

Rotary District 5390

February 2014
World Understanding Month

2013-14 District Governor
John Stewart and Susan



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DISTRICT ROUNDUP

G'Day, Montana Rotarians

In our Rotary world the month of February is World Understanding Month, a good time for all of us to initiate contacts for that next international project, or to initiate contacts with other clubs in our district to partner with for those larger Foundation Grants.

This month is also the Anniversary of Rotary's birthday. (February 23, 1905). And, it is Heart month with Valentine's Day in the middle. Don't forget to thank all those special people in your life.

Now that we are over half way through the Rotary year, I hope that everyone has had an excellent start to the new calendar year. Have you kept up with all of those New Year's resolutions you made? Given how few actually come to fruition by this time in the new year, I do not make any for myself. Resolutions are usually too rigid in nature for me, and can easily set us up for failure. I like more fluid "goals" for improvement in order to adapt to changes in the community around us. This year I decided on one general goal to make this year better than the last by more consciously applying the Four-Way Test as a working tool to make me a better person and the community around me a better place in my own little ways. There is no better time than right now for me to work on becoming the person that my dog thinks I am.

Yours in Rotary,

John Stewart
DG 2013-14

Special points of interest

- New Interact Club in Red Lodge
- Club Events
- District Grants On-line
- RYLA Reservations

For information about key District Events, visit www.montanarotary.org

INTERACT CLUB NEWS

NEW CLUB in Red Lodge
Our district's newest **Interact Club** is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Red Lodge. The charter was approved by Rotary International on February 7, 2014 with the official name of The Interact Club of Red Lodge. More than 50 young people in the community (many are RYLA alumni) signed the charter member form.



Members of the new Red Lodge High School Interact Club and several local Rotarians pose with the club's official banner.

Members of the **Whitehall Hall High School Interact Club** are holding a fundraiser this month for their new international project. The club will be sponsoring a high school

student in the Philippines for the next four years. Their support of \$135 per year will allow a young person, like themselves, to have a uniform, books, and other necessities to attend classes. The Interact club will also be able to communicate with their new friend in the southern hemisphere.

Interact members will be asking people to pledge pennies for each sit-up, push-up, minute of holding a plank, and a couple of other exercises. Any money over \$135 will be set aside as a reserve to help the Philippine student in the future.

The foundation that assists children (and adults) in the Philippines is operated by a Rotarian and PDG from Kansas.

Courtesies cannot be borrowed like snow shovels; you must have some of your own. ~John Wanamaker



CORVALLIS INTERACTORS IN GOOD GRACES

The second annual Interact Professional Luncheon was held at the home of Hamilton Rotarian Marilyn Morris on January 25th. Marilyn was assisted by the Interact advisor, Alyce Leonardi, and Hamilton Rotarians Barb Liss, Mick Gray and Doug McLaren. The students learn about manners, social graces and proper dinner etiquette that many seldom have an opportunity to practice. From placing a napkin properly in the lap, to which fork, spoon, or knife to use first, the students had the opportunity to experience a formal dining setting without being in the public eye. Even learning about beverage protocol (they were served non-alcoholic selections) was included. The basics of etiquette can pay big dividends as these young people graduate, move into the work force, and hopefully become our future Rotarians.

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On Saturday December 14th, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, members of Helena Sunrise participated in the first "Red Kettle Ring Off." Local service clubs each adopted a location and set up shop to ring the day away as Bell Ringers help to cushion the coffers of the Salvation Army. Sunrise Rotary made camp at the grocery entrance to Walmart and showed what a dedicated group can do by raising \$1,201.13 !!

In other Helena Sunrise news, The Club hosted a Trivia Night contest to raise funds for Salvation Army on January 23, 2014. 13 teams of 8 members attended to play Trivia. The event was held at the Staggering Ox. The local Salvation Army received a donation of \$420 from the Sunrise Rotary Club from the event. The winners of the event were a team from the YWCA. Rotary Club members who assisted with the event included Chair Marie Mullarkey, announcer Greg Duncan, and results tabulators Gary Carlson, Gary Williams and Tony Perpignano.

The Whitehall Rotary Club held their 8th annual Casino Night on February 7th. This year's theme was a Speakeasy. Many participants dressed the part. PDG Kinsey was spotted at a Poker table and in the Bingo Parlor.

Proceeds are split between the Rotary Club and the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department.



People in Livingston are sweet on Rotary, especially during the Sweet Night With Rotary held in February at the old train depot building.



The Missoula Businesswomen's Network held a Symposium on January 25th at the UM Adams Center. The Missoula Rotary clubs banded together, procured a booth, and reached out to the 350 individuals attending the conference. Throughout the day, President Laretta Belts and Board Member Leslie Wustrack made connections and spread awareness of Rotary.



DISTRICT GRANTS: NEW FORMS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

New procedures for District and Global grants became effective last year. Clubs must now submit their grant proposals by March 31st of each year in order to be considered for a Global or a District Grant.

There is also more responsibility placed on Clubs and the District for recordkeeping and money management. The District Foundation Committee includes new sub-committees to handle grants, financial management, audits and several other areas of grant awarding and management.

As in the past, clubs that do not follow the established guidelines and timelines can adversely affect the entire district. Late reports can delay the release of Rotary Foundation funds to the district (the DDF or District Designated Funds).

In order for each club to qualify for making annual grant applications, they must have a minimum of two people attend the annual district grant training, have a club Foundation Chair, an accepted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and an approved Financial Management Plan (FMP).

All of the forms and supporting information to apply for and stay current on grant requirements can be found on the district web site. On the home page, this information can be found in the District Resources section.

JANUARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING

(from January 2014 reports). Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Total APF Giving = \$67,457

Club	No. Members	% Attendance	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	72	\$1200	0
Bigfork	32	61	Not Listed	0
Big Sandy			Not Listed	\$1146
Big Sky			\$4600	0
Billings	200	60	Not Listed	\$4125
Billings West	82	44	Not Listed	\$1470
Bozeman			Not Listed	\$5450
Bozeman Sunrise			\$11750	\$4644
Butte			\$775	\$2665
Columbia Falls	16	55	Not Listed	0
Deer Lodge			Not Listed	\$290
Dillon	20	65	\$680	0
Evergreen	16	91	\$2000	\$1600
Glendive			\$1008	\$430
Great Falls	113	45	Not Listed	\$4000
Hamilton	26	63	Not Listed	\$1000
Havre	29	38	Not Listed	0
Helena			Not Listed	\$1950
Helena Sunrise	16	79	Not listed	\$100
Kalispell	113	74	\$13500	\$10570
Kalispell Daybreak			\$8800	\$6662
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)			\$6000	\$2925
Laurel			Not Listed	0
Lewistown			Not Listed	0
Livingston	33	60	\$2500	\$1364
Malta			Not Listed	0
Manhattan	21	?	\$300	\$125
Miles City	36	74	\$1980	\$1250
Missoula	123	33.5	\$6500	\$6040
Missoula Centennial	9	67	Not Listed	\$1280
Missoula Sunrise	42	64	\$4600	\$2500
Philipsburg			Not Listed	\$100
Polson	74	31	Not Listed	\$1600
Red Lodge			Not Listed	\$218
Roundup			Not Listed	0
Townsend	51	44	Not Listed	\$1098
Twin Bridges	16	71	\$750	0
Whitefish	59	52	\$5000	\$2355
Whitehall	19	64	\$1900	\$500
White Sulphur Springs			Not listed	0

Kootenai Valley Rotarians in Guatemala.

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say,
or do (everyday):

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL
and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?



Kootenai Valley (Libby & Troy area) Rotarians have established a good relationship with their fellow Rotarians in Guatemala through work on improving water and sanitation issues. Mike Shea, Eileen Carney and George Gerard made a recent trip to Guatemala. They have found that hands-on efforts are essential to a successful international project.



Learn more about Rotary at www.rotary.org and www.montanarotary.org



RYLA - Extra Camper Spots Open on March 1st.

Twenty-two clubs have registered on-line for the 2014 **RYLA camp**. All clubs can sign up for a maximum of two campers through February 28th. On March 1st, the maximum of camper reservations will go from 80 to 110. These remaining spots can be reserved on a first come basis.

The new calendar for when registration, payments, camper selection, etc. must be completed is posted on the District web site. Click on RYLA 2014 in the Upcoming Events box. Forms for RYLA can be found in the RYLA sec-

tion on the home page. Look in the District Resources box.

The first **RYLA Summit** is being held in conjunction with High Country PETS. RYLA chairs and committee members from more than 10 different states will discuss their various program successes and challenges. The program will be held again in 2015 during PETS with an expected larger group than this year. RYLA programs have many common elements yet can vary considerably by the age of campers and the type of location used.

ROTARY BITS & PIECES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BOOSTING MEMBERSHIP:

* In Brazil, the Rotary Club of Gaujupe Minas Gerais increased their membership by more than 50 percent since 2005. The club developed a weekly program at a regional TV station called "Rotary in the Community" that featured interviews and presentations about the work accomplished by the club.

* The Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings has replaced one meeting each month with a volunteer event as well as forgoing a meal at meetings (some clubs now make the meal optional). This helps to lower the cost of membership and having a volunteer event, like helping at the local food pantry, keeps members engaged in community service.

RI AWARD FOR POSTING GOALS:

* Clubs that use Rotary Club Central to set at least 15 goals by March 15, 2014 will receive an award from Rotary International. The new program was announced by RI President Ron Burton. The awards will be distributed to district governors in May.

INDIA CELEBRATES THREE YEARS POLIO FREE:

* On January 13, 2014, India celebrated the 3 year anniversary since the last case of polio was diagnosed in their country.

* Bing or Google "World's Biggest Commercial" to see thousands of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and other supporters of the End Polio Campaign. The commercial is over 2 hours long and growing.