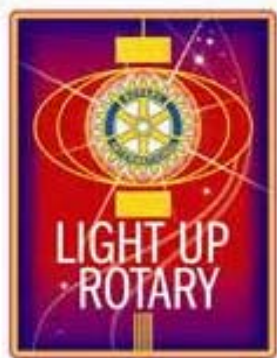


Rotary District 5390



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ROY'S ROTARY

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

A WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

What a wonderful time of the year is upon us - Christmas parties, sharing of gift with family and friends, singing, kids excited about the prospect of no school, sledding and skiing, warm drinks by a fire, reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the New Year! Truly a magical season.

Fittingly, December's Rotary focus is family. I reflect on this past year and my Rotary family. It grew by leaps and bounds as I traveled across the district visiting all the clubs. I increased what I consider my Rotary family in every town I visited and in every club I had the joy of attending meet-



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ings. I learned of the amazing projects clubs were participating in, the new directions clubs were taking, and the new members that were being introduced into my Rotary family. Then there is my personal family and the inclusion of them into Rotary. RI President Gary Huang has made a point of encouraging members to include their families in Rotary. His wife recently just became a member along with all of his grown children. My wife accompanied me on several of my club visits and shared the warmth and friendship that Rotarians are notorious for. Terry has attended three Zone meetings, two international conventions, District Conferences, PETS training and has thoroughly enjoyed meeting my Rotary family. My son has kept me company during shifts ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and helped referee Rotary (cont. p. 6)

Special points of interest:

- Centennial Celebration
- Anacondan Recognized
- The Rotary Foundation close to its 100th

MONTANA ROTARY CENTENNIAL

In 1915, Butte was a rough, tough, up and coming city in the young state of Montana. After working long and hard, for several years, Butte became the home of Montana's first Rotary Club and it was not long before Rotary spread across our state. **Registration is now open on the district web site for our Rotary Centennial Celebration in Butte on February 21, 2015 at the Butte Country Club.** A special showing of Rotary memorabilia will be on display at the Butte Archives throughout February. A free reception will be held at the Archives on Thursday, January 29th. Come join us!



FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP—THE GRACE OF GIVING . . .

(Provided by Dale Palmer, District Membership Chair, Rotary Club of Big Sky)

Through Rotary, you are part of something larger than yourself. Our combined efforts leverage the talent, time and resources each of us bring to our Rotary membership to help make a difference in our com-

munity and the world. Beyond dues and costs of a meal each week, a commitment to financially supporting the Club and our projects is part of being a Rotarian.

You will be asked to support our fundraising efforts to support our Rotary projects. Success of the fundraising events depends on full

participation of you and our membership.

Whether it is a club level fundraiser or a district-wide program, like the dictionaries and the new raffle for the RYLA quilt, your support as a Rotarian provides an opportunity to get involved in the grace of giving. Ω

JOIN US IN SAO PAULO

Interested in attending a Rotary International Convention? Concerned about travel to a foreign country?

Why not join other Rotarians on our district hosted trip to the 2015 Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil? A great itinerary, private bus each day to and from the convention center, a welcome and farewell dinner for the

group, included and optional tours of the city and area; and, an optional extension trip to Iguazu Falls.

Visit the district website and look under Upcoming Events for more information on the trip. Registration fee for the convention is now \$375 through the end of March.

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Anhembi Convention Center, Sao Paulo

ANACONDA ROTARIAN IS GOOD NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR

Anaconda Rotarian Phil Watt and his wife Maureen were honored as their community's Good Neighbor of the Year on December 7th for their tireless support of local programs. Phil is a long time member of the Anaconda Rotary Club and a past president. He has been very active in the club's Sharing is Caring program (a Christmas family gift project), the club's food booth at the summer Alive After 5 program; and the many club sponsored community concert programs.

Phil is also very active in Post 21 of the American Legion, currently serving as the vice commander and he contributes other community service time through his involvement with the Anaconda Knights of Columbus.

His wife, Maureen, is often by his side at Rotary events and projects including the Sharing is Caring

Christmas project and the food booth at the Alive After 5. Maureen is an honorary member of the Anaconda Club.

She contributes to her community in other ways as well. Currently, Maureen is serving as the secretary/treasurer for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21 and for the district. In addition to being a talented organizer and pianist, she is a member of

the Anaconda Choral Society and prepares their programs for each concert.

Congratulations Phil and Maureen for being a wonderful example of Service Above Self. Ω



CLUB CLIPS

SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS ...

The Rotary Club of Great Falls brought some Christmas cheer by caroling at the home of a deserving community member. This was done at the request of KRTV. The carolers were led by Art Taft (see photo on page 4).

The club's annual Harvest Howl brought in \$58000 for improvements and maintenance of their Camp Rotary.

On Veterans Day, the club honored their members who have served in the military. They included Bob Holter, Bob Jorgenson, Dale Gorman, Art Taft, Tony Dilello, PDG Mark Finnicum, Bob Oakland, Dean Boyle, and Fred Anderson.



Missoula YE Students, Matt from Taiwan and Catharina from Austria

CENTENARRIAN CLUBS

My, how quickly 100 years creeps up on you. Butte Rotary (and Rotary in Montana) is turning 100 in just a couple of months. They will be quickly followed by Anaconda (March, 1916), Great Falls (March, 1916), Billings (April, 1916) and Leiwistown (October, 1916).



WRAPPING UP CHRISTMAS IN ANACONDA

Each year, members of the Anaconda Rotary Club gather to wrap gifts for families in need of a little help during the holidays. Their Sharing is Caring projects unwraps a lot of smiles all over Anaconda at Christmas time.



Rotary Club of Kalispell Rotarians donated 116 turkeys to the Flathead and Westshore food banks in time for Thanksgiving.

The club donated another \$2500 to the Flathead food bank to help with other needs for the holiday season.

PETS - MARCH 6, 7, 8, 2015!



Victor 3rd Graders show off their new dictionaries provided by the Hamilton Rotary Club.



Some old fashioned Christmas Caroling in Great Falls.



Brit Britnall and Emma and Claire Pickett rang the bell to collect funds in Hamilton.



Whitehall 3rd Graders are happy about having their own dictionary.

**District
Conference
Kalispell
April 24-25,
2015**

NOVEMBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Foundation \$ Given \$38,106.78—current amounts are through December 13.

Club (Nov– 47.5% of clubs reported Ⓜ)	No. Members	% Attnd/# Mtng	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	NR	NR	\$1200	
Bigfork	35	58 3	\$4500	
Big Sandy	19	71 4	0	\$50
Big Sky	NR		\$2000	\$75
Billings	183	57 3	0	\$8557.68
Billings West	NR		\$9500	\$1375
Bozeman	NR		\$10,475	\$2875
Bozeman Sunrise	NR		\$10600	\$2295
Butte	NR		\$2200	\$2600
Columbia Falls	16	51 4	0	
Deer Lodge	NR		0	\$145
Dillon	NR		\$1700	
Evergreen	14	73 4	\$1600	
Glendive	NR		0	\$500
Great Falls	96	44 4	\$5300	\$700
Hamilton	27	63 4	\$2800	\$100
Havre	NR		0	
Helena	68	41 4	\$4250	\$825
Helena Sunrise	14	79 4	0	\$100
Kalispell	113	67 3	\$14000	
Kalispell Daybreak	69	71 3	0	\$3650
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	NR		\$4250	\$1400
Laurel	28	59 4	0	
Lewistown	NR		0	\$100
Livingston	33	42 4	0	\$825
Malta	NR		0	
Manhattan	NR		0	\$100
Miles City	NR		\$1900	
Missoula	118	33 4	0	\$7184
Missoula Centennial	NR		\$2000	\$925
Missoula Sunrise	39	58 4	\$7150	\$150
Philipsburg	NR		0	\$200
Polson	75	36 4	0	\$2500
Red Lodge	41	67 3	0	\$100
Roundup	NR		0	
Townsend	NR		0	
Twin Bridges	16	69 4	\$500	\$400
Whitefish	57	70 3	\$8200	\$250
Whitehall	NR		\$2125	\$225
White Sulphur Springs	NR		0	



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www.rotary.org

DG Roy's Message, Continued from page 1

Basketball games and enjoyed being able to give something back.

In this busy world where members are stretched for time to spend with their families, what a better way than to include them in our Rotary functions, especially during the Holidays. The spirit of giving that Rotarians are known for shines during the holidays, and making your family a part of it brings your family closer together, it lets them experience the Service Above Self motto. Including your family in projects that benefit those less fortunate is something that memories are made of, times that they will cherish and in many instances become traditions.

As I look back and reflect on the past year, it is hard to believe that my time as District Governor, and the time of our club presidents is nearly half over. We still have a lot to accomplish before the Rotary year ends and time flies quickly. This is a good time to assess our goals for the year and see where we stand, are we meeting our membership goals, our foundation giving goals, our public relation goals, are we being a vibrant and relevant club and district. Have we elected and reported new officers, especially incoming presidents so they can prepare for PETS on March 6-8.

The District has many activities upcoming and I need to remind you of a few of them. If your club would like to participate in a Rotary Leadership Institute session, contact either Dave Kinsey or myself to set up a date. The last week in January, Big Sky is hosting Rotary Skiing Fellowship, February 21st is Butte's 100th Anniversary Celebration with PRI President Ron Burton. Shortly after we need to have clubs register students for RYLA and April 24-25 is District Conference in Kalispell. If you are considering traveling to Sao Paulo for the RI Convention in June you need to start the process right away. Reflect on the past calendar year and then mark the next calendar with all important Rotary dates.

Roy Beekman

RI—KEY BOARD & TRUSTEE ITEMS

(edited from the quarterly newsletter of Zone 21b/27)

During the October 2014 meeting of the Rotary International Board, one of the items agreed upon was the creation of a new member benefit program. It will provide participating Rotarians with discounts or reward points on a variety of products and services. Initial research and development for the program will start right away with an anticipated program launch in July, 2015.

At The Rotary Foundation meeting of the Trustees, one focus was the

upcoming celebration of the Foundation's 100th anniversary. The Trustees have approved the following goals:

1. Increase public awareness of The Rotary Foundation.
2. Recognize major achievements related to Rotary Foundation programs.
3. Celebrate by staging activities at the 2016 and 2017 Rotary International

Conventions and at all zone, district, and multidistrict meetings in 2016-17.

4. Reach all-time high contribution levels in 2016-17 for the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, Endowment Fund, and Rotary Peace Centers Major Gift Initiative.

A new Foundation Centennial logo was also approved.

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