

# Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter

December 2016

## Malinda's Musings

*A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman*

### Events

- PETS 2017: Feb. 24—26
- District Conference 2017: April 28—30
- RYLA Camp 2017: July 11—July 17, 2017

### *What a Wonderful Time of the Year!*

During the holidays we all get to share time with our families, whether it's your blood family, your Rotary family, your church family or your family of friends. I have the excitement of having my Iowa family traveling to Montana to visit us to celebrate Christmas. I was also excited that my hubby became a permanent part of my Rotary family. He has traveled with me everywhere during my District Governor tenure so far and recently became an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Evergreen. With the wonderful new snowfall we've received, I'll be skiing with my family of friends. So wherever you and with whomever you are spending the holidays have a Merry Christmas!!



Malinda Shafman  
District Governor  
2016—2017  
Rotary Club of Evergreen

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### Rotarians Around Montana Ringing Bells for Good Causes

#### During the Holidays!



Hamilton Rotary Club



Corvallis Interact Club



Big Fork Rotary Club

## Rotary Club News

### Helena Sunrise Rotary Club Bell Ringing

*By Marie Mullarkey*

Saturday, December 17, 2016 will be another busy day for the Helena Sunrise Rotary Club. Many years ago the Salvation Army needed assistance in getting volunteers to "ring the bell" for their red kettle fund raising during the Christmas Holiday. The Salvation Army came up with a challenge for service clubs to have a "ring off" in which different community service clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions would compete to see which club would have the most money in their respective red kettles at the end of the day. Helena Sunrise Rotary has won this competition in the past and we want to do it again! So if Rotarians are near Walmart in Helena on December 17th from 10:00-3:00 stop by the door near the pharmacy and drop a few coins in our kettles as we raise money for the Salvation Army and defend our championship.



Helena Sunrise Bell Ringers

### Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club East Gallatin Recreation Area Planning

Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club has prepared an East Gallatin Recreation Area (EGRA) Park Master Plan (PMP) for submission to the City of Bozeman for approval. The EGRA PMP's primary near-term focus is to get approval to extend the beach and add an interactive natural playground. Anticipating approval of residential condominiums near the entrance of the Park, we plan to piggy back onto a paved entry way to the park driven by the new Condos; paving the park roads and parking lots and putting in a second entrance south of Glen lake. Five projects are included in the master plan. To read more about these projects and the steps for approval, see <http://bit.ly/2hpg3s4>.



### Billings Rotary Club Bell Ringers

For the 9th consecutive year, Billings Rotary Club provided Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army. Fourteen club members and six Interactors volunteered for shifts to cover 8 hours on Saturday, December 10 outside a local grocery store.



## Clubs Need to Update Membership Records in December!

The second half District and International dues will be invoiced in January based upon your active members on January 1, 2017. This is now the time to ensure your records in Club Runner are correct. Each year Clubs forget to update their records, receive their second half invoice and then try to update their records. RI will not make a refund to on records updated after December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Election & Reporting of Club Officers

Clubs should elect the 2017-18 officers by December 31, 2016. This includes the President Elect Nominee, who will become the club's President Elect on July 1, 2017. Timely election of officers will get your club headed in the right direction for the next Rotary year. Remember that the deadline for reporting the officers to Rotary International (RI) is February 1, 2017. Officers for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year reported to RI should include, at a minimum, President, President Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. It is very important that clubs report these officers so that RI can continue to communicate with your club. Current club officers can submit this information via My Rotary at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or by sending the information to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org).

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

### Darby Interact Food Drive

Darby Interact Club partnered with the school PTO and the Darby Breadboard on a food drive but the kids are taking the lead and managing the effort. On the first day, they got three boxes full and \$30 in donations.

It has been a great collaborative effort. The PTO is looking for specific foods that can be directly eaten or microwaved to help kids in need over the weekend who not only don't have food but may not have parents around to cook for them. The rest of the food will go to the Breadbox. The Club will also deliver all the food to the Community Library for a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) project. They are going to build some structure of the cans. Interact is also spearheading a food drive in the high school with the winning class getting \$50 and hot cocoa on a cold morning before school. The contest will bring in a LOT of food!



To see a fun video the Drama Class produced to hype the food drive, go to: <http://bit.ly/2gWrMe6>. Most of the actors are Interact Club members.

## D i s t r i c t 5 3 9 0 N e w s

### A Message from District Governor Elect Joe McBride

The Rotary Year is only six months away---but planning for it has already begun. The selection of our club officers has begun in earnest. Many of District 5390 club have selected their President Elects (PES), President Elect Nominees (PENS), and other officers. **Thank You!**

Why is this important? Our President Elect Training is scheduled from February 24<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado. This training will helpful to all attendees — both for the information we receive but also for the people we meet. We learn from each other and we will develop relationships that are important as we move forward with Rotary projects and ideas.



DGE Joe and Libby McBride

I encourage you to select your officers. I encourage those that are on the fence to jump into the fray. If you need any help please contact me at 406-498-6239 or [joebear.mcbride@gmail.com](mailto:joebear.mcbride@gmail.com).

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.** You are blue-chippers. Thank you for all you do.

### A New Year's Resolution for Your Rotary Club

As you prepare for this festive holiday season and reflect on the past year, you may also be thinking about your New Year's resolution. Many people resolve to improve their health and well-being. Could your Rotary club benefit from a similar exercise? Take the Rotary Club Health Check, an easy online quiz to help your club recognize problem areas and prescribe remedies. <http://bit.ly/2gjT6C0>.

Once you've taken the health check, tell us how you did. What challenges will your club address in the new year? Describe your club's next steps in the Membership Best Practices Discussion Group or write us at [membership.minute@rotary.org](mailto:membership.minute@rotary.org) —you might be featured in an upcoming webinar!

This is also an excellent time to start setting goals for your Rotary Club for the next Rotary Year. The President Elect of your club will be attending President Elects Training Session (PETS) in Denver soon. One of their immediate tasks will be to enter your Club's goals for the coming Rotary Year in the Rotary International website. Clubs should plan on discussing their goals before the President Elect attends the PETS session.

## Rotary Foundation News

### Global Grants – Part 3: Fundamentals

*by George Gerard*

This month I will address several of the fundamental aspects to consider prior to embarking on the Rotary adventure of applying for a Global Grant. It is important to remember that regardless of which permissible field you embark on, there are two considerations you need to be aware of. These are sustainability and Rotarian involvement.

People move. Parts wear out. New leadership emerges. There are many reasons projects may fail and no project can be fail proof, but efforts must be made during the planning process to make certain the project is as fail proof as possible. The most sustainable projects are community requested, community initiated and have substantial community sweat equity. Community buy-in is essential.

Rotarian involvement can be challenging, but research shows that Rotarian involvement correlates with sustainability and must be considered when applying for a grant. The difficulty of such involvement increases when the project is some distance from the host club and is also very challenging for the international partner when expensive airline travel is involved. It is important to be aware, though, that such involvement will be required in the granting process and needs to be taken into consideration. Planning counts, and involving your partner club in the planning process should be considered. Another area that lends itself to Rotarian involvement is training. Rotarians with project related skills can be very helpful in utilizing their talents to meet this requirement.



The Global Grants process is currently undergoing revision, many of which will be implemented in December. Since our club is now in the process of writing a Global Grant request I will be better able to discuss these changes once we have actually gone through the process, and will do so in the new calendar year. The new process is supposed to simplify the procedure, and hopefully will do so. There are certain aspects that I am quite confident will not change and I will address those now: Namely, what meets the qualification requirements.

There are three broad areas that qualify for Global Grants. (1) Humanitarian projects, (2) Vocational training teams, and (3) Scholarships. Under these general categories, there are six areas of focus, and projects must fall into one or more of these areas. These are: (1) Peace and Conflict prevention/resolution, (2) Disease prevention and treatment, (3) Water and sanitation, (4) Maternal and child health, (5) Basic education and literacy, and (6) Economic and community development. Grants can be inclusive of more than one area of focus as well as more than one category, but doing so will not enhance your approval chances. It will, however, make writing the proposal more difficult.



The Rotarian's The 4-Way Test  
*of the things we think, say, or do:*

- 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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## Corporate membership and new membership types

Here's what clubs need to know about corporate memberships and other new membership types. Clubs are free to offer alternative memberships of any kind. For corporate memberships, clubs count individuals as members, not the corporations that sponsor them. If corporate members pay RI dues, they will be included in their club's official membership count and receive all the benefits that other active, dues-paying members enjoy.

Clubs can have special policies for these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, or service expectations, as long as the club bylaws reflect these policies. Learn more about new options for club flexibility at: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/club-flexibility>.

Are you interested in offering new membership types in your club? Robert Fisher, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, recently described his experience with corporate memberships. Learn how his club applied this new flexibility to increase membership at <http://bit.ly/2gXrjZ1>

*January is  
Vocational Service Month*

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