

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter

January 2017

Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

Events

- DGE Meeting with AGs: Feb. 23
- PETS 2017: Feb. 24—26
- District Conference 2017: April 28—30
- RYLA Camp 2017: July 11—July 17, 2017

January is Vocational Service Month in Rotary. The concept of Vocational Service is rooted in the second object of Rotary – which asks Rotarians to encourage and foster: high ethical standards, recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.



*Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016—2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen*

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

1. **Talk about your vocation in your club and learn about fellow Rotarian's vocations:** If your club isn't currently hosting a "vocational talk" by a member at each club meeting, try to incorporate it into the meeting format, even if just once a month.
2. **Organize tours of members' workplaces:** These can be done in place of a formal meeting or at a different time/day. A member who might not be comfortable giving a formal "vocational talk" might prefer to offer a workplace tour. If you have a large club, break the club up into groups of 10 to go to different member's workplaces for a tour.
3. **Join a Rotary Fellowship related to your vocation:** Rotary Fellowships are international associations of Rotarians who share a recreational or vocational interest. For example, there are vocational fellowships for doctors, law enforcement, and editors. Learn more at www.rotary.org/fellowships. If your profession isn't listed, consider starting a Rotary Fellowship for it.

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Rotary Club News

Rotary Club of Billings Food Basket Provides Food Baskets to Needy Families

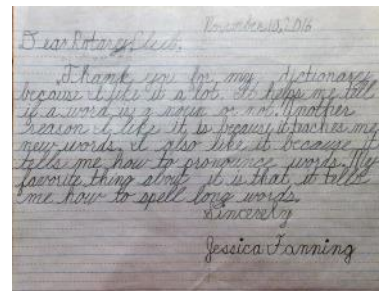
Twenty hearty Rotarians that showed up at Billings Food Services of America (FSA) in below zero temperatures in the middle of a significant snow storm to pack the remaining 400 Christmas Food Baskets. FSA was generous enough to provide the volunteers breakfast following our labors. We could not complete our project without the support of Food Services of America who allows us to purchase the food for our baskets at cost.

The Rotary Club of Billings has been executing this project for over 30 years. This year we donated over 800 baskets at \$30 per basket for Family Services to distribute to needy families in the Billings area this holiday season. Our total of 800 baskets is split between Thanksgiving (400) and Christmas (400). Each basket feeds a family of four to six people. Today during our Christmas program, we secured the remaining pledges to meet our financial goal of \$24,000 in donations in support of the project. Thank you to all that donated their time and money for the project.



Deer Lodge Rotary and Avon Grange Continue Long-Standing Partnership Supporting Local Literacy

Instead of requesting dictionaries through the District Dictionary Project, Deer Lodge Rotary partners with the Avon Grange #125 to give each of our 3rd graders in Powell County a dictionary of their own. This dictionary has so many interesting things included such as: the longest word, the states and information, and sign language. While Deer Lodge Rotary still contributes financially to the District's program, we found working with this partnership to be far more beneficial to our rural community. Here are a few of the amazing thank you letters sent to us by students.



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Kalispell Wine Raffle

Our "Instant Wine Cellar" fundraiser is also underway. Tickets are on sale now through January for \$5 each, 6 for \$25 or 25 for \$100. Winners receive 100 bottles of premium quality wines or a cash option of \$1500.00. Contact any member of the Rotary Club of Kalispell (you can send a message through Facebook to our club too) if you would like to purchase tickets for a chance to win and also support Rotary.

Helena Rotary Club District Grant Supports STEM at Exploration Works

Helena Rotary Club provided Exploration Works Children's Museum in Helena with materials to support the *Expand STEM Education Opportunities for Young People and Adults* project. The total this year for the project was \$5354.00 from the Helena Rotary Club and the District Grant.

Rotary Club of Helena has purchased:

- A Laptop computer to be used in adult programming
- 3D Printer and filament in many colors to be used in the printer.
- 5 WeDo Robotics kits and various WeDo parts and add-ons for robot construction and operation.
- 3EV3 Lego Robotics kits for more advanced robotics classes.
- Raspberry Pi kits and various other electronic stuff for robotics classes.

All of the robotics materials will allow expanded classes and numbers of kids served.



Townsend Rotarian George Jenkins and wife Brigid Featured in a Helena Independent Record Article

Townsend Rotarian George Jenkins and his wife Brigid came to Montana a couple of years ago when Coca Cola asked George to be there agent in Montana for installing and repairing soda fountain equipment (and much more). George and Brigid decided to operate out of Townsend because of its central location between the Gallatin Valley and Helena. After renting for a year they decided to make Townsend their permanent home.

Their daughter Lauren and son-in-law Duane soon followed with Duane taking over most of the operation of the family business allowing George and Brigid to be mostly retired.

George, Brigid, Lauren and Duane have been embraced by the entire Townsend community. George and/or Brigid have joined the Chamber of Commerce, Townsend Rotary Club, and the Canton Church Restoration Board of Directors as well as becoming very involved with the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Townsend.

George is a very talented singer and sings often at the Church as well as other events in town. George and Brigid recently performed at the Alliance Church "Old-time Christmas Sing" the week before Christmas.

On New Year's Eve 2016, the Helena Independent Record ran a full page article about George and Brigid titled "Behind the Beard - the secret life of Townsend's off-season Santa." To read the full Independent Record article click on "[Behind the Beard.](#)"



Great Falls Gift Packages

Great Falls Rotary Club used a regular club meeting as work party to fill 190 military gift packages. Rotarians filled gift packages for the Montana Air Guard members deployed and for Malmstrom Personnel stationed at missile sites during the holidays.



I n t e r a c t C l u b N e w s

Lone Peak Interact Club

Lone Peak High School Interact Club members will leave for Nepal on March 12th and return on March 29th. While in Nepal Club members will visit schools and deliver school supplies. They will also visit orphanages and drop off clothing, shoes, toys and books. The Club would like to send out a big thankyou to Spalding for donating soccer balls for club members to take to Nepal! They are so very grateful and are sure that the Nepalese children will be too!

The Club is raising funds through a number of ways—remember the *Flamingo Fling* discussed in an article recently? This month, there will be a *Winter Ball for Nepal* fundraiser for the 2017 Nepal Service Trip.



Glacier High School Interact Club

One of the RYLA campers from Kalispell came back inspired and motivated to start an Interact Club at Glacier High School. This young gentleman elected to keep the club open to all high school students in Kalispell and they are already reporting 40 members. Heather Howlett at the Bigfork Rotary Club stepped up to help Frank Garner and Darla Harmon from the Kalispell Club with the initial charter paperwork and that was sent out earlier this month.

District 5390 News

President Elects Training Seminar

The 2017 President Elects Training Seminar in Denver is rapidly approaching! Our district, in combination with four other districts, presents High Country PETS each year to train President Elects (PEs), President Elect Nominees (PENs) and other Rotarians in leadership roles. The event is large enough to attract quality speakers and trainers. The objective is to provide an opportunity for Rotarians to

PETs Schedule
Feb. 23rd, 2 PM: Assistant Governors Meeting
Feb. 24th, 8:30 AM: District 5390 Training Begins
Feb. 26th, 11:45 AM: PETs is Adjourned

learn about Rotary, share ideas and have fun while preparing presidents for their year of leadership. PEs and PENs will learn their role, how to better lead their club during their year as

president, and work with Assistant Governors to set goals for their club for their year as president.

All PEs and PENs who plan on attending are encouraged to register for PETs as soon as possible. Clubs are encouraged to take time now to discuss their goals for the next Rotary year, which begins on July 1, 2017. This will allow President Elects to develop their goals and enter them into Rotary Club Central.

Please note that the first Montana District 5390 Training Session will begin at 8:30 AM on Friday morning, February 24th in Aspen Room on the Atrium level (behind the restaurant). District registration will be in the Foyer of the Aspen Room as well. All PEs, PENs, and AGs should be sure to attend this session. Assistant Governors will meet with District Governor Elect Joe McBride at 2 PM on February 23rd in the Longs Peak Room on the third floor. This is the District 5390 Hospitality Room.

Rotary District Conference: April 28-29, 2017

Registration will open soon for the 2017 District Conference being held in Kalispell, MT at the Hilton Garden Inn. The informational sessions begin early afternoon on Friday, April 28th. There will be great speakers, lots of club recognition and awards given, and varying entertainment for all to enjoy. Plan now to attend! The room registration link is available now on the District website under [Upcoming Events, District Conference](#).

*February is
Peace and Conflict Resolution Month*

Rotary International News

Check Out Rotary.org's Modern, New Look

Rotary.org, our public-facing website, has a fresh, contemporary look that clearly answers the often-asked question: "What is Rotary?" It's the first step in a two-part update to our entire website: first Rotary.org, and then My Rotary.

For many people, our website is their introduction to the great work that Rotary members do to improve lives around the world. It's meant to create an emotional connection that inspires potential members, donors, and partners to get involved. The latest changes to the public site do that, and more.

Some of the updates will be obvious: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics to tell our stories, and better organization of content to help readers find out who we are and what we're doing. Other changes, like the improved readability and speed of the site, will be a welcome surprise.

These upgrades are made possible partly by the dues increase the 2016 Council on Legislation passed to allow Rotary to provide additional support to clubs and districts. As part of our work to refresh My Rotary, we'll also update Rotary Club Central and the Club and District Administration pages — more information about these improvements will arrive in the coming months.

Visit www.rotary.org to see all the enhancements to our public site.

New Rotary Approved Website Themes for Club Runner

Introducing Vision and Community, two new Rotary approved mobile-responsive next-generation themes available in seven different color variations each! Better showcase your work, the impact your club makes in the community, and engage with your audience like never before. These themes provide Club web pages with the same "look and feel" of the new Rotary International web site.

Ready to give your site a facelift? Choose a new theme [here](#). It is easy, free and doesn't require you to rebuild your site content.

Russia-USA Intercountry Committee

This committee is working hard to improve relationships between the USA and Russia by forming Peace Exchanges, Partner Clubs, Mini Youth Exchanges, Tailored Vocational Exchanges, etc. If you have an interest in representing District 5390 on this committee, please contact [District Governor Malinda Shafman](#).

The Rotary Foundation News

Global Grants – Project Fairs

by George Gerard

I'm taking a brief detour this month to give me a bit more time to learn the nuances of the 'revised' New Grants Model. I hope to complete that series next month.

My first contact with John Forester was nearly ten years ago. In cooperation with his club in Guatemala City, John helped facilitate the purchase of a computer we were donating to Clinica Maxena in Santo Tomas La Union. This was our club's first foray into the international arena.

John came to Guatemala many years ago as an employee of Catholic Charities. He was also a Rotarian. Upon his retirement and the passing of his wife he briefly moved to Los Angeles, but his love for the Guatemalan people soon brought him 'home'. He married a Guatemalan woman and went to work for D 4250 directing their micro loan program. He was working in this capacity when I first met him in person. He must have been in his eighties at that time, but his ready smile and indomitable spirit belied his age. He obviously loved what he was doing.

I met John again at a Project Fair I attended in Antigua, Guatemala a few years later. He was being honored by his peers for the leadership role he played organizing the initial project fair in D 4250, a program that has now grown to include all of Central America. I'm not sure if this was the first project fair organized by Rotarians but it certainly had to be one of the earliest ones.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize John, an ordinary Rotarian, for his extraordinary achievements. Project fairs bring Rotarians to projects. It is both an efficient means of project promotion as well as an opportunity for collaboration, the development of fellowship, and unique cultural experiences.

Read more about project fairs in the December issue of the Rotarian magazine or online at www.rotary.org/myrotary/project-fairs.

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Club Runner Tips, Tricks and Traps

By Rick Moore and Laura O'Connor

Tip: Use the Committee Module in Club Runner to Help Manage Committees

The Committee Module in Club Runner is a powerful tool to help Clubs manage committees more effectively and to help committees function more efficiently.

Trick: Committees Can Use the Committee Module to Email Committee Members and to Share Work in Progress

With over 110 members, the Kalispell Rotary Club has a lot of different committees and keeping track of which member is volunteering for each project or initiative was quite a task. The Club decided to try out the Committee Module in Club Runner and has found it to be a useful tool. The module allows the Club to assign members to their committees, giving them access to review their assignments and in addition provides email functionality that auto-populates all members assigned to a particular committee. Committee chairs can create subcommittees of the committee. The Module lets committee members post documents to their "committee page" for other committee members to access. If your club has been considering this, feel free to contact our [Kalispell Rotary Club President Laura O'Connor](#) to get information on how it has been working.

Trap: If Your Club is Working with other Clubs on a Project, You Can't use the Committee Module in Your Club Runner

The Committee Module only lets you assign members to a committee if they are members of your club. However, the District can set up a District Committee to let you create committees that consists of members from several clubs that are working together on a joint project. Recent examples of how this works effectively include the Peace Park Planning Committee and the Tasmanian Friendship Exchange. Contact [Webmaster Arlene Weber](#) if you would like to set up a committee with members from more than one club. Standing District Committees are already setup in the Committee Module on the District website.

Members							Subcommittees	Documents	Email
Sort using first name							Add Member		
Name	Club	Position	Access Level	Preferred Phone	Email	Actions			
Barz, Dan	Polson		Member	406-849-5045	dbarz@centurytel.net				
Burt, Woody	Big Sky		Member	406-581-7801	bisonrun@aol.com				
Lavelle, Jacqueline	Deer Lodge	Co-chair	Chair		jaclavelle@gmail.com				
Moore, Rick	Helena Sunrise	Chair	Chair	(336) 686-7627	Rmoore@bresnan.net				
Nicholson, Mollyo	Kalispell Daybreak		Member	257-8198	mnicholson@calton.com				
Reynolds, Linda	Bozeman Sunrise		Member	(406) 223-4747	beartooth1894@gmail.com				
Rice, Sheila	Great Falls		Member	453-0198	Srice@nwmt.org				
Shafman, Malinda	Evergreen	Ex Officio Member	Member	406-309-0938	dg5390.2016@gmail.com				
Todd, Joel	RL Rotary		Member		montanajwt@aol.com				
Total: 9 member(s)									

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- 4. Volunteer for a service project that uses your vocational skills:** Due to my experience selling health insurance, now, as a retiree, I volunteer to help friends and people at church by answering health insurance questions and helping them figure out their health insurance coverage.

Work with a younger person. Help them achieve their career aspirations or to guide and encourage them in their professional development.

Give ethical awards to businesses or professionals: Acknowledge those who demonstrate high ethical standards in their treatment of employees, customers, and the communities in which they work.

Sponsor an essay or speech contest: Many clubs hold local or regional competitions for students to address the theme "What the Four Way Test means to me." These contests are an effective way to get young people engaged with the concepts of ethics and integrity.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. Vocational service is the very essence of Rotary and is what sets Rotary apart from other service organizations.

If your club does vocational service of any type, either one of the ideas above or another idea, don't forget to share it with other District Rotarians in our District Newsletter.

Happy New Year!

Each Year We Take a Vacation, and Rotary Picks The Location.

Hundreds of Rotarians vacation worldwide at IGFR International Golf Federation of Rotary (IGFR) locations. The 54th annual IGFR will be held this August 6-12 in Victoria, BC, Canada. Proceeds go to Rotary charities. [Click here](#) for more information and how to register.

A Neapolitan Hug

The Rotary Club of Napoli (District 2100 Italy) is looking to find Rotarians around the world who are of Neapolitan origins. The purpose is to establish contact among these Rotarians. They will be invited to virtual meetings through a Social Community and to a global event to be held in Naples next summer. If you are of Neapolitan origins and are interested, find out more information [here](#).



The Rotarian's The 4-Way Test
of the things we think, say, or do:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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The Gates Foundation is currently matching all Rotarian Raised Polio Donations \$2 for each \$1 Contributed (Up to \$35Mil/Yr.)



How long has Polio been paralyzing humanity? The stone tablet indicates over 3,000 years. Isn't about time we refuse to add one more year to that total? Let's end Polio in 2017!

A Note from the Editor

I will be participating in the Tasmanian Rotary Friendship Exchange, and hence, won't be able to put together the a newsletter in February. Therefore, your next *Big Sky Rotary News* will be a combined February/March Issue.

Rick Moore, Editor