

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter
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Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

Events

- [Second Chance Masquerade Prom](#): April 9, Livingston
- [District Conference: April 28-29](#), Kalispell
- [Membership Matters: April 28](#), Kalispell
- [Rotary Centennial Gala](#): May 5, Missoula
- [Women in Rotary—30 Year Celebration](#): May 6, Helena
- [RYLA Camp 2017](#): July 11—15, Luccock Park Camp
- [Rotary Institute](#): September 14-17, Houston, Texas
- [Peace Park Assembly 2017](#): Sept. 21-23, Waterton National Park, Canada

District Conference is coming up in April! The conference this year will be held April 28th & 29th in Kalispell, MT at the Hilton Garden Inn. I want to encourage *everyone* to attend. We have great speakers, including: Louise Andres – Past Rotary District 5340 Governor, Martin Limbird – Zone 27 Endowment and Major Gift Advisor and our very own Mac Bledsoe, founder of Parenting with Dignity. There will be an emphasis on youth throughout the weekend, including our inbound and outbound District Youth Exchange students, MT Rotaractors and local students providing speeches and musical entertainment.



*Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016—2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen*

There are a number of awards being given out - from Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and District 5390. Remember that due to the change in the timing of awards, many awards will be for your club's efforts during the 2015-2016 Rotary year. Rotary International now allows clubs to work on and achieve an award during the entire Rotary year, from July 1 through June 30. So, if you thought your club wasn't given credit for last year's achievements, it may just be late in coming!

There are [multiple awards](#) also that a club can apply for directly to Rotary International. Some of these may require my review and signature, but I encourage you to review what is available (even for Interact and Rotaract clubs) and apply.

Remember that District Conference is our time to celebrate the activities and efforts of all our District Clubs. I hope to see you in Kalispell the end of April!! Register for the conference on the District website. Registration cost goes up April 1.

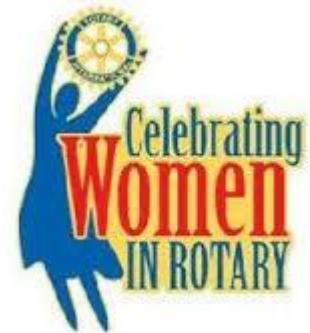
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Rotary Club News

Helena Sunrise Rotary Club Will Celebrate *Women in Rotary*

Save the Date! On Saturday May 6th, the Rotary Club Helena Sunrise is celebrating the 30th anniversary of *Women in Rotary*. The dinner celebration and dessert auction will be from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Radisson Colonial Inn in Helena. Sheila Stearns, Interim President of the University of Montana will be the keynote speaker. Sheila will talk about her experience as the first woman in Rotary in Montana. Tickets will be \$30 per person. Contact [Marie Mullarkey](#) to reserve your seat.



Livingston Rotary Club's *Second Chance Masquerade Prom*

Join us for a fun night on the town! The Rotary Club of Livingston invites you to our *Second Chance Masquerade Prom* on April 9th at the Livingston Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar is available. Proceeds will benefit Global Midwife Education Foundation (GMEF), a nonprofit organization started by local physician Genevieve Ried, MD. GMEF's mission is to reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity in rural areas of the developing world. In these isolated and hardworking communities, poverty and lack of medical care contribute to illness, malnutrition and even death for countless children and their family members. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Andy Turner at 222-8926, Tammy Haefs at 222-9010 or Sarah Skofield at 222-1000.



Save the Date

Rotary Centennial Gala

Friday, May 5, 2017

5:30 pm to 10 pm • Missoula, Montana

Celebrate 100 Years

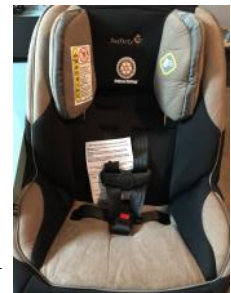
- *Elegant Gourmet Dinner*
- *Exciting Entertainment*
- *Black Tie Optional*



Missoula Rotary Clubs
100 Years of Service to the World

Polson Rotary Club Donates Newborn Car Seats to Local Hospitals

Rotary Club of Polson has donated newborn car seats to St. Luke Community Healthcare and St. Joseph Medical Center. The Rotary Club of Polson received a Rotary District 5390 Centennial Grant under the area focus of Maternal & Child Health. With matching funds from Rotary Club of Polson, the club purchased twenty-two (22) convertible car seats for newborns and children up to 65 pounds. Hospitals require that newborns must be transported home in a car seat that meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Unfortunately, many families in Lake County are unable to afford an approved car seat and there are no local car seat donation programs available. In fact, one mother tried to walk home from the hospital with her baby because she did not have an approved car seat. Car crashes are the number one killer of children according to www.saferide4kids.com. This project will directly impact the health and safety of 22 children in Lake County. The Rotary Club of Polson is excited to pilot this project, and if successful, hopes to continue to provide newborn car seats in Lake County as a part of their mission.



Whitehall Rotary Club's International Dinner

Whitehall Rotary Club held their 3rd annual Rotary International Dinner on March 12th. Rotarians and other Whitehall residents cooked dishes representing their international heritage. To buy a dish, participants purchased tokens, \$15 for 10 tokens or \$40 for 30 tokens. Each token was good for one serving from any food booth. The "cooks" could then cash in their tokens, with the proceeds going to the local non-profit of their choice. The event was family orientated and a benefit all participating Whitehall area, non-profit groups. Attendees enjoyed a variety of international style food and live music from Topper and Joan and the Boulder Little River Band.



Rotaract Club News

Bozeman Rotaract Club

By Jill Bedessem, Co-President

Bozeman Rotaract Club is a community based Rotaract group sponsored by the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club. Comprised of close to 50 service driven, young professionals, members attend three monthly meet-ups: a program/professional development presentation, a service project, and a social event. Focused on “Service Above Self” and keeping things fun, members team-up with Rotarians, connect with Bozeman High School Interact, fundraise for local and international non-profits, and participate in numerous service projects throughout the year.

Second Chance Prom is Bozeman Rotaract Club’s signature FUNdraising event, where proceeds benefit a local non-profit. This event is exactly what it sounds like, a prom for adults, and a chance to relive the days of high school prom. The Eagles Lodge ballroom gets “decked to the nines” and is filled with over 350 attendees dressed in their favorite prom attire. The evening includes a photo booth, epic raffle baskets and door prizes, a DJ playing tunes from an extensive “request list,” prom king and queen competition, and so much more! This year, Bozeman Rotaract will be hosted their 3rd Annual Second Chance Prom on March 18th. With the help of generous sponsors, loyal donors and volunteers, the dedicated members the Bozeman Rotaract Club hope to raise over \$10,000 for the Bozeman Area Community Foundation



Missoula Rotaract Club

By Nathan Dudden, President

The three Rotary Clubs of Missoula have combined their support for the next generation of leaders by co-sponsoring the Rotaract Club of Missoula. With a total of nine members, the Rotaract Club of Missoula has already fundraised over \$1100 for the Ronald McDonald House Charity and is currently doing a service project with the local Animeals nonprofit association. The Missoula Rotaract strives to collaborate with their local Rotarians and also get involved with district level programs. During February and throughout March its members are contributing to the local RYLA promotion and selection process in addition to establishing Rotex; a program designed to keep Rotary Youth Exchange students involved after their year abroad. With high ambitions, these young and passionate individuals are flourishing tremendously as a part of the Missoula Rotary Family.

District 5390 News

2017 High Country PETS

Presidents Elect and President Elect Nominees from our District attended training in Denver to prepare them for their year leading their clubs. Although training was intensive over the course of the weekend, there was still some time for “team building” and networking.



Stuffing Tote Bags with materials for PEs and PENs.



District Breakout Session



Team Building Exercise



Attendees Shared their “Great Ideas” for Stronger Clubs

Outbound Youth Exchange Rotarian

The District’s eight outbound Youth Exchange Students attended an orientation session in Helena recently. ROTEXers conducted the orientation session. ROTEX are former outbound youth exchange students who continue to participate in Rotary. In addition to information based on program requirements, the ROTEXers were able to share lessons that they learned from participating in a youth exchange.

The students will be preparing a speech about themselves, their family and their community. The speech will be presented in the language of the county they will be visiting at the District Conference. Meet these fine young people there and hear their stories!



The Rotary Foundation News

Global Grants – The Application Process

By George Gerard

This will be the final installment with respect to the overview of Global Grants, and will focus on the application process. The steps that I have outlined below are as specific as possible and will incorporate the recent modifications to the application format.

If you have not already done so, create a log in on the Rotary International (RI) [web site](#). Certain parts of the RI web site are open to the general public, but the grants application process is not. First, go to the RI web site. To create an account, click on “My Rotary,” which will lead to a page with a box titled “create an account.” You will need an email address and a password. For complete instructions on creating an account, download [“How to create a My Rotary account.”](#) Once you have signed in, hover the cursor over “The Rotary Foundation,” and click on “Apply for a Grant.” At that point you will need to identify a title for your grant proposal and submit that information to the Rotary Foundation. You will not be able to proceed until you have been assigned a Global Grant number and have also been assigned a grants specialist who will be fluent in both English and the language of the host country. Any future correspondence regarding the grant must be directed to your specialist and include the grant number.

Once you have an assigned number you can begin work on the grant. You have one year to complete and submit the grant. The process is all on line and you can make changes to what you have written up until you actually submit it.

The application includes the following categories that need to be addressed: Objectives, Area(s) of Focus, Participants, Budget, Financing, and Authorizations. Most of these categories are self explanatory, but here are a few things to keep in mind. Global grants can be used for humanitarian projects, vocational training teams, and scholarships. You will need to specify how the grant will be used. You will need to identify an Area(s) of Focus. For every Area of Focus you select, you will need to provide objectives and activities. Certain Areas of Focus will also require you to provide training to the recipients of the project. These are non-competitive grants; it does not benefit you to add additional Areas of Focus. Be specific, concise, and accurate; you are not writing an essay. If the grants specialist wants additional information she will ask for it. Be prepared to submit your budget in both US dollars and the currency of the host country. Use the currency converters at either www.oanda.com or www.bloomberg.com for currency conversion. Keep in mind that exchange rates can change.

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Rotary International News

New Youth Protection Resources Available

Every year, thousands of Rotary clubs create opportunities for young people to develop their leadership skills, make a difference in their communities, and build peace around the world. Through Interact, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and other local programs, a new generation of young people are discovering the ideals of Service Above Self.

These incredible opportunities also come with significant responsibilities for Rotarians. Rotary's youth protection policies help you manage risks, mitigate their negative impact, and ensure that the safety of our youth is the highest priority when implementing programs for children and youth.

Rotary International (RI) has released updated resources to help Rotarians build safe environments for young people:

[Rotary's Youth Protection Guide](#) offers club and district officers an overview of Rotary's youth protection policies and best practices. This guide (formerly Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leader's Guide) includes sample policies that your district can apply to all programs and activities serving youth.

Rotary's youth protection policies were recently strengthened by the RI Board of Directors to help clubs and districts better manage the risks related to youth travel outside the local community, overnight stays, and RYLA events. Download the [updated youth protection policy excerpts](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact youthprotection@rotary.org.

7 Steps to Increasing Your Club's Facebook Presence

A Facebook page gives your club a voice on Facebook. With so much other "noise" on social media, there are several things you can do to raise your club's page above the distractions. Read [Melissa's blog post](https://blog.rotary.org/2017/02/14/7-steps-to-increasing-your-clubs-facebook-presence/) (<https://blog.rotary.org/2017/02/14/7-steps-to-increasing-your-clubs-facebook-presence/>) to find out how!

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Financing: Projects are financed primarily through three sources; Club contributions, District contributions through District Designated Funds (DDF), and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) contributions. TRF matches club contributions .5 to 1 and DDF contributions 1 to 1. Contributions from other sources are generally not matched. Be aware if you use TRF as your 'bank' for club contributions that there is a 5% charge.

Authorizations: Global Grant projects are cooperative agreements between clubs in two countries and must be authorized by the District Foundation Chair and District Governor of each district. The grant will not be approved until all requisite authorizations are secured, so it is a good idea to provide the appropriate individuals with a 'heads up' to be expecting this from TRF.



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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Updated *End Polio Now* Web Site

President John Germ announced the newly updated [End Polio Now website](#). It's been revamped to include improved navigation, rich content, and thanks to feedback from Rotarians, an enhanced Resource Center. You can get the latest polio news; download tools to help you advocate, fundraise, and educate about polio eradication; and make a contribution.



**AS A ROTARY MEMBER,
YOU CAN:**

JOIN LEADERS from all continents, cultures, and occupations

EXCHANGE IDEAS and form lifelong friendships

TAKE ACTION to create positive change in our communities

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*April is
Maternal and Child Health Month*