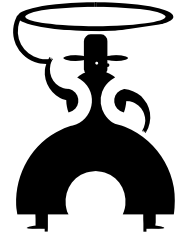


The 5390 Roundup



Rotary Year 2009-10

July, 2009

Rotary District 5390, Montana

Montana Musing From the Rotary Trail

Good day all Rotarian's!

As I write this, my first newsletter article to all of you, I am honored to be able to serve as your District Governor for this Rotary year. I have very big shoes to fill, as my predecessors have done a wonderful job of leading and growing our district. I need to first thank last year's leadership for all that they have done!!! Thanks to all. Mr. Mark Frisby needs an added thank you as he did a great job last year. Now, he has a task ahead of him that is probably just as daunting - the District Foundation Chair. Mark and Lynda have done so much for 5390 that we truly owe them a big round of applause.

I have just returned from a very fun and learning week at RYLA camp up by Helena. I have seen a pretty good bit of youth exchange in the



**District Governor
Mark Finnicum
Rotary Club of
Great Falls**

past; but, seeing RYLA up close and personal gives me a better idea of our future leadership. I feel better about what is in store after seeing and hearing from these young adults. A big standing ovation goes to Bob Throssell and his team-they were on task the whole week. I would certainly recommend that you volunteer to lend a hand to youth exchange and RYLA. Our future is in their hands. By the way, our RI theme as stated by the RI President, John Kenny, is "The future of Rotary is in your hands." You will hear a lot about this during the next 12 months. With the economy the way that it is, we have quite a bit on our plates to grow Rotary in our towns and district. At the presidents elect training in Denver, I gave a pretty good list of RI's and my district goals. Let me boil down the ones that are on the top of my mind. 1) Grow Rotary in (continued, pg. 4)

Special points of interest:

- Two Iron Lungs now available for clubs in the District
- Next GSE will be to Brazil
- Peace Park Registration fee goes up next month
- Can you answer the District Trivia Question?



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District Conference - Planning Ahead

DG Mark Finnicum, DGE Dave Kinsey, and DGN Arlene Weber listened to comments made during the June District Conference and decided to act on the suggestion that the District Conference be held on the same weekend each year. Taking into account the responses

from the spring member survey on the conference, the last week-end of April was chosen as the annual time for the conference. This should avoid graduations and the busy sports events during May and early June. Dates and locations are set for 2011 and 2012

and the 2010 conference information will be confirmed soon.

The RI International Convention dates are:
 2010-Montreal, Canada June 20-23
 2011-New Orleans, LA May 22-25
 2012-Bangkok, Thailand May 6-9



Hamilton Rotarian, Don Doerfler (right), receives his 5th Paul Harris presented by PP Jeff Wolfe. Don is also the District Annual Giving Chair.

5390 TRIVIA

From what city have the most District Governors come from? Which city comes in at number 2? And, which two cities are tied for 3rd? Answers on p. 6

HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

Summer and Fall in Montana is a great time for clubs to hold fundraisers and just fun events.

The **Rotary Club of Twin Bridges** will be participating again in the annual Flotilla (where the parade floats, float) on **July 25** through the town of Twin Bridges. Two Twin Rotarians were a great asset to RYLA this year. President Ken Kozimer and Past President Lois Lehwalder served on the camp staff.

Members of the **Rotary Club of Manhattan** will be selling their famous potatoes during their community's Potato Festival on August 15th. They are also sponsoring a Blue Ribbon Duck Race. Proceeds help pay for projects including a new Welcome sign for the town.

In Bozeman, you can see one of the District's

Iron Lungs on display at the Gallatin County Fair **July 16-18** courtesy of the **Bozeman Sunrise** Rotarians. It will reappear in August for some more education and fundraising by the **Noon** club during the Sweet Pea Festival. Don't forget the Night Golf with Bozeman Sunrise Rotarians on **August 1st**.

If you are passing by **Whitehall** on **July 25th**, stop in for the Frontier Days festivities and see the Whitehall Rotary booth. Members will be selling Sunflower dish cloths, community calendars, granite tiles to help fund their fish pond repairs, and giving purple pinkies for Polio donations.

The **Rotary Club of Townsend** is gearing up for their annual Fall Fest on **October 3-4**. With the parade, car show and entertainment, it will be a great time to stop by, say

hello, and have a little merriment.

Bigfork Rotarians enjoy hosting the annual Barn Dance and this year it will help them raise money on **October 17th**. Details will be posted on the District web site under District Events.

The **Rotary Club of Livingston** rounded up enough members to help paint a house for a local man who really appreciated the assistance. Members also worked on raising money for the community fireworks show and others helps with security for the show.

The **Rotary Club of Evergreen** held an awards banquet on June 30th to present Paul Harris awards and present the latest group of Benefactors. PDG Don Gatzke presented the awards. Graig Witte, Cindy Hartley, Robbie Mathiason and Roxanne Swartzen- (Cont., P.3)



Members of the Bozeman Interact Club presented a nice "size" check to the Human Resource Development Council.

5390 Young'ns-Interact Report

The **Interact Club of Bigfork** was inadvertently left off the list of clubs that received the Presidential Citation for the 08-09 Rotary year. The Bigfork club has been re-energized and is doing a great job of serving their community.

The **Interact Club of Bozeman High School** recently presented the Human Resource Development Council with a check for \$9700.00. The money was raised at an auction organized entirely by the Interactors. The donation will go towards helping

homeless teens in Bozeman.

If your club is interested in sponsoring Interact in your community, contact Julie Anne Schmidt of Bozeman Sunrise for information. But, be prepared—Interactors tend to be very good at doing Service Above Self.

YOUTH EXCHANGE— GROWING EACH YEAR

It is often said “the world is getting smaller” and that seems true for those who have the opportunity to visit outside of their home area. For a young person just a few short years from high school graduation, the world can seem small, in a confining way. Rotary Youth Exchange gives Montana youth the chance to spread out, learn about

other parts of the world and also about how to appreciate what they have right here at home.

We have 11 Montana young people heading to foreign lands this year for short and long term exchanges in India, Brazil, Belgium, Ecuador, Argentina, Spain, France, Germany, and Austria. There will be 12 students coming to

spend all or part of their school year here in Montana. Several more Montana clubs have joined in sponsoring Youth Exchange and they include Libby, Great Falls, Dillon and Twin Bridges.

For more information on RYE, contact Martha Ripley from the Missoula Noon club.



District 5390 outbound Youth Exchange students gathered at Fairmont Hot Springs near Butte in May to receive their orientation training.

ANNUAL GIVING BETTER THAN PREDICTIED

Congratulations 08-09 Rotary Club presidents and club members. As June 30, 2009 and based on data at RI web site, our district exceeded our pledge of \$144,735.00. The amount we as a district contributed to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for the Rotary Year 08-

09 is \$150,787.99 or 104% of our pledge. That means we will receive half of that money back in the district for our projects in the out years. Since TRF cutoff for accepting contributions was July 7 there could be a few more dollars posted if any clubs

mailed in money by the mail posting date of June 30. Thanks for your collective efforts on behalf of the district and our pledge to The Rotary Foundation.

Don Doerfler

District TRF Annual Giving Chair.

Where will our next GSE Team be heading?
Brazil—near Sao Paulo again; but, with a different district—details will be available soon.

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berger (photo on page 4) each received their second PHF. Mary McClarty, Bill Sargent and Malinda Shafman were awarded their first PHF. There were 10 members who were honored as Benefactors.

The Rotary Club of Missoula has raised

over \$90,000 for their special project of a new facility for the Watson’s Children Shelter. They are also working diligently on raising money for the Karen Kempel Jones Bike Trail. Karen was a Rotarian and very respected member of the community.

The Rotary Club of Kalispell Daybreak named PDG Don Gatzke as the club’s Rotarian of the Year at a ceremony on July 2nd. Don was recognized for the work he has done in helping obtain grants for not only people in Montana; but, throughout the world.



Germany Youth Exchange Student, Carolin Westerkamp (right) and Bozeman Interactor, Shealyn Schmidt enjoyed the spring prom—something Carolin could not experience in her home country.



These Evergreen Rotarians received their second PHF, presented by PDG Don Gatzke (center). Read more about Evergreen on page 2.

Two, Two, Iron Lungs!!

We now have two Iron Lungs that can be scheduled for your club's PolioPlus fundraiser and/or polio education program. One will be available for clubs west of the continental divide and one for those clubs to the east of the divide. The Iron Lung Schedule is available on the District web site in the Polio center story.



PDG Don Gatzke received his Rotary Global History Fellowship pin from RI Past President Wilf Wilkinson during the Birmingham International convention.

DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT REMINDER

Our District has had a Risk Management Plan in place for several years now and each club should have a Risk Management Officer. It is easy to add that person to the club committee list on the District Web site or on your club's site (for those with ClubRunner). This is the one member of your club who is the go-to person should an allegation of abuse or harassment occur and they are responsible for taking care of background check applications for members and other volunteers.

Who needs to have a background check done? If your club is involved in Youth Exchange, this includes all family members in

the host home who are 18 or older, counselors, and chaperones. For RYLA, all adult camp volunteers, adults (other than the camper's parents or immediate family) who transport the students to camp. For Interact, all advisors and any volunteer adult who may be in a one-on-one situation with a student. Other areas that fall under the background check requirement are scholarship committee members if interviews are not done as a group; Rotary sponsored sports programs (coaches); volunteers in programs for the elderly or handicapped such as Meals-on-Wheels. This list is not all inclusive; but, it

should give clubs a good idea of when background checks need to be completed. Each one costs \$10 and our District Treasurer will bill the clubs as needed or monthly. The background check authorization form has been sent to club presidents and is also available on the District web site, after logging in, on the Administration page under Documents Download. Completed forms need to be sent to our District Risk Management Chair, Dr. Jeff Strickler.

The other members of your District RM Committee include Eric Clemmensen, Fritz Pierce, Sandi Filipowicz, Ray Murray, and Mitzi Vorachek.

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every town. 2) Grow our contribution to the TRF. 3) Work hard to reach the end of Polio. 4) Have fun. Again, you will hear more later.

You will see in this newsletter that WE DID pass our TRF pledge goal for last Rotary year!!! Wow, what an accomplishment. Our 2100 Rotarian's in the district have really stepped up to the plate. We have applied for a RI Public Relations grant of \$10,000. You can still see last year's grant in process on TV. It sure looks good. This current year's grant (if we get it) will focus on raising \$ toward our polio plus goals. Please take down the date of **Oct 24th**. That will be

our grand finale of a summer fund raising effort. We will have a web site available for the whole state of Montana to donate money for PolioPlus to help reach the goal of \$200 million to match the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenge that has been thrown down. Again, more details will follow.

Well, I had better get re-packed so that I can get on the road to make club visits next week.

I am proud to serve you,

Mark



Club Membership and Foundation Giving

NOTE: The new AGs and any area changes for clubs will be listed next month with the July Membership report which starts the 2009-10 year.

JUNE 2009	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.		# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 1&2 - Joop Thiessen							AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen						
Bigfork	42	0	2	40	4	62	Big Sky	20	0	0	20		51
Columbia Falls	16			16	NR	NR	Bozeman	129			129	NR	NR
Evergreen	19	0	1	18	5	93	Bozeman Sunrise	82	1	0	83	4	71
Kalispell	122			122	NR	NR	Livingston	63	0	3	60	5	56
Kalispell Daybreak	72			72	NR	NR	Manhattan	24			24	NR	NR
Libby	44			44	NR	NR							
Whitefish	76			76	NR	NR	AREA 7 - John Stewart						
Polson	79			79	NR	NR	Laurel	26	0	0	26	5	76
							Red Lodge	45			45	NR	NR
AREA 3 - Dave Kinsey							Billings	236	0	0	236	5	51.5
Hamilton	37	0	0	37	5	65	Billings Sunrise	6	0	0	6	4	67
Missoula	190	0	9	181	4	35	Billings West	80			80	NR	NR
Missoula Centennial	11	0	0	11	4	73	AREA 8 - Rick Evans						
Missoula Sunrise	75	1	2	74	3	73	Big Sandy	19	0	0	19	5	61
Philipsburg	37	0	0	37	4	55	Chester	5			5	NR	NR
AREA 4 - Joan Jones							Great Falls	93	0	0	93	5	47
Anaconda	18	0	0	18	5	66	Great Falls Morning	11			11	NR	NR
Butte	40			40	NR	NR	Havre	31			31	NR	NR
Dillon	26			26	NR	NR	AREA 9 - Tom Reynolds						
Tw in Bridges	23	0	0	23	4	60	Lewistown	53	0	0	53	4	48
Whitehall	25	0	0	25	5	73	Malta	13			13	NR	NR
							Roundup	9			9	NR	NR
AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns							AREA 10-Carl Ernst						
Deer Lodge	34	0	0	34	4	72	Miles City	28	0	0	28	5	62
Helena	83	1	1	83	4	46	Glendive	19			19	NR	NR
Helena Sunrise	17	0	1	17	4	56							
Townsend	43			43	NR	NR		992	1	3	990		
White Sulphur Springs	18			18	NR	NR	TOTALS	2139	3	19	2124		
	1147	2	16	1134			47% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR JUNE, DOWN FROM 58% IN MAY						
FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2008-09, as of June 30, 2009													
Goal \$144,735	Received \$150,787.99			% Achieved 104%			Polio Contributions \$71,056						
Clubs Pledged 39	Clubs Below Goal 21			Clubs at or Exceeding Goal 18									



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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 Treasurer: Ellen Robison, Billings
- District Secretary, 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

JULY

- 16-19 **Bozeman** -Iron Lung & Polio Fund raiser at Gallatin County Fair
- 24-25 **Whitehall** club Frontier Days Dish cloths Sale, Polio fundraiser

AUGUST

- 1 Night Golf in **Bozeman**
- 15 **Manhattan**, Potato Festival and Blue Ribbon Duck Race
- 29 3rd Annual **Polson** Chili Cookoff

SEPTEMBER

- 25-27 **Peace Park** Assembly in Waterton

OCTOBER

- 3-4 **Townsend**, Fall Fest & Car Show
- 17 **Bigfork**, Annual Barn Dance
- 23-24 **District Assembly** in Great Falls

NOVEMBER

- 7 Harvest Howl, **Great Falls**
- 2-8 **World Interact Week**

To Be Scheduled:

- PETS in Denver
- Our GSE Team heads to Brazil

If your club is having an event you would like everyone to know about, send information to Arlene by the 10th of the month to have it posted here.

The registration form can be downloaded from the District web site. Registration fees go up after August 15th. Reserve your motel room soon if planning to attend.

