

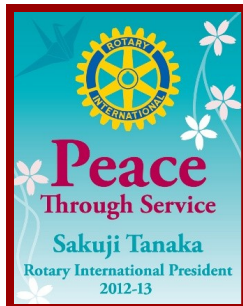
District Focus

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District Governor 2012-13
Daryl and Juanita Hansen
Rotary Club of Livingston



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RYLA Club Reservations Due by March 15th

If you could change the life of a young person here in Montana for \$300, would it be worth the cost? What if you heard a young girl say, "I didn't know that I was hanging out with the wrong kids until I came to RYLA."? Would that make a difference in sponsoring a local student to attend RYLA? Make an investment in a young Montanan's future—encourage your club to sponsor one or more students to the 2013 RYLA camp. The huge 2012 Pine Creek fire may have burned thousands of acres; but, it spared the camp that hosts RYLA. Club reservations for their first two slots are due by March 15th. More slots can be requested and they will be awarded on a first-come basis. RYLA is limited to a total of 110 student campers at this time. This will be the second year we are inviting Rotary clubs in northern Wyoming to send students to our camp. For more information, visit our district web site.

I Rotary

Wow, here it is February already. This Rotary year has flown by and by the start of the month all the Presidents Elect will have completed PETS and be busy preparing to start a new year. But, do not forget that we still have many more things to accomplish before this year is over. Please do not wait until June to send your contributions in to the Rotary Foundation. We are running slightly ahead of last year but we need a bug push to finish the year strong and get a larger amount coming back to our District three years from now. We also are in need of new MEMBERS. Please make a push to attract quality members in each of your clubs. In looking at the presidential goals PEs gave me last year at PETS, we need almost 200 more members to achieve the goals made one year ago. We have chartered a few new Interact clubs in the District and are hoping to add one or two more by the end of the year.

Have you signed up for District Conference yet? We have a great program slated and the food and fun will be enjoyable as well. Prices are as low as we could go. If you or your business would like to help sponsor the event we will happily accept your donation and give you free advertizing on the district web site. The beautiful and historic Livingston Depot Center will be used for the main meetings and meals.

RYLA forms are available on the District website. Please remember to reserve space for your campers by March 15th. Then, schedule the interviews for potential participants and complete their registration in plenty of time for us to order the necessary supplies. Unfortunately, we had to raise prices by a small amount this year due to increased costs for camp basics. It has been several years since fees were raised and we hope clubs will not let this deter them from sending campers. It is a great experience and well worth the investment in your area students.

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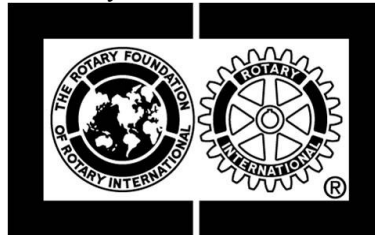
DONOR ADVISED FUND

Planned Giving to The Rotary Foundation

(The following information was taken from the February 11, 2013 issue of a letter from The Rotary Foundation on Charitable Estate Planning)

Rotary's Donor Advised Fund offers a convenient, tax-efficient way to support Rotary and other favorite charities during a donor's lifetime. It also makes a versatile estate planning tool, allowing a donor to tailor a comprehensive charitable legacy.

For those considering a charitable gift for estate tax planning purposes, a Donor Advised Fund offers the advantage of giving the donor or a successor advisory privileges over the donated funds. For example, the account may be used to create a named endowment with The Rotary Foundation, establish a fund for heirs to use to support their favorite charities, or provide fixed annual grants, potentially in perpetuity, to The Rotary Foundation and another charity. For donors who wish to provide ongoing support to different charities rather than lump-sum distributions, a Donor Advised Fund account is a great option.



CREATING A ROTARY LEGACY

Rotary's Individual Donor Advised Fund accounts have an important gift planning feature; when the surviving spouse passes away, at least half of the funds remaining in the account are transferred to Rotary's Endowment Fund (Permanent Fund). This offers a flexible way for Rotarians to make a legacy gift without changing their estate plan documents. It also gives a donor the opportunity to actively use an account while building its value over time to reach a particular legacy goal, such as a named endowment to fund a Rotary Peace Fellowship. In recognition of the anticipated gift to Rotary's Endowment Fund, donors who open an Individual Account with \$20,000 or more become members of Rotary's Bequest Society.

Visit our district web site at www.montanarotary.org for more information. Look under District & Club Pages, ROTARY FOUNDATION Information & Forms.

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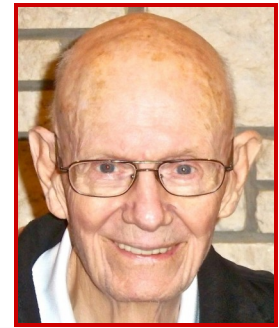
I just received word that our District Simplified Grant money for 2012-2013 has been sent. We will be able to start distributing it as soon as all the paperwork is in order. Please make sure to send Myron all your reports on a timely basis so we can send you the money for approved projects. Additional information is available on our district web site. Remember that DSGs will fall under new guidelines for the 2013-14 year.

How many clubs have taken on my challenge to host a community blood drive? While I do not have an exact number, I do know a number of clubs host blood drives on a regular basis and this is fantastic. I would like to see, out of the nearly 2000 Montana Rotarians, over half give blood this year. Remember Rotarians Save Lives and the easiest way to do this is to give blood.

I am sure that many of you have heard or read that we lost a great Rotarian a few weeks ago when PDG Barry Nolan passed away. Barry was District Governor during my year as club president. Over the past few years I got to know Barry on a more personal basis. I am sure he will be missed by everyone whose life he touched. He was a true and real Rotarian....he gave back every day of this life.

Together we are creating Peace every day with the wonderful local projects we, as Rotarians, are best known for. Way to go District 5390 Rotarians! Keep up the good work and THANK YOU!!

Daryl Hansen, DG 2012-13



PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BARRY NOLAN

Barry Nolan served as our District Governor in 2001-02. He passed away just a few weeks before his 89th February birthday. Services were held in Billings on February 2, 2013.

He was a professional engineer and served on boards and in many organizations in Montana. Beyond his beloved Billings Rotary Club, Barry served as a chairman of the Montana Petroleum Association, a member of the boards for the Montana Chamber of Commerce, the Montana Tax Payers Association, the Billings Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Justice Petroleum Reserve, and many others.

Barry joined Rotary in 1966 and later served as president of his club. He was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Bequest Society. He and Margaret Ann traveled extensively around our district to support whatever Rotary event was taking place, be it the District Conference, the annual International Peace Park Assembly, a District Assembly or Foundation dinners. Beyond Rotary, they also traveled to Europe, South America, Australia, and New Zealand and when in Montana, loved to spend time with their family at a cabin in the Little Belt Mountains near Red Lodge.

Margaret Ann passed away in May of 2011. Barry and Margaret Ann will both be missed. Their legacy of giving in true Service Above Self will live on in Montana.

JERRY TRAYLOR TOUR

Successful, Thanks to Involved Rotarians & Students

From Missoula to Corvallis, to Great Falls, Lewistown, Billings, Anaconda, and Twin Bridges, Jerry Traylor has been giving words of inspiration and encouragement to high school students and adults. His tour still includes stops in Glendive, Miles City, Whitehall and Townsend before returning to Missoula on February 20th.

Putting all of this together took a lot of work and coordination by many Rotarians and former RYLA campers around the district. Marilyn Morris, AG, took on the overall schedule of where and when. Missoula Sunrise Rotary anchored Jerry's trip by paying for his air fare and compensated him to speak at their "Is it the Truth?" ethics seminar on Feb 7th. DG Daryl Hansen was one of the attendees. The club also paid part of Jerry's fee for speaking at



Jerry and some of the RYLA campers in an official "mug shot" at the 2013 camp at Luccock Park.

Big Sky High School in Missoula. PDG and RYLA Director Carl Prinzing was instrumental in transporting Jerry around Missoula and providing housing during his stay here. In Twin Bridges, RYLA students and Rotarians worked together to create a community event for Jerry's visit. Great Falls hosted Jerry for an entire weekend and scheduled him to speak at several locations. During the 28 hours Jerry was in Great Falls, he made presentations to two groups of young people at the detention center, a blended group of young people and Rotarians at the University of Great Falls, groups at

Foothills Christian School, Paris Gibson Education Center, and Great Falls Central Catholic High School. Principals at all of the school expressed their gratitude to Rotary for bringing his positive message to their schools.

Glendive Rotarians and Interact Students have worked hard to promote his visit and bring in students from area schools. Even local news media has been kind enough to cover his visit. The Great Falls Tribune ran two articles about his visit and included interviews with two former RYLA campers. In Billings, KTVQ Channel 2 included a nice interview on the evening news, and the Whitehall Ledger included a one-third page article about Jerry and his sponsorship by the Whitehall Interact Club.

RUNNING FOR CLEAN WATER

Do you remember George "The Water Man"? He was one of the featured speakers at the 2011 District Conference in Missoula and has also appeared at High Country PETS. At age 78, Rotarian George Lewis is not slowing down in his quest to help people around the world have access to clean water. He is going to race in his first ever 5K on March 17th to raise money for clean water. Since 2006 he has been able to help almost 900,000 less fortunate people have clean drinking water. Approximately 6,000 children die every day because of water borne diseases. George could just ask for a donation but he has decided to earn your support. Every tax deductible dollar has the opportunity to grow to \$3.50 because of the Rotary Matching Program. If you would like to support George in his run for clean water, you can visit the web site below to make a donation. George is bound and determined to help children in the poorest parts of the world have a healthier and more productive lives.

<https://www.purecharity.com/race-for-water-1> To make a contribution by mail, checks can be made payable to WATER TEAM INTERNATIONAL and mailed to:

George Lewis 14910 Camargo Place Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202



PEACE SCHOLAR VS. AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

"Are there Peace Scholars in our district?" "Do we have a Peace Scholarship in our District?" There have been several inquiries to the district lately about Scholars and some obvious confusion about the difference between the Ambassadorial and the Peace scholar programs. Here is the basic difference between the Ambassadorial Scholarship (no longer available after this Rotary year) and the current Peace Scholar program.

The Ambassadorial scholarships sponsored undergraduate and graduate students, as well as qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars served as goodwill ambassadors to the country where they studied and gave presentations about their own culture to Rotary clubs and other groups. Back home, scholars shared with Rotarians and others the experiences that deepened their understanding of another culture.

The Peace Scholar program requires a strong commitment to international understanding and peace demonstrated through professional and academic achievements and personal and community service activities. Applicants are required to have a bachelor's degree or commensurate experience as a minimum, with strong academic achievement. They must also have a minimum of three years' combined paid or unpaid full-time relevant work experience or five years' relevant work experience with current full-time employment in a mid- to upper-level position; proficiency in a second language (master's degree) or in English (professional development certificate) and strong leadership skills. Many of the graduates who live in the U.S. are working in the Washington D.C. area in positions relating to international peace and conflict resolution. For more information, visit www.rotary.org.



Corvallis INTERACT members (L-R), Laramie McHugh, Katie Landis, Sadi Henderson, and Ayden Eickhoff recently visited the Hamilton Rotary club. One of the keys to maintaining a healthy Interact Club is involvement by Rotarians from the sponsoring club.

EYE ON IT Club News from the Web

MISSOULA Noon posted the following about their involvement in the Dictionary Project and the 16 schools they visit: If you have not been involved in this project, you are missing out on seeing and hearing the joy and enthusiasm that these 3rd graders display while they are getting familiar with the dictionary that has been given to them. The students are told to write their name in the book and the book is theirs to use now and in the future. The Rotary representative from our club gets them involved by asking the students questions, which the students then look up in the book. They learn that they are receiving a book that is more than a dictionary. In addition to learning how to use the book as a dictionary, they learn how to use the book to find other information. The students really seem to enjoy exploring the book and finding answers. Their enthusiasm is contagious!



Cambodia program and will be traveling to Cambodia for a month in June. I am positive that my involvement with Rotary and RYLA helped immensely and I would like all of you to know that."

Clubs Tweets and Posts

HAMILTON sponsored RYLA student, Roxy Rademacher, sent the club a thank you note about the positive impact attending camp had on her life: "I just wanted to thank you once again for the opportunity to represent Hamilton at RYLA. I was the representative two years ago and had such an amazing time. I was recently accepted in the AYLP Youth Leadership

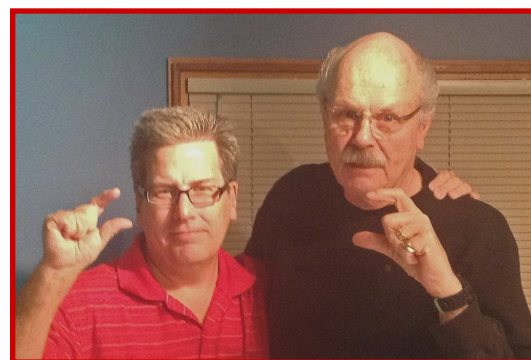


Justin Breck, Club President and Roger Elliot Secretary/treasurer presented Jesse Mann, President of Montana Wounded Warriors, with a \$2,500 check

Columbia Falls Rotarians hold an annual Rotary Rifle Raffle. The fundraiser helps the club support local organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, the Columbia Falls Food Bank, and Montana Wounded Warriors. This year another service organization from the valley won and decided to take cash to help with one of their projects instead of claiming the rifle. The club decided that instead of raffling the gun again they would make Christmas special for a local Wounded Warrior. Broc O'Hara, a Montana veteran, received the Montana Rifle Company 30.06, complete with a Vortex scope. The rifle was donated by the Sportsman and Ski House. In addition, the club made a \$2500 donation to Montana Wounded Warriors with proceeds from their raffle. MWW is based in the Flathead Valley and provides all expense paid hunting and fishing trips in Montana to statewide veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.



BOZEMAN SUNRISE is raising money with their Ice Monument (photo at left); but, if you want in on the action (or sinking), act fast. For more information and a live video feed, visit the Sunrise web site.



Bozeman Sunrise Rotarians have enlisted the help of local radio personalities Dave Visscher and Dean Alexander to promote the "This Close" to ending polio campaign. Rotary will be on their radio program Wednesday, February 20th.



The 2013 District Conference will be held at the Livingston Depot Center.

Upcoming Events

PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR 2013

March 1-3, 2013 This will be a critical PETS for new Presidents and PENs with new training topics. Attendees need to arrive at the hotel before 8:00 AM on Friday, March 1 and stay until Noon on Sunday, March 3. As before, PETS is in Denver at the Marriott Tech Center. To register, go to the District web site at www.montanarotary.org, look under District Events for President Elect Training Seminar. Open this event for more information and the registration link.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 2013

May 3-5, 2013 Celebrate the 2012-13 Rotary year in Livingston with District Governor Daryl Hansen. The Livingston Rotarians are planning a fun and informative event for our district. Registration is open on the district web site. Register before March 15th for the best price.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND GROUP TRAVEL

June 23-26, 2013 The Rotary International Convention will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. A special travel package is available for Rotarians, friends and family with departures from Billings, Denver, and Dallas. The package does not include convention registration; but, does include airfare, lodging, in-country transportation and special group events. A land-only package is also available. For more information, visit the District website and look under District Events.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2013

The 2013 District Assembly will be held at the Big Horn Resort in Billings, Montana on **August 2-3**. This is a great opportunity for new club presidents to refresh what they learned at PETS, learn new information; and, for other club officers and members to learn more about Rotary, effectively running a club, service project ideas, and network with other Montana Rotarians.

The 4-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?

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*"Create a Rotary legacy. Include
the Rotary Foundation in your estate
planning."*



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For more information on Rotary, visit the International web site at
www.rotary.org.

January 2013, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report (as reported on Feb. 14, 2013) & Foundation Giving (60% of clubs reported attendance)

CLUB	Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	YES	20	70	4	\$1,100	34%
Big Sandy	NO				0	
Big Sky	NO				\$2,375	18%
Bigfork	YES	32	63	4	\$3,500	0
Billings Noon	YES	206	62	3	\$20,500	69%
Billings West	YES	78	39	4	\$8,000	26%
Bozeman Noon	NO				\$7,000	21%
Bozeman Sunrise	YES	91	89	4	\$9,600	68%
Butte	YES	31	37	5	0	
Columbia Falls	YES	13	52	5	\$1,900	74%
Deer Lodge	NO				\$250	84%
Dillon	YES	17	53	4	\$1,500	9%
Evergreen	YES	17	98	4	\$2,000	0
Glendive	NO				\$1,950	75%
Great Falls	YES	119	57	4	\$7,875	87%
Hamilton	YES	27	71	4	\$3,000	19%
Havre	YES	28	51	5	0	
Helena	YES	59	45	5	\$1,950	97%
Helena Sunrise	YES	18	58	4	0	
Kalispell	NO	110			\$13,000	67%
Kalispell Daybreak	YES	69	85	5	\$4,500	170%
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	YES	41	54	3	\$4,500	48%
Laurel	YES	21	68	4	\$2,400	0
Lewistown	NO				\$2,500	0
Livingston	YES	34	56	4	\$3,000	43%
Malta	NO				\$350	0
Manhattan	NO	22			\$1,150	28%
Miles City	YES	37	68	4	\$2,400	58%
Missoula	YES	134	40	5	\$13,900	48%
Missoula Centennial	YES	8	79	3	\$1,500	63%
Missoula Sunrise	NO	41			\$4,700	45%
Philipsburg	NO				\$600	50%
Polson	NO	69			\$7,000	18%
Red Lodge	YES	36	69	5	\$3,200	28%
Roundup	NO				0	
Townsend	NO	45			\$3,080	22%
Twin Bridges	YES	16	72	4	\$500	0
White Sulphur Springs	NO	10			0	
Whitefish	YES	58	62	4	\$7,700	27%
Whitehall	YES	18	83	3	\$2,000	9%

Total of Foundation goals submitted for Annual Fund giving: \$150, 480 (1/2 of contributions return in 3 years)

Total contributions through Jan. 2013 to Annual Fund: \$74,653 ; Total given to other & Permanent funds: \$121,645 (\$0 return to district.)