

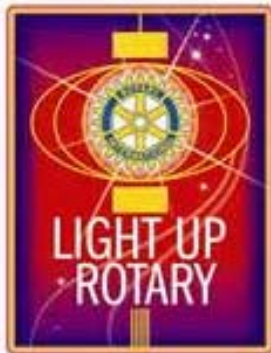
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Special points of interest:

- Pilot Program offers opportunities for growth
- Rotarian doing medical work in Ethiopia
- District Conference coming in April.

ROY'S ROTARY

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month

The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day. World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

Many of our clubs and their representatives are already participating in activities that promote world understanding through humanitarian service in support

of a variety of international projects. Please consider what your club can do to promote more World Understanding in our Rotary World.

Would your club support the exchange of a Vocational Training Team? Does your club participate in the Youth Exchange Program? Do you seek out and support international projects through our district's matching grant program?

During World Understanding Month, Rotary clubs focus on projects and programs that promote peace and reduce conflict in our communities and around the world. *(continued, P. 6)*



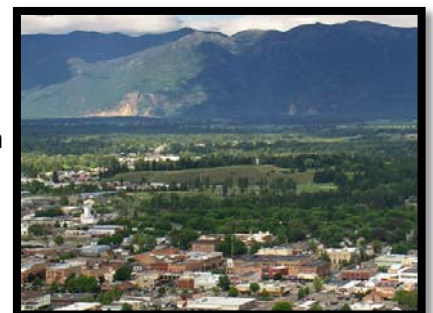
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ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE –APRIL

Registration will open soon for the 2015 District Conference in Kalispell, Montana. Festivities will begin on the afternoon of Friday, April 24th and conclude on the evening of April 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn on Highway 93.

There are plenty of educational sessions planned and the evening meals will be focused on recognizing the good works of clubs and individuals.

Registration is \$40 for a single or a couple and you can select meals on an al-a-carte basis.



Celebrate Rotary in the Flathead

THE MEMBERSHIP MOMENT . . . International Service

(Provided by Dale Palmer, District Membership Chair, Rotary Club of Big Sky)

As a worldwide organization of Rotary clubs, we have the unique opportunity and ability to impact the world through humanitarian service in other countries, to undertake projects designed to assist those in developing countries, to support relief and recovery efforts in the wake of disaster and participate in programs that advance international understanding, good-

will and peace.

Rotary has six Areas of Focus to guide our service work and provide the most success and sustainability for those we serve. These area are:

- ◆ Peace & Conflict prevention/ resolution
- ◆ Disease Prevention and Treatment
- ◆ Water and Sanitation
- ◆ Basic Education and Literacy
- ◆ Economic and Community De-

velopment

Beyond service to others, Rotary offers each of our members the ability to connect with people from all parts of the world through the International Convention, Friendship Exchanges, and Fellowships that provide the chance to make acquaintance with other Rotarians around the world. When traveling, you have the ability to visit Rotary Clubs anywhere in the world. You will be welcomed simply because you wear a Rotary pin.

NEW GREAT FALLS MEMBER HELPING IN AFRICA



One never knows how a decision made decades before might impact the lives of people in the future. When Dr. Roberto Amado Cataneo was in high school in Argentina, he decided

to apply for Rotary Youth Exchange and ended up spending a year in Seattle. His exposure to Rotary and the ideal of Service Above Self has had a profound impact on his life. Now, a medical doctor and cardiac surgeon, Dr. Cataneo, is making a repeat trip to Ethiopia to help repair the hearts of children affected by rheumatic fever. This illness is rare in developed countries but still quite common in developing areas. It can show up in children after an episode of strep throat and can cause serious damage to the joints, heart

and brain. Dr. Cataneo would like to move from performing surgeries to save damaged hearts to a more preventive mode. Something as simple as making penicillin available to the sick could save these children from developing the deadly side effects of the fever.

When his new Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Great Falls, heard about his mission to save lives, they decided they had to help. Before Dr. Cataneo left with medical team on February 13th, the club proudly presented him with a check for \$5000.

DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE NEEDS CLUB SUPPORT

The Youth Exchange program in our district is starting to grow. For the 2015-16 school year, clubs in Missoula, Helena, Bozeman, Townsend and Lewistown will all be sending and receiving students. As part of the Department of State requirements each host club must have a minimum of one member, preferably the club YE coordinator, attend the annual training session for Youth Exchange. This year the training will be held in conjunction with the District Conference in Kalispell on April 24th -25th. All of our out-bound students will be required to be there as well and attend training specific to them. It is critical that a member of each host club has a member of

their YE committee in attendance. District YEO Daryl Hansen will be covering in depth the program and data base systems to make sure that everything is current with DOS standards. Daryl has stated he knows that the district program will be audited during the 2015-2016 year and if the district program is not fully vetted we will lose our ability to participate in Youth Exchange for the future.

For additional information on the YE requirement or attending the training at our district conference, please contact District YEO Daryl Hansen at 406-220-0137. Ω

CLUB CLIPS

BLENDING INTERNATIONAL BORDERS IN WHITEHALL

The **Whitehall** Rotary Club held their first annual International Dinner on February 8th. At least 230 people attended and 20 booths represented food from more than 16 countries. Besides Rotary, the dinner provided fundraising to 10 other non-profits in the area.

Many vendors were dressed in international attire from European to Asia, Fiji and Africa. The evening had a very festive atmosphere and great local talent providing entertainment, including past-president and former AG, Joan Jones. She and former town sheriff, Topper Giono, had hands clapping to their lively accordion music.



Members of the Whitehall Interact Club sold tacos and nachos at their international food booth. Below, PDG Erv Hedegaard (center) talks with some of the visiting Butte Rotarians who were enjoying the dinner.



ICE BREAKS IN DILLON



Mother Nature doesn't allow cooperate with Rotary club projects. The **Dillon** club started their annual Ice Melt contest in early January and on February 6 at 11:13 AM, it came to a splashing halt as the ice melted and their timing device fell into Logan lake. The club expects to clear around \$2300 from the fundraiser.

SOWING SEEDS OF LOVE

Last November the **Bozeman Rotary Club** pledged almost \$5,000 for the purchase of a multi-tined tiller to help increase the production of God's Garden. It quickly became apparent that a seeder was also needed to create more precise row spacing during planting. God's Garden just received their new Cole planter and Bozeman Rotarians are looking forward to seeing these great new implements working together to help increase food production for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.



BOZEMAN ROTARY CLUBS have published another edition of the **HUMANITY IN MOTION** news which features interesting articles about RI and the Rotary clubs in Gallatin and Park counties.

This excellent publication can be found on-line by visiting the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary club web page and scrolling down to the Humanity in Motion article.

PETS - MARCH 6, 7, 8, 2015!



Great Falls Rotarian Jordan Cobb (left) recently presented a generous check to fellow member, Gordon Rubard for the Boy Scouts of Great Falls.



When traveling abroad, remember to take your club banner in case you have the opportunity to visit a Rotary club like Andy Blanchford from Bozeman Sunrise did on a recent trip to Nepal. Above, he is with members of the Durbar Marg club in Kathmandu, Nepal.

RI PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWS NEW INNOVATIONS

(From the Jan. 29, 2015 Rotary News)

Is your club interested in trying new ways to find and keep members? Then it may be a good fit for the Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club pilot to experiment with variations on the traditional Rotary club structure. [Applications are due 31 March.](#)

The RI Board of Directors invites up to 850 more clubs to take part in the pilot. Your club could try out ideas not currently allowed under the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, such as shared attendance with spouses, alternating between online and in-person meetings, or new leadership structures.

For example, the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, N.S.W., Australia has three members sharing leadership responsibilities for a year as co-presidents. The club reports that having three leaders put their skills and ideas to use is prompting the club to try new things, and has already resulted in a 25 percent gain in membership.

To qualify:

- Your club must have been chartered no later than 30 June 2010, have at least 20 members, and be in good financial standing with Rotary International.
- Two-thirds of your club's members must vote to participate in the pilot and certify the results on the voting certificate included with your application.
- Your club must agree to participate from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 and to submit reports to Rotary International.
- Your club must register with and maintain records through Rotary Club Central and My Rotary.

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JANUARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Foundation \$ Given 70,358.48—current amounts are through January 31st.

Club (Jan– 30% of clubs reported ☹)	No. Members	%	# of	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	NR	NR	\$1200	
Bigfork	34	51	4	\$4500	
Big Sandy	19	67	4	0	\$50
Big Sky	NR			\$2000	\$75
Billings	179	59	3	0	\$9228
Billings West	81	41	4	\$9500	\$1375
Bozeman	NR			\$10,475	\$4000
Bozeman Sunrise	NR			\$10600	\$15408
Butte	NR			\$2200	\$5475
Columbia Falls	16	55	4	0	\$94
Deer Lodge	NR			0	\$195
Dillon	16	70	4	\$1700	
Evergreen	14	79	4	\$1600	
Glendive	23	NR	NR	0	\$500
Great Falls	96	51	4	\$5300	\$900
Hamilton	27	56	4	\$2800	\$1000
Havre	NR			0	
Helena	68	49	4	\$4250	\$1575
Helena Sunrise	14	74	4	0	\$250
Kalispell	114	85	4	\$14000	\$4340
Kalispell Daybreak	71	84	?	0	\$5525
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	35	NR	NR	\$4250	\$3225
Laurel	28	NR	NR	0	
Lewistown	34	NR	NR	0	\$100
Livingston	33	NR	NR	0	\$875
Malta	NR	NR	NR	0	\$350
Manhattan	21	NR	NR	0	\$100
Miles City	34	59	4	\$1900	\$1540
Missoula	110	35	4	0	\$7184
Missoula Centennial	7	NR	NR	\$2000	\$1295
Missoula Sunrise	38	62	4	\$7150	\$150
Philipsburg	NR			0	\$200
Polson	72	36	4	0	\$2500
Red Lodge	41	65	4	0	\$1500
Roundup	NR			0	
Townsend	55	NR	NR	0	
Twin Bridges	16	NR	NR	\$500	\$400
Whitefish	56	NR	NR	\$8200	\$400
Whitehall	18	NR	NR	\$2125	\$550
White Sulphur Springs	NR			0	

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February is an excellent time for all Rotarians and their Clubs to reflect on the fact that we are all part of a wonderful worldwide organization, time to reflect on our fourth Object of Rotary –

The Fourth Object of Rotary – The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The other event happening in our District that coincides with Rotary International's anniversary is our own **Butte Rotary Club's Centennial celebration – February 21st.**

To put this things in perspective, consider the events that were happening 100 years ago in 1915:

- ◆ 1st German Zeppelin air raid was held dropping bombs on Britain
- ◆ Henry Ford manufactures 1 millionth Model T
- ◆ Babe Ruth pitching debut losing 4-3
- ◆ 25,000 women march in New York City demanding right to vote
- ◆ Charlie Chaplin is the rage on the big screen releasing 9 films in one year

How far we have come in the past century – look at the advances in communication, medicine, travel - both worldwide and extraterrestrial, and changes in human rights. Consider the changes that Rotary has had on our state during that same last 100 years. The clubs that have been formed, the lives that have been changed, the water projects, the wheelchairs, the relationships that have formed that have promoted world peace and understanding.

If you haven't registered to attend, do so right away. It will be an event to remember, with Immediate Past RI President Ron Burton attending, helping Butte celebrate not just their centennial but Montana's first Rotary Club.

Roy Beekman

RI Pilot Program, from page 4

- Applications are due by 31 March.

For full details, see the [2015-17 Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot Guidelines](#) and [apply for the pilot online](#).

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MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP

One way to share and find membership best practices is to join the Rotary Discussion Group on this topic. You have the opportunity to find out what other clubs have learned about recruiting, attracting, engaging and retaining current and prospective members.

To find this and other discussion groups, go to [Rotary.org](#) and click on MY ROTARY. You will see a menu bar with a number of topics. Click on Exchange Ideas and then on Discussion Groups.

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