

The 5390 Roundup



Rotary Year 2009-10

January, 2010

Rotary Awareness Month

Rotary District 5390, Montana

MUSINGS FROM THE DG TRAIL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I'm so glad to see the New Year here. By so many standards, 2009 was not a great year for a lot of people. Good news is rising and it looks like the storm has turned. The overall economy and stock market now appear to have the worst behind them. We are starting to see the same things in our district. Membership (which affects the district budget) has stopped bleeding and we are just about even as of the end of December. Rotary, overall, has grown from July through December of 2009 by



District Governor
Mark Finnicum
Rotary Club of
Great Falls

8,500 new members. YEA!!! I think it is time for us to take the

offense for the next six months.

We have several really neat and fun things being planned. There is a wonderful foundation dinner weekend planned with a great Rotarian speaker from Louisiana. The details are on the web site. This is also a super time and place to expose new and potential members to what Ro-

tary is doing outside of your town, and in the USA and worldwide. We have our \$10,000 PR grant helping to run information in the major TV markets now. While asking for polio contributions, it is also talking about what Rotary is doing to rid the planet of Polio - a main focus for the last 20 + years. We are going to get it gone; but, we have to keep the focus sharp. Please keep you clubs raising money for The Foundation and for Polio. We need to make up ground in both of those fundraising areas. The district as a whole has so *(cont. page 4)*

HELPING IN HAITI

Montana Rotarians have not hesitated to offer financial support for relief efforts in Haiti after the massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake this month. Those individual Rotarians, clubs, or anyone interested in making sure their money goes to needed aid

for the Haitian people can send donations to our District Foundation. ALL donated money will be sent to the Rotary International disaster relief fund for Haiti. These funds will be critical for the long-term recovery of the Haitian people.

To make a tax de-

ductible contribution make you check payable to District 5390 Foundation with a note on the memo line for Haiti Relief. Mail to the Foundation at PO Box 1091, Billings, MT 59103. For additional information contact Ellen Robison at 406-672-5109.



Special points of interest:

- New Club being organized in Bozeman
- Foundation Dinners in April
- Renewed Rotaract Club in Missoula
- GSE Hosts Needed
- District Service Project



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RI Zone 21 Director Jose Sepulveda from Pachuca, Mexico helped to christen the Brownsville, Texas Great Western Trail marker while Zone 21B/27 Director-elect Noel Bajat, project co-chair Sylvia Mahoney, and RIPE Ray Klingensmith look on.

HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

This is your last chance to secure a ticket for the **Rotary Club of Big Sky Gold Dinner and Auction**. The event will take place on Saturday, January 30th at Buck's T-4 in Big Sky. The evening begins at 6:00 PM and the \$100 admission includes dinner for two and an entry in the gold raffle. There will also be a live and silent auction for some really great items. Buck's T-4

is offering special room rates.

The **Rotary Club of White Sulphur Springs** is inviting Rotarians to enjoy a little fun in the snow on January 31st during their Fellowship Fun Day for snowmobilers and friends. This is your opportunity to glide through the some of the most beautiful and best snowmobiling in our state. There is a rustic log cabin on the

trail that has heat, dining room and a good old fashioned out-house. A BBQ will be served from 1:00—3:00 PM. Cost is \$15 per Rotarian—students and children are free. Check out the District web site for GPS coordinates or call Tim McGuire for directions. An **RSVP** is appreciated.

The **Rotary Club of Hamilton** has been busy with a (*cont. p. 3*)

ROTARY TRIVIA

For what and how much was the first grant from The Rotary Foundation?

MILES CITY TO HOST AUGUST CELEBRATION

Back in the days of the great cattle drives across the western frontier, many a cowboy pushed their herds through Montana. On August 7th, we will join hundreds of other international Rotarians to mark the Great Western Trail in Miles City. At the dedication of the Brownsville, Texas

marker on December 10, 2009, RI President Elect Ray Klingensmith invited everyone to join him in Miles City for our ceremony. We would like to see as many Montana Rotarians and their families there as possible to greet the others from Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

The Miles City Rotarians will be hosting the dedication. Now would be a good time to reserve your room for that Saturday night. Remember, too, that the District Assembly is in Red Lodge on the 5th and 6th so many of you will be in the neighborhood anyway. Head'm Up, Move'm Out!!

5390 Young'ns—INTERACT REPORT



Whitehall Interactors take a break before beginning their January 6 meeting. The group includes nearly 30% of the high school student body.

Interactors all across our district are busy doing and planning service projects. The Whitehall Interact club is turning their attention toward raising money for Polio eradication. DGN Arlene Weber gave a presentation January 6th on the current status of polio

efforts using a Power Point presentation from Dr. Bruce Aylward, Director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization. It helped the students better understand the progress that has been made and why it is so important to finish the polio

eradication effort. They will now move forward with one or more fundraisers to help meet the challenge from the Gates Foundation.

For more information on the Power Point program or having a presentation, contact Arlene at DG5390.2011@msn.com

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number of service projects. They provided a grant to Colleen Southwick for the Theater Youth Program at the Hamilton Play House; welcomed their exchange student, and two others from Western Montana, to a late December meeting; and, helped raise over \$4500.00 for the Montana Hope Foundation. A raffle was held with the top prize being print number 1 of an

original oil painting by Gary L. Roberts.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** gave grant money to the local food bank to help buy holiday gift baskets. Club members donated food at a December joint meeting with the Lions Club. The food was weighed to see which group donated the most. The Lions averaged 2.19 lb. per person and the Rotarians at 1.38 lb. Perhaps the

Rotarians can pack on a few more pounds by the next holiday. The club also presented a check to the Great Falls Rescue Mission for \$1500. The Mission used the money to give dozens of people a brighter holiday.

The **Rotary Club of Twin Bridges** had a great match of broom ball on the community rink with a local youth group.



Hamilton Past President Jeff Wolfe and Montana Trooper Rocky Bailey select the winning ticket in the fundraising raffle for the Montana Hope Foundation. Trooper Bailey is on the Foundation Board and Jeff is the raffle chair.

FOUNDATION CELEBRATION COMING IN APRIL

The District is inviting all Montana Rotarians to attend one of two celebrations for all we have accomplished through our donations to The Rotary Foundation. It is the amount of our District wide donations each year to The Foundation that provides District money for projects and pro-

grams three years down the road.

The first celebration will be held on Friday, April 9th at Chico Hot Springs south of Livingston. This semi-formal event will include a sit down dinner and auction. Afterwards, many may want to relax in the natural mineral hot springs.

The second event will be held in Kalispell on Saturday, April 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Our guest speaker at both events will be our Zone Director Elect, Noel Bajat from Abbeville, Louisiana. For additional information, look under Events on the District web site.

DID YOU KNOW??

There is a **Rotarian Action Group for Disaster Response (DRRAG)**. You can join this RAG or visit their web site for more information: www.drrag.org

ROTARACT RE-EMERGES IN MISSOULA

You may not even remember that a Rotaract club once existed in Missoula. Now, thanks to the enthusiasm of former Interactors and/or the sons and daughters of Rotarians attending the University of Montana, Rotaract is reborn on the UM campus. With a

strong group of 35 members, the UM Rotaract Club will be able to accomplish great service projects. The club's co-advisors are Rotarians Fran Albrecht, Director of the Watson Children's Shelter and Cate Sundeen, administrator at the Missoula Children's

Theater. The Rotaract club has chosen the Shelter as their main volunteer project. They will work with the children under the guidance and direction of the staff.

Rotaract is typically made up of young adults 18 to 30 years of age.



Rotary Youth Exchange students Gabriel Bonjour (Apt, France), Sophie Taschner (Peine, Germany), and Stacy Stadelmann (Dannes, France) at a recent Hamilton club meeting.



Bozeman Rotarians, District officers and invited guests gathered at a local restaurant on January 14th for the first meeting of a **proposed evening club**. Their program was from the renowned paleontologist Jack Horner. Bozeman Noon Rotarian John Shellenberger is the main organizer for this new club effort. The club meets at the Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant on N. 19th Ave. at 6:00 PM. Current dinner price is \$15.00. They already have a great line up of programs for the next month so if you are in Bozeman on a Thursday evening, stop in and support the formation of this new club.



MEDICINE TO KENYA

If your club is looking for an International Project and is not in a position to develop and carry out your own, the Denver Southeast Rotary club is inviting clubs in our district to

participate in their efforts to ship nearly 1.5 million dollars of medical supplies to Kenya. This will help between 57,000 to 69,000 people receive needed medications through

Charity Services International. The club is trying to raise an additional \$6,000. If your club is interested in this project, contact Gordon Lewis in Denver at gel@lewishimes.com.

GSE HOST CLUBS NEEDED FOR BRAZIL TEAM

Yes, there really is a GSE team coming from Brazil. While we have had the last two incoming teams cancel, the Brazil team is scheduled to arrive on April 13th. We will be receiving biographical information on the team soon. If your club

would like to host this team, please contact Beth Ihle or Julie Schmidt. Our team will leave on May 13th.

The next incoming GSE team will not be in our district until April of 2011 and our team will depart in April or May, 2012.

DEPLOYING OUR DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

As many of you have heard, we are working on a district wide project to help the children of deployed US military men and women. With thousands of kids in Montana missing their dads and moms who are on active duty, this project will give the children and Rotarians a chance to just spend a few

days enjoying the great Montana outdoors. We are planning to work with the Montana Guides Association to assist us in taking the kids horseback riding, fishing, rafting, camping, hiking, etc. in the Big Sky. If clubs in various sections of the state form hosting groups, the number of children they would

host will range from 10 to 20 at a time. The anticipated cost per child will be at least \$100 and we are planning a district wide fundraiser to cover those costs.

For more information on hosting or working on this project contact DGND Daryl Hansen at 406-222-0137.

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many irons in the fire that sometimes it is difficult to keep up with. We do have a super team running the district and I am so thankful for the team. Thanks TEAM!

The club is where Rotary really happens. Please thank your club president for their efforts so far this year. The president-elects

are getting ready to go to PETS. This is the "how to run a club" training. Thank them also for the job they are about to undertake. The last weekend of February in Denver will be hard work and I know that Dave Kinsey has a tad bit of fun lined up too. Thanks also to David for all he is handling in the dis-

trict.

We have a lot going on with Youth Exchange, GSE, DSG, RYLA, TRF, and so many other Rotary areas of service. Let's put membership back to our sights as well so we can finish the '90 - '10 year strong! Thanks again to all. I am proud to serve you,
Mark

The *District Cookbook* is at the publisher's and should be ready sometime in February. We had 234 recipes submitted.

Club Membership and Foundation Giving



DECEMBER 2009	# 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			72	NR	NR
Kalispell	121	0	1	121	NR	NR
Libby	47	0	0	47	4	48
Whitefish	76	1	1	76	5	60

AREA 2 Joanne Knutson

Bigfork	40			40	NR	NR
Columbia Falls	15	0	0	15	4	76
Evergreen	17	0	0	17	4	87
Polson	80			80	NR	NR

AREA 3 - Marilyn Morris

Hamilton	38			38	NR	NR
Missoula	176	3	3	176	5	40
Missoula Centennial	11	0	0	11	2	60
Missoula Sunrise	74	0	2	72	4	68
Philipsburg	38			38	NR	NR

AREA 4 - TBA

Anaconda	20	0	0	20	5	86
Butte	39			38	NR	NR
Dillon	26			26	NR	NR
Twin Bridges	19	0	0	19	3	86
Whitehall	25	0	0	25	2	74

AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns

Deer Lodge	36			36	NR	NR
Helena	77	1	0	78	5	31
Helena Sunrise	21	0	0	21	4	61
Townsend	38			38	NR	NR
White Sulphur Springs	18			18	NR	NR

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AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen

Big Sky	20	0	0	20	NR	NR
Bozeman	115	1	0	116	5	44
Bozeman Sunrise	80	3	0	83	4	4
Livingston	53	0	0	53	4	50
Manhattan	24			24	NR	NR

AREA 7 - John Stewart

Laurel	24	0	0	24	4	70
Red Lodge	45	0	0	45	2	72
Billings	231	3	0	234	4	51
Billings Sunrise	5	0	0	5	4	60
Billings West	78			78	NR	NR

AREA 8 - Rick Evans

Big Sandy	20	0	0	20	3	60
Chester	5			5	NR	NR
Great Falls	84	0	0	84	5	53
Great Falls Morning	10	0	0	10	4	67
Havre	31			31	NR	NR

AREA 9 - Tom Reynolds

Lewistown	54	0	0	54	3	49
Malta	11			11	NR	NR
Roundup	9			9	NR	NR

AREA 10 - Carl Ernst

Miles City	28		3	25	5	59
Glendive	19			19	NR	NR

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TOTALS	1998	12	10	2000		

56% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR DECEMBER, UP FROM 46% IN NOVEMBER

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-10, as of December 31, 2009

Goal \$117,800 Received-Annual Giving \$29,512.85 % Achieved 25
 Clubs Pledged 30 2009-10 Restricted Giving \$69,205.03

Total District Contributions: \$98,718

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

Clubs Below Goal 27

Clubs at or Exceeding Goal 3



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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: Arlene Weber

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

More information is available
at montanarotary.org or at
rotary.org.

District/Club Event Corral



JANUARY 2010

- 22 **Whitehall** Annual Casino Night
- 30 **Big Sky** Annual Gold Raffle & Auction
- 31 White Sulphur Springs Snow mobile party

FEBRUARY 2010

25-28 **PETS** in Denver

APRIL 2010

- 9 **Foundation Dinner**, East Chico Hot Springs
- 10 **Foundation Dinner**, West Kalispell Hilton
- 13 **GSE Team** from Brazil arrives

MAY 2010

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

13 **Our GSE Team** departs for Brazil

JULY 2010

6-10 **RYLA** Camp

AUGUST 2010

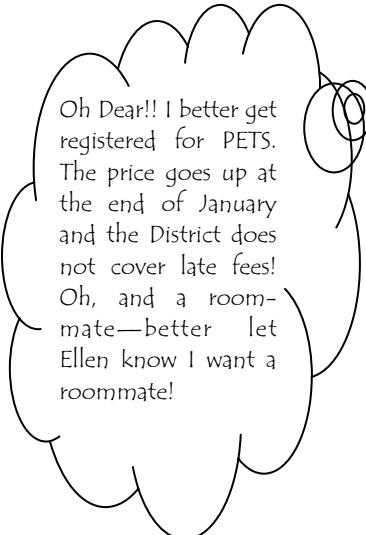
5-6 **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**, Red Lodge

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



Trivia Answer:

The first grant made by The Rotary Foundation was for \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. Never heard of it? It was created by Rotarian Edgar "Daddy" Allen and grew into what we know as Easter Seals.



Oh Dear!! I better get registered for PETS. The price goes up at the end of January and the District does not cover late fees! Oh, and a roommate—better let Ellen know I want a roommate!