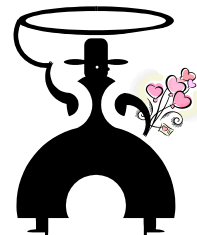


# The 5390 Roundup



Rotary Year 2009-10

February, 2010

World Understanding Month

## Rotary District 5390, Montana

### MONTANA MUSING FROM THE ROTARY TRAIL

Good day Montana Rotarians,

Wow, our lives can fill up rather quickly. There are wars, Haiti, economic worries, unemployment, global warming, sickness, political worries and just about every personal thing that life can come up with. Add to that the Olympics and thinking of spring just around the corner. It is easy to forget the big picture of what we can control and what we should be concerned about on the Rotary burner.

As Montana Rotarian's, we need to remember our RI president's call to action: The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands. My call to action as DG is to grow Rotary.

We have raised nearly \$6,000 for Haiti relief. Congratulations folks!! Good job. We will continue to raise money for Polio until it is gone. Congratulations on that



District Governor  
Mark Finnicum  
Rotary Club of  
Great Falls

front as well! We will continue to provide financial support for our Rotary Foundation. I want to thank everyone who made a contribution this Rotary year. We have many programs in our district that are doing very well. We have

Youth programs to build our future leaders and there are fun things going on in clubs throughout the District. Remember to keep your focus on what can be controlled - keep your planned giving action plan and your club committees moving ahead. We have the next generation of club leaders going to Denver at the end of this month for president elect training. It will be a lot of work and a planned afternoon of fun will help (Continued, P. 4)

#### Special points of interest:

- District/club Event Calendar
- GSE Team members announced
- Polio efforts in India
- Special Haiti Fund-raiser planned in Bozeman



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### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Well, this is it. My final edition as editor and publisher of the monthly District Newsletter. Ellen Robison will take over next month and I will most likely contribute articles from time to time and during the year I am governor. I greatly appreciate knowing that readership has grown over the past years and I hope you will all continue to contribute information and read the monthly letter.

When I joined the Whitehall Ro-

tary club back in October, 2000, I never had a thought of becoming a district officer, let alone a future District Governor. But, life has a way of opening doors and giving you a nudge through.

I want to thank everyone for the Rotary memories, past, present and future and I looking forward to serving as DG in 2011-12.

Arlene W.



Hamilton Rotarians and other community leaders gathered recently to learn more about the problem of drunk driving and solutions for their area.

### ROTARY TRIVIA

From the beginning of the 2004 Rotary year and through the year ending in 2009, how many water and sanitation projects were funded by grants from The Rotary Foundation? What was the dollar value of these grants?



Montana Rotarians continue to help raise money for Haiti relief efforts. As of January 26th, close to \$5700 has been sent to our district foundation.

## HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

Casino Nights are popular this year. The **Rotary Club of Whitehall** held their 4th annual casino fundraiser on January 22nd. Even with a bad storm and fewer attendees, the event brought in over \$5700. Half of the proceeds will be given to the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department.

The **Rotary Club of Twin Bridges** will be holding their annual

casino night on March 27th. This is their major fundraiser and has helped build a healthy fund to provide scholarships to local students.

The **Rotary Club of Butte** will try their hand at their first casino night on April 10th. This will hopefully be a new annual event for their community.

If you are nearby

one of these communities, drop in and drop a few bucks to help out your fellow Rotarians.

The **Rotary Club of Big Sky's** Annual Gold Raffle & Auction held Saturday January 30th at Buck's T4 Lodge was a great success!! The event included a silent auction, bucket raffle, and a drawing for \$2500 in gold. The Big Sky club will also be hosting (cont., p. 4)

## GSE TEAM TO BRAZIL SELECTED

Selecting a GSE team involves a lot more than just looking at an application. Unless the number of applicants is unusually large, each person is interviewed. On January 15th at Fairmont Hot Springs near Anaconda, the GSE selection committee spent more than 8 hours in the selection process and a great team has been assembled. Team leader for Brazil will be Tim McGuire from White Sulphur Springs. Tim is the president-elect for his club and a former Rotary Youth Exchange student to Brazil. His military experience has given him an abundance of international travel experience.

The alternate team

leader is Roger Barnes from Bozeman. If you have been involved in Matching Grants you will know Roger. Roger also has excellent international travel experience and a lot of Rotary knowledge.

Their team of non-Rotarian young professionals includes: Stephanie Helleckson, a civil engineer from Billings. Stephanie was an alternate team member for the west Africa team. Stacey Plum from Bozeman. He owns several thrift shops and dollar stores in Bozeman. Ari Jewell from Missoula. He is with the U.S. Forest Service and serves as a timber strike team leader. Jaime Jelenchick from Bozeman. She is a documentary

film maker and owns her own production company. The alternate team member is Heather DeGeest, a timber manager with the U.S. Forest Service in Helena.

The team will leave in mid May and spend a month in the northern area of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The team from Brazil and our team will be guests at the District Conference in Great Falls over the May 7th weekend.

Our GSE co-chairs, Beth Ihle and Julie Schmidt, are currently seeking host clubs for the team from Brazil.

The next exchange will be with Tasmania, Australia. Our team will go there in the spring of 2012.

## THE POLIO CHALLENGE IN MORADABAD, INDIA

*(Article edited from a letter by Ashok Mahajan, Trustee for The Rotary Foundation and a Director of Rotary International, 2007-09)*

Moradabad (India) has probably earned the distinction of hiding the polio virus in small pockets that are not visited by the Rotarians or health workers. This city still poses a challenge for the polio eradication program. RIPN Kalyan Banerjee and I decided

to visit the place before the NID in January 2010. It is the wish of RIPN Banerjee that polio be eradicated from India before he becomes RI president in 2011. Both of us decided that the New Year's resolution will be to activate clubs in District 3110 to fight the virus to the finish.

(We) noticed that the routine immunization program was defi-

cient in certain areas and the markings on the houses revealed that the children had not been immunized. Deplorable sanitary conditions were noticed in most areas and extremely unhygienic drinking was what people were consuming. This is an area where clubs can concentrate their efforts and bring about a visible change.



RI President Elect Nominee Kalyan Banerjee (in white hat) and Ashok Mahajan review a strategy for polio immunizations.

## AND ANOTHER VILLAGE HAS CLEAN WATER . . .

Like many small villages in countries south of our US border, the average person has probably never heard of El Maguelar, Honduras. And, like many other villages, clean drinking water was only a dream until Rotary and other groups decided to step in and give them a hand up. Thanks to Rotary clubs

in Texas, Bozeman Noon, Big Sky, and many others, the town of El Maguelar now has



a water filtration system in place. It took a lot of very hard work

by the local people. The project was dug by hand and the cement for all the concrete was carried on their backs. This is genuinely theirs. Rotary and others provided the knowledge and money and then showed the villagers how to make it their own. The photo is from December, 2009. We will provide more information about the project when it becomes available.

### IN MEMORY

**Twin Bridges Honorary Rotarian and a club past president Harlow Kneeland passed away on February 7th.**



## ROTARY SERVICE A FAMILY TRADITION

When Wendy Rogers was in high school, she finally understood what her father did in Rotary after she joined Interact. Now, Wendy understands Rotary service even better by

serving as the current club president of the Big Sky Rotary club. Her father fully understands the responsibility of her office since he is also the current president of his Rotary

club in Laurel, Mississippi. Wendy and her father could possibly be the first father/daughter to serve at the same time as club presidents.



Area 3 club officers met on February 6 in Missoula to brush up on their Rotary knowledge. AG Marilyn Morris arranged and facilitated this very worthwhile meeting.



Bozeman out-bound Youth Exchange student Nolan Schmidt (center) did not appear homesick on New Year's Eve. Spending time with some of his Austrian friends made it easier to be away from his family during the holidays.



Dreams turn bare dirt into a new sports complex in the small town of Philipsburg. Thanks to a Rotary grant, lots of hard work and fundraising, the community now has a great place to play.



Dillon Rotarians set up the date/time clock for the 5th annual Ice-Melt Contest on Logan's Lake. From left, Rotarian Dan Pence, lake owner Raymond Graham, and Rotarian Jim McIsaac.

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BINGO evenings at Buck's T4 on Wednesday, February 17th and Wednesday, March 17th. Big Sky Rotarians do not just raffle gold and play bingo. They have been busy with providing a bus stop shelter in the Meadow Village across from First Security Bank. The club provided most of the funds and rounded up a lot of volunteer help from local construction companies.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** hosted 54 guests on February 9: 16 Eagle Scouts, one Gold Scout and their families. This is an annual event to recognize their accomplishments. It is also the 100th anniversary of Scouting and other distinguished scouts were invited to the program.

The club is also placing collections jars

in as many businesses in Great Falls as possible to collect Pennies for Polio. Club members have helped already with money from recycling and filling jars with change during club meetings.

The **Rotary Club of Dillon** is holding their 5th Annual Ice-Melt Contest on Logan Lake near Dillon. A number of local businesses agreed to sponsor the event. They were honored at a luncheon on December 10th and received a free book of Ice-Melt tickets. The object of the contest is to guess to the nearest second, the date and time that the clock aboard a raft on Logan's Lake will be stopped by the melting of the ice beneath the raft. The winner will receive \$500; second and third will receive \$250 and \$100. Pro-

ceeds help fund the club's local scholarships and other community projects. Tickets are available from any Dillon Rotarian for \$2 each or six for \$10. If you want to participate, contact club President Carly Anderson at 406-925-1207 or PE Marty Malesich at 406-60-1352. The clock was set in place on January 22, 2010.

The **Rotary Club of Roundup** is not ready to give up. With a renewed emphasis on growing their membership, they are making progress in rebuilding the strength of their club. The newest member, Ken Minnie (left in photo) was welcomed on January 18th by President Stan Pisle.



## DG Message, continued from page 1

kick things off for the group. While in Denver, they will be going over ideas to improve the workings of District 5390.

We have a ton of projects and events happening soon. Read more about the District Foundation Dinners,

Youth events, membership, and more in this newsletter. Our District Conference will be in Great Falls May 7, 8, 9. This will be a great event to celebrate our accomplishments during this Rotary year. We have great speakers and events planned.

Please plan to attend. Registration information will be available soon.

It is truly my pleasure to serve as your Governor for this year. Thanks for what you all do!

*Mark Finnicum*

## Club Membership and Foundation Giving



### JANUARY 2010

# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
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#### AREA 1 Nancy Manning

Kalispell Daybreak	72	1	1	72	4	76
Kalispell	121			121	NR	NR
Libby	45	0	0	45	4	55
Whitefish	62	1	0	63	4	58

#### AREA 2 Joanne Knutson

Bigfork	41	2	1	42	3	66
Columbia Falls	15	0	0	15	4	80
Evergreen	17	0	0	17	4	82
Polson	80			80	NR	NR

#### AREA 3 - Marilyn Morris

Hamilton	39	0	0	39	4	63
Missoula	175	0	0	175	4	41
Missoula Centennial	11	0	1	10	3	67
Missoula Sunrise	70	0	2	68	4	64
Philipsburg	38			38	NR	NR

#### AREA 4 - TBA

Anaconda	19	1	0	20	4	73
Butte	39			38	NR	NR
Dillon	26			26	NR	NR
Tw in Bridges	19	0	0	19	4	82
Whitehall	25	1	3	23	4	90

#### AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns

Deer Lodge	36	0	0	36	4	56
Helena	80	0	0	80	4	43
Helena Sunrise	21			21	NR	NR
Townsend	38			38	NR	NR
White Sulphur Springs	18			18	NR	NR

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#### AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen

Big Sky	20	1	1	20	4	80
Bozeman	116			116	NR	NR
Bozeman Sunrise	82	3	0	85	4	76
Livingston	53			53	NR	NR
Manhattan	24			24	NR	NR

#### AREA 7 - John Stewart

Laurel	25	0	1	24	4	81
Red Lodge	45	0	0	45	4	54
Billings	234			234	NR	NR
Billings Sunrise	5			5	NR	NR
Billings West	78			78	NR	NR

#### AREA 8 - Rick Evans

Big Sandy	19	0	0	19	4	57
Chester	5			5	NR	NR
Great Falls	83	0	0	83	4	56
Great Falls Morning	10			10	NR	NR
Havre	31			31	NR	NR

#### AREA 9 - TBA

Lewistown	54	0	2	52	4	53
Malta	11			11	NR	NR
Roundup	9	1	0	10	NR	NR

#### AREA 10-Carl Ernst

Miles City	25			25	NR	NR
Glenview	19			19	NR	NR

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TOTALS 1983 10 12 1981

51% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR JANUARY, DOWN FROM 56% IN DECEMBER

### FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-10, as of January 31, 2010

Goal \$128,225 Received-Annual Giving \$57,526.10 % Achieved 45

Clubs Pledged 30 2009-10 Restricted Giving \$80,948.90

Total District Contributions: \$139,150

Goal 2008-09 \$144,735 with 39 clubs pledging

Clubs Below Goal 23

Clubs at or Exceeding Goal 7



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## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, do,  
or say:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Will it Build GOODWILL and  
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to All  
Concerned?

### District Officers, 2009-10

District Governor: Mark Finnicum, Great Falls  
District Governor Elect: Dave Kinsey, Missoula  
District Governor Nominee: Arlene Weber, Whitehall  
District Governor Nominee Designee: Daryl Hansen, Livingston  
District Foundation Chair: Mark Frisby, IPDG, Bozeman  
District Secretary/Treasurer: Ellen Robison, Billings  
Web, Newsletter: Ellen Robison, Billings

**Remember to submit items  
for the District Newsletter  
to the Editor by the 10th of  
each month.**

More information is available  
at [montanarotary.org](http://montanarotary.org) or at  
[rotary.org](http://rotary.org).



### DISTRICT PROJECT

Several clubs  
are already set  
to give the  
children of  
Montana active  
duty service men  
and women a  
great outdoor  
experience.  
More details  
will be provided  
during PETS and  
in the March  
newsletter.

## District/Club Event Corral

### FEBRUARY

19 **Bozeman** Mardi Gras Ball and  
Concert fundraiser for Haiti  
25-28 **PETS** in Denver

### MARCH

27 **Twin Bridges** Casino Night

### APRIL

9 **Foundation Dinner**, East  
Chico Hot Springs

10 **Foundation Dinner**, West  
Kalispell Hilton

**Butte** Spring Thaw Casino  
Night fundraiser

13 **GSE** Team from Brazil arrives

### MAY

7-9 **District Conference**,  
Great Falls

13 **Our GSE** Team departs for  
Brazil

### JULY

6-10 **Camp RYLA** at Camp Child

### AUGUST

5-6 **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**, Red  
Lodge

7 **Miles City**—Great Western Trail  
Marker dedication

### SEPTEMBER

10-12 **Peace Park Assembly**,  
Many Glacier



### ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWER:

From the Rotary year starting in 2004  
through the end of the Rotary year in 2009,  
2436 grants were awarded for water and  
sanitation at a dollar value of \$30,484,779.  
Where did all that money come from? From  
Rotarians like you who contribute to The  
Rotary Foundation and also help raise money  
for this and other types of projects that im-  
prove life for millions.