaning from life.***

**I would offer too that I can substitute Rotary for the word children
and Rotarian for the word parent in this and also have a very
meaningful result.**

**With my great wishes for you to have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS
and HAPPY NEW YEAR...,**

From your District Governor...,

John Stewart
DG 2013-14

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of your fellow club members or trying to gain support for an idea of your own. Supporting the idea of others and taking a stand for an idea of your own is great but the important part is knowing when your decision is wrong and then graciously backing away.

☺ **Boosting confidence in others.**

Many members leave the club because they don't feel appreciated, become de-motivated or are not given the opportunity to participate in projects in the way they had hoped. A good leader recognizes the power of recognition and tries to always boost confidence in others by celebrating club accomplishments through the members. Acknowledging the work of others and celebrating it together with the club is a simple and easy way to boost member confidence. It helps to validate that they are doing great work.

☺ **Asking for help.**

Asking for help shows you respect that individual's expertise and judgment. It makes the person on the other end feel more important and part of a team. It brings forth a sense of unity and as such you show your club

members that their ideas, suggestions and feedback on whatever the topic may be, matters and will be heard.

☺ **Owning mistakes.**

As a person in a position of influence, failures will often lead back to you in some way. If the matter is small, rather than playing the blame game and pointing fingers, accept the mistake on behalf of the club and acknowledge the lesson learned. Use this a training tool so a similar mistake can be avoided in the future. Let your members be proud to be part of a club, that even when mistakes are made, the club sticks together as a family, just as you do in times of celebrations.

Just as in the workplace, club members will feel a sense of pride if they are shown appreciation by those in leadership positions. Sometimes, all it takes is a little listening and a sincere support.

