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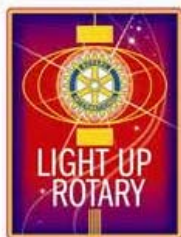
THE DISTRICT ROUNDUP

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Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Rotary International changing club billing.
- 87% of clubs sponsored campers for RYLA.
- 78 Montana Rotarians have or will contribute over \$2.5 million to the Rotary Foundation through Major Donor Contributions and Bequest Society Pledges.

ROY'S ROUNDUP

Greetings Rotarians and welcome to a new Rotary year and new opportunities. Congratulations to all new/past club and district leaders. Most importantly thank you to PDG John Stewart for holding the reins this past year and guiding us forward. I am just beginning to realize the commitment that he and Susan, and for that fact all district leaders have for the well-being of District 5390. We are very fortunate to have so many people on our team that are willing to continue to be involved, thank you all!

As I write this I have just started my club visits and stopping by RYLA at Luccock Park on my way back from Miles City. What an awesome experience! Seeing our youth up close and personal gives me confidence in the future of Rotary our state and our country. I would encourage any and all of you to invite these future leaders to give a presentation to your club, and if your club is not sponsoring a student to do so in the future. I am pleased that we have a record

number of clubs participating in RYLA this year and a record number of students.

New RI President, Gary C.K. Huang fired off his theme for the year – “Light Up Rotary”, with fireworks exploding in the background. What a fun theme to have – and I would like all clubs to do just that – have fun with this new theme. President Gary encourages clubs to have a “Rotary Days”, an event where we show off Rotary.

Sponsor a Rotary fun run, host a Rotary picnic, in general, Light Up Rotary in your community. I have taken this a step



2014-15 District Governor
Roy Beekman, Kalispell

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SAR TO BECOME THE CLUB INVOICE

Effective January 1, 2015, the Semi-annual Report (SAR) will be changed to the Club Invoice. Unlike the SAR which could be edited, clubs will need to have their membership information accurate prior to the invoice being issued. The Invoice amount will not be changeable.

The Club invoice will be a one-page

document that lists the amounts due for subscriptions, dues, and any overdue amount.

Clubs will need to maintain monthly reporting to assure that their membership information is current. Additional information will be discussed during the Training Assembly, August 1-2 in Butte.

RYLA—CHANGING LIVES

We know RYLA as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. But, in District 5390, a better title may be Realizing Your Life's Ambitions. The 107 young campers from across Montana and 5 from Driggs, Idaho who stayed for the entire camp experienced an unexpected shift in their lives. The hesitation and trepidation they experienced upon arrival had transformed into self awareness and for many, an increase in self confidence by Friday. Team building exercises, learning about styles of leadership, diversity, listening to inspirational stories from staff and campers; and, time for a little fun all helped the individual students blend into a supportive group of friends.

“Realizing Your Life's Ambitions”

A handful of campers gained the courage to stand up in front of the entire group and thank everyone for making them feel part of the group through support and friendship. One young woman said that before camp, she could barely find enough confidence to call in a pizza order; yet, here she was standing in front of about 140 people saying thank you for the experience and new friends. Another young

woman was very thankful to be there because she had made



Our incredible group of young leaders. Meet the Junior and Senior Counselors and our new Young Adult Staff. Their contributions made the 2014 RYLA Camp extra special for everyone.

some bad choices and was not proud of them. She told the entire group how her experience at camp had showed her she is worthy of feeling good about herself and that she can make good choices and move forward. Many tissues were passed around as tears flowed with each thank you from a student who now felt better about themselves and had made new friends. At least a dozen hands went up when asked who was interested in being an exchange student. Rotarians in several communities will be approached about helping sponsor several new Interact clubs—these young people want to support their communities and others in the world NOW. Please do

not let them down.

If you need a little kick in the pants to “Light Up Rotary” in your club, look no further than our Montana RYLA students. One of our clubs received the following message from their camper named Hallie: “I want to thank you and the Rotary Club for the special opportunity to be a part of RYLA this last week. I had such a great time! The speakers were inspiring, the scenery was breathtaking, the lessons were life changing, the friends I made were remarkable and the list goes on. I can't wait to give the presentation to share all the details.”

RYLA 2015 will take place at Luccock Park Camp on July 14 through 18. There will likely be a slight increase (\$20 per camper) for next year. Still low cost and very high impact.



Thanks to the newer commercial dishwasher, there was a ready supply of dishes, glasses and flatware for every meal. The kitchen crew is loving the much faster cook times with the double convection ovens. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who made this possible through financial support.

CLUB NEWS ROUNDUP

At the June 30 Passing the Gavel dinner, the **Rotary Club of Glendive** installed new officers, honored outgoing president Scott Woodward and inducted two new members.



New 2014-15 officers are President Jerry Jimison, VP Kami Sevier, Secretary Connie Hilger, Treasurer Keith Robinson, Sergeant at Arms Ross Farber, directors at large Carol Condon and Adam Gartner.

New members Sarah Simon and Suela Cela were also inducted at the YRI annual dinner featuring walleye caught by Scott Woodward.

The **Rotary Club of Hamilton**



MRI unit part of hospital tour.

stepped up their July 21st meeting by stepping out after lunch to learn about the diagnostic equipment available at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital. On-site visits to local businesses is a great way to change the weekly *pace of club* programs and become more familiar with the local community.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** held a farewell picnic at Gibson Park for their hosted Youth Exchange student, Mael on July 6th. As he prepares to return home, our outbound students will be coming back to Montana. Great Falls Rotarians are also busy getting ready for their annual Harvest Howl which is only a few months away. Entertainment this year will feature Marshall Tucker and the Clintons. Groups can save by buy-

ing their table by August 31st.

Outbound **Rotary Youth Exchange students** for the 2014-15 school year will be leaving soon for their host districts in five different countries. Four of the five students were able to attend RYLA earlier this month. We will be welcoming five inbound students as well. Host cities include Bozeman, Missoula, and Libby.



Missoula Rotarians hosted Rotarian Keith Harris (Boston) during a stop in his bike ride from Seattle to Boston to raise money for The Foundation. With him (seated) are Martha Ripley, Adam Hubel, Cate Sundeen, and Jean Bowman.

BIG HEARTS IN THE BIG SKY



The future of The Rotary Foundation depends in part on current Rotarians making a pledge to give in the future. Here in our district, 43 Rotarians have made a promise to contribute \$10,000 or more through their estate planning. Twenty-five other members have achieved major donor status.

Of those in the Bequest Society, 32 are at level one (\$10,000—\$24,999); 5 are at level two (\$25,000—\$49,999); 1 is a level three (\$50,000—\$99,999); 2 are at level 4 (\$100,000—\$249,999); 0 at level 5 (\$250,000—\$499,999); 1 is at level 6 (\$500,000—\$999,999);

and 1 is a level 7 (\$1,000,000 +). One club in our district has 10 members and the next highest has 8.

For Major Donors, there are 22 at level one and 1 each at level 2, 3 and 4. A person becomes a Major Donor once they have contributed \$10,000+.

JUNE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING (from April reports). Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Total for 2013-14: \$132,606.80 Goal for 2013-14 was \$124,635. \$66,303 will be available in 3 years.

Club (June —57.5% reported)	No. Members	% Attendance	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	59	\$1200	\$450
Bigfork	37	61	Not Listed	\$3300
Big Sandy			Not Listed	\$1146
Big Sky			\$4600	\$2300
Billings	194	53	\$20,800	\$9590
Billings West			Not Listed	\$3117
Bozeman			Not Listed	\$10472.96
Bozeman Sunrise	101	65	\$11750	\$7955.41
Butte	30	57	\$775	\$3350
Columbia Falls	16	45	Not Listed	0
Deer Lodge			Not Listed	\$410
Dillon	17	67	\$680	0
Evergreen	17	79	\$2000	\$1600
Glendive	25	41	\$7600	\$1895
Great Falls			\$4600	\$5250
Hamilton			\$2700	\$4015
Havre			Not Listed	0
Helena	68	41	Not Listed	\$3050
Helena Sunrise	15	64	Not listed	\$100
Kalispell	113	73	\$13500	\$18755
Kalispell Daybreak	72	73	\$8800	\$10062.55
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	38	43	\$6000	\$6450
Laurel	25	47	Not Listed	0
Lewistown			Not Listed	\$2566.68
Livingston			\$2500	\$2939
Malta			Not Listed	0
Manhattan			\$300	\$250
Miles City			\$1980	\$2100
Missoula	125	33	\$6500	\$7549
Missoula Centennial	7	86	\$2000	\$2620
Missoula Sunrise	42	62	\$4600	\$3000
Philipsburg			Not Listed	\$100
Polson	73	41	Not Listed	\$1700
Red Lodge	36	63	Not Listed	\$1468
Roundup			Not Listed	0
Townsend	52	55	Not Listed	\$1098
Twin Bridges			\$750	0
Whitefish	56	54	\$5000	\$4792.50
Whitehall			\$1900	\$2155
White Sulphur Springs			Not listed	0



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farther and challenged all clubs to have an entry in all parades in our communities. I realize by the time you read this, the 4th of July parades are over, but communities have fair parades, Christmas parades, St. Patrick's Day parades, Nordicfest parades. Invite RYLA members, family members, YE students, club members to participate. This can be fun and informative events that meets President Gary's theme.

I have established five goals for this coming year for our district:

- * Grow membership in each community by using our theme as a PR tool
- * Retain our members through support and listening to what they need and what is their passion
- * Every Rotarian should be giving something to our Foundation – keep Polio on the fore front, because our credibility is at stake.
- * Continue to improve our Grant process for all users
- * Reinvigorate our district leadership training process – we need future leaders

If we can accomplish these few goals while having some fun along the way, I will consider our year together a tremendous success. I am looking forward to visiting all the clubs in the District and visiting with all of you while learning about the great difference Rotary makes in each community.

Roy

TRAINING ASSEMBLY KEY PART OF CLUB SUCCESS

Butte, August 1 and 2. Only two weeks remain until our 2014 District Training Assembly will begin at the LaQuinta Inn in Butte. The second day will feature sessions on the campus of Montana Tech.

Why is it so important for clubs to send their officers, committee chairs and interested members?

Things change! With the new invoice system starting in January, clubs will have the opportunity to learn about the new system so they are ready with accurate membership numbers by the end of the year.

Time to **re-up certification** in order to qualify for district and global grants. Two members of the club must be present, preferably the club president (and/or president-elect) and club foundation chair. The old

system for doing district grants is gone—is your club prepared to meet the new deadlines and guidelines for the grant process? Be at the Assembly and be sure.

Do you know how to **use the updated Rotary International web site**? If you are a club officer, it is very important to know how to log on and what reports and the many features of the site are available. Remember that change in the dues billings from RI? Better be ready by knowing how to use the Club Central part of the RI web site!

Want your club to **propose a change to the Rotary Manual of Procedure**? It is easier said than done, especially if you do not know the proper procedure and the deadlines that must be met. Attend the

Training Assembly to learn more.

Want to **collaborate with other clubs** on a big project? You could send a letter or an e-mail that will be added to the many many others that each club receives or you could sit down with other club representatives and discuss your club's ideas (and hear other great project ideas) face to face at the Assembly.

On-line registration has been open for many weeks. It is easy and quick to register. Use one registration link if paying by check and a special one if you are paying by credit card.

Visit www.montanarotary.org to view the proposed agenda and to register. See you in Butte on August 1 and 2. Ω