

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter
July 2016

Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

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[Young Professionals Summit: Oct. 27—30](#)

[PETS 2017: Feb. 24—26](#)

[District Conference 2017: April 28—30](#)

Welcome District 5390 Rotarians to what promises to be an exciting fun filled year ahead! I'd like to provide an overview of all the activities you could be involved with this year. I hope you are able to pick out at least one of these activities to participate in to broaden your Rotary perspective beyond your own club. Even if you're only able to visit a Rotary club meeting/event other than your own, you'll be glad you did (and there's an app for that – Rotary Club Locator). Try it when you're traveling for business or pleasure, it's enlightening and fun. I have visited several different clubs in the United States and been fortunate enough to also visit a Ugandan club and a French club. I always go away with new ideas.



Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016—2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen

The activities you may want to work into your calendar include:

- District Assembly – August 5 & 6, Butte, Montana
- Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly – September 16-18, East Glacier, Montana
- Zone Institute – October 27-30, Salt Lake City, Utah
- President Elect Training (PETS) – February 24-26, 2017, Denver, Colorado
- District Conference – April 28 & 29, 2017, Kalispell, Montana
- Rotary International Convention – June 10-14, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia

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Check out the District website – www.montanarotary.org – frequently as District 5390 clubs post special events they are having and want to invite all District Rotarians to. We also have 3 District 5390 clubs celebrating their 100th anniversary (Lewistown, Livingston, Missoula) this Rotary year so watch for announcements of those celebrations on the District website.

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Club News

Bozeman Noon Rotary Club

Serving the Bozeman Community & Happy Hour on the Gallatin

The Bozeman Noon Rotary Club is “talking the talk” and “walking the walk.” With “Service Above Self” as our motto, we have rolled up our sleeves and joined other community partners in a variety of service projects. Our club has adopted a section of highway along the frontage road between Bozeman and the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. Members met in force earlier this summer to clean our newly adopted section of highway. We will meet one more time this fall, then a third time in the spring. It is our goal to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program for years to come.



We joined forces with Family Promise to landscape a home. The finished product was a thing of beauty, providing an amazing yard for a Bozeman family. Family Promise is a nonprofit network of interfaith organizations that work together to end homelessness in Gallatin Valley.

Believe it or not, we do find time to let our hair down and have a little fun. The Bozeman Noon Rotary Club recently met on the Gallatin River for a time of fellowship and fishing. All in attendance had a wonderful time, and everyone who cast a fly caught a trout. Good times. The Bozeman Noon Rotary Club would like to thank

Darrel and Robin Choate for sharing their cabin for Happy Hour on the Gallatin.

Hamilton Rotary Club

“Scramble on the Root” and “Dimple Drop”

The Hamilton Rotary Club held their Golf Scramble July 22nd at the Hamilton Golf Course. Chuck Shonkweiler won the “Dimple Drop” by having the golf ball closest to the Pin. He

won a prize of \$500.00 which he promptly donated to the Marcus Daly

Hospital Foundation for the purpose of purchasing a new CT Scan machine. Dave McCall won 2nd place, and also donated his \$250.00 Prize to

the Hospital Foundation. Many Thanks to Phyllis Rogers Green and

Debbie DenBleyker for organizing another very successful “Rotary

Scramble in the Root!”



August is

Membership and New Club Development Month

Townsend Rotary Club

Slice of Summer & Wall of Fame

Gerald Rodacker was inducted into the Rotary Club of Townsend Wall of Fame on June 28. The Wall of Fame Award is the highest honor a local Rotarian can achieve. Not many members qualify for this award. Of the hundreds of people that have been members of the club since 1939, Rodacker is only the seventh member to receive this award. To qualify for the award a Rotarian must have been:

- Past President of the Club;
- Board Member for at least 5 years;
- On at least two major committees in the Club or served at least a year on a Montana District Committee or Office;
- A member of the Club in good standing for at least 10 years; and
- A Paul Harris Fellow

Gerry was on the committee that established the Wall of Fame Award in 2009. When asked if the award criteria were too stringent and should be reduced, Gerry said, "No. This is an award that must be worked for. This award takes years of service to the local Club, the District, and Rotary International to achieve". Each year, the local Club gives a Wall of Fame Scholarship to a Broadwater County High School Senior in honor of these award recipients. Congratulations to Gerald Rodacker and thanks for your "Service above Self."

The Townsend Slice of Summer is a family oriented summer event sponsored by the Townsend Rotary, Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, Broadwater Community Development Corporation, Townsend Lions Club, Townsend 4H, Elkhorn Community Fellowship and the City of Townsend. The Slice of Summer event is held the third Thursday of June, July and August at Heritage Park in Townsend.



Rotary Club of Townsend Club President, Ross Johnson (left)

and Wall of Fame inductee Gerald Rodacker (right).



Phillipsburg Rotary Club

Aber Day! Saturday, August 20th



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DON'T MISS ABER DAY!!!

Dear Alum:

Don't miss the party of the summer happening in Phillipsburg! The Aber Day Reunion Concert 2 is scheduled to take place Saturday, August 20th from Noon to 5PM. It will be another amazing day at Phillipsburg's wonderful outdoor concert arena.

"Great, great day. So much fun. Phurg was great host!"
— PHILIPPSBURG GRADUATE

"All I can say is Wowza. What a party!"
— PHILIPPSBURG GRADUATE

"It was absolutely awesome. All three bands..."
— PHILIPPSBURG GRADUATE

Three great Montana bands! Expanded food & beverage locations. Aber Day & Band merchandise & prizes too. Bring your friends & plan on meeting lots of alums you know.

Tickets: \$35 for adults. \$15 for kids 7-12 years. 6 & under free.

Thanks & we hope to see you, Phillipsburg Rotary Club
U of M Alumni Association
Missoula Liquid Assets Corp.

For event schedule, transportation, parking, directions and other information please visit:
www.phillipsburgrotary.org/Aberday

tickets: grizalum.com

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3,000 Alums rocked Phillipsburg's Amphitheater in 2015.

District News

Friendship Exchange with Tasmania Rotary

Our friends in the great District of 9830-Tasmania are interested in doing a Friendship Exchange. This is a great opportunity for a group of Rotarians/partners to visit Tasmania and experience the beauty of that island, enjoying Rotary friendship and fellowship while being home hosted around the island. A team of approximately 6 couples would travel around the Australian state of Tasmania for two weeks learning about the culture, visiting places not normally on the tourist map, meeting Tasmanian Rotarians and making great friends. The exact timing of the trip will be determined once we have an interested group. The suggested time to visit Tasmania is February/March, due to ideal traveling weather.



In return a group of approximately 6 Tasmanian couples would visit Montana for two weeks to be home hosted around District 5390. This may occur late spring, but final timing would be determined later.

These friendship exchange trips promote great friendships and can lead to joint service projects. The teams pay for their own transportation costs, meals which are not provided, entrance fees and personal expenses. Most accommodation is provided by host families but if hotel accommodation is needed this is at the cost of the team.

You may check out the District 9830 website for more information and pictures of previous exchanges: www.rotary9830.org.au. If you are interested in this opportunity, either traveling to Tasmania or hosting Tasmanians in Montana, please let District Governor Malinda Shafman know as soon as possible. You can reach her at dg5390.2016@gmail.com or 406-309-0938.

Youth Exchange

Head on over to Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club's [web page](#) to see a video about Cale Josephs' Youth Exchange Experience in Taiwan. When ask if he would recommend Rotary Youth Exchange to others, he says, "Definitely! Don't hesitate! It is the most enlightening and profound experience you can have at such a young age."



Spread the Word—"Rotary"



Patrick Plantenburg, District 5390 Public Image Chair

On July 21, 2016, the Rotary Club of Townsend celebrated its second *Slice of Summer* family fun day. Several young bicyclists from Missouri that are biking from coast to coast saw the sandwich boards and marques around town announcing the event. The bicyclists came to the park, had some brats and ice cream, listened to some country western music, visited with the Townsend Rotarians about the event and the bicyclists' coast to coast trip, and returned to the campground where they were spending the night. Back at the campground, two new older bicyclists from Washington had arrived. The Missouri bicyclists told the Washington bikers about the *Slice of Summer* event, so the Washington bikers pedaled on down for a brat and ice cream.

One of the Washington bicyclists, Steve Harvey, is a 30-year Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Kelso, WA. It happened to be his meeting night in Washington so he approached the Rotary brat booth and said jokingly "I'm here for my make-up meeting!" The local Rotarians proceeded to visit with Steve and his friend Art Birkmeyer from Longview, WA about their four-week bike ride which would take them through Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. Sadly, the brats were all sold out but Steve and Art got ice cream cones, listened to the country music, and the two Rotary Clubs were discussed. Steve and Art were offered showers and accommodations for the night if needed. I noticed Art did not have his Rotary pin on. He noticed that I was wearing the new Rotary Image magnetic pin (See below).

I carry an extra pin with me at all times and I offered Steve the pin as a gift from the Townsend Club. Steve and Art thanked us for the hospitality, the visit, and returned to their campground. I'm sure Steve will wear the pin proudly for the rest for the trip spreading the word **Rotary**.



Three Missouri bicyclists at *Slice of Summer*

Young Professionals Forum Rotary Zone Institute

My name is Jade and I'm the President Elect of the [Hutchinson Rotary Club](#) in district [5690](#). I'm reaching out to announce an exciting event for younger Rotarians that will take place at our upcoming Rotary Zone 21b-27 Institute in Salt Lake City. For the first time, Zone Institute will feature a Young Professionals Summit portion for Rotary members who are 40 years old and younger! Here is the event website: <http://www.slcyoungprofessionalsummit.com/>. The purpose of the summit is to bring together younger Rotarians and get them fired up about becoming more engaged in their clubs and districts. We want these Rotarians to come back excited about helping our clubs grow both in size and relevance in our communities.

In 2014, Rotary International hosted a Chicago YP Summit for 30 young Rotarians across the country. All of us who attended left the summit completely energized about Rotary, so a few of us worked with RI Director Greg Podd to apply for a grant from RI to help organize a similar summit in our Zone. We recently received the grant and will use the funding to market the event and provide assistance to attendees with airfare as needed.

I hope your district can have a strong showing of Young Professionals at Zone. My first Zone was last year when I was invited to speak at one of the sessions. I was blown away by the caliber of speakers and the fellowship! Many Rotarians--especially the younger ones--don't even know Zone exists. And they certainly can't afford to attend, even if they do know about it. With the home stay option we're arranging, the \$50 registration in lieu of the usual \$100's, and some scholarships for airfare, this should be very accessible to them.



SALT LAKE CITY ROTARY YP SUMMIT OCTOBER 28-30, 2016

This fall, Zone Institute is providing a unique opportunity to help you increase engagement among the young professional members in your district's clubs.

Zone Institute will include a young professionals summit that's open to any Rotarian (whether in club or district leadership, or not) under the age of 40. The summit aims to create a cross-wide community of young professionals who are energized about Rotary and trained with the tools to serve your district well.

Interested? Identify young professionals from your district to take part in the Zone YP summit. Send them to us, and they'll come back ready to invest their time and skills in your districts as hands-on leaders, speakers at club and district meetings, and membership coaches.

Registration is \$50. Early-bird registration is June 6 - July 8. Applicants or their districts/clubs are responsible for lodging and travel costs. To keep costs low, home stays will be available for free to those who want them, and some travel scholarships will be available based on need.



DEVELOP...

Your district's young leaders!

SEND...

At least two of your district's young professionals (under 40) to the YP Summit

VISIT...

SLCYoungProfessionalSummit.com

for more information and to directly nominate your district's representatives

ROTARY ZONES 21B-27 INSTITUTE

Young Professionals Summit
Salt Lake City, Utah
October 28-30, 2016



Rotary Foundation News

Paul Harris Fellow Presentations

Millie Baycroft of the Rotary Club of Whitehall recently presented her grandson with a Paul Harris Fellow. Millie says, "One of my passions is Rotary and it was my pleasure to present my grandson Talor with his Paul Harris Fellow at the Spokane South Rotary meeting recently. He is the last of my seven grandchildren to receive it. My object in presenting them with a Paul Harris Fellow is to instill a sense of service and giving back to the world in my grandkids. So proud of Talor and all of my grandchildren Wes, Heavrin, Camilla, Cassandra, Cody, James, Heather, and Garrett. Go out and do good in the world."



Rotary Club of Helena Sunrise honored Past President Brad Lancaster for his year of service by presenting Brad with a Paul Harris Fellow. During his year as Club President, Brad truly reenergized the Club. Through his leadership, the Club received a Governor's Citation as Best Small Club Growth Award at the District Conference this year. Brad made membership his number one priority. During his year, the Club changed its membership from a gradual decline to a sharp increase. And just as important, the diversity of the Club's members shifted dramatically.

Brad also encouraged members to contribute to The Rotary Foundation during his year as President. In fact, he made an online contribution as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member during one of our meetings, demonstrating to the Club members the way to make a contribution through the Rotary web site. A contribution to The Rotary Foundation is an investment in the ideal of good will, peace and understanding. That is an ideal held high by Rotarians the world over, and one that Brad clearly shares.



General Hospital Kotor: A Rotary Global Grant Success Story

In 2015 the Billings Rotary Club had the opportunity to join a Global Grant proposal in Kotor, Romania. The project was aimed at equipping a sub-standard Maternity Department and children's ward at the General Hospital Kotor. The project was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Budva, Montenegro (D2483). The grant included participation by 13 Rotary clubs in Montenegro and Serbia, plus clubs in Hungary, Germany, and the United States. The Billings Rotary Club was one of four US clubs and three US Rotary Districts involved, including strong support from District 5390 in Montana.

The project – with donated new and used equipment arranged for by Assist International/CA with a market value of about \$250,000 – cost about \$131,000. The project allowed for significant upgrading of the equipment and health care provided by the maternity and children's ward. The hospital provides about 640 births a year and accommodates about 1,400 infant inpatients a year. 90-100 of the babies require intensive care annually. This allows the regional hospital to address neonatal intensive care and avoid transferring babies to the larger hospital in the country's capital, Podgorica.



The project was successfully completed in June 2016, with a dedication ceremony and much publicity about the importance of maternal and child health care. The successful project was named "For My First Home" and signs were placed around the town. This was another example of the commitment of Billings Rotary Club and District 5390's commitment to "being a gift to the world," internationally as well as locally.



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I would like to share some of the goals I would like to see our District accomplish this year.

*For a copy of the
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Presidential
Theme and
Citation
Brochure, visit
DG Malinda's
Page on the
District Web Site
or [Click Here](#).*

⇒ I'd like to see every District 5390 Rotarian give at least \$26.50 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) this year in honor of the Foundation's 100th anniversary. The Foundation was created in 1917 with a \$26.50 donation from The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, so it only seems appropriate that 100 years later we should each be able to give that amount to support TRF, which is rated in the top 10 charities by Charity Navigator.

⇒ I'll be working on strengthening the depth of our District's committees. The old adage that "Many Hands Make for Light Work" applies here too.

⇒ With the Rotary International Convention being held in Atlanta, Georgia, I would like to see at least 20 Montana Rotarians (along with family if you'd like to make it a vacation) in attendance. The RI Convention is only held in the United States every few years, so this is a great opportunity to attend. We'll have a no-host Montana Rotarian dinner one evening while we're there and if there's enough interest, we could put together an afternoon sightseeing activity for the group also.

⇒ Membership growth is always in everyone's mind – but this year with all the new flexibility that clubs have as of 7/1/2016 for changing attendance requirements, creating types of memberships, adjusting admission fees, and changing meeting schedules I hope that each club is able to be creative and make changes if changes are needed to grow membership. You'll hear me speak about these opportunities at my official District Governor visit to your club.

⇒ I'd like for more District 5390 clubs to qualify for the Governor Citation than ever before. To keep it simple this year, if your club plans to earn the Governor Citation they will only need to meet the 2 mandatory Presidential Citation requirements and then 1 requirement from each of the other categories in RI President John Germ's Presidential Citation. See www.rotary.org for a copy of John Germ's Presidential Citation.

As always, keep in mind that I'm available any time for any questions or help/advice you may be seeking.

Thank you to all District 5390 Rotarians for all that you do for Rotary!!

Help Wanted

District Governor

Motivated Rotarian needed to serve as District Governor during Rotary Year 2019-2020. If you like to make new friends throughout Montana and the World, this job is for you. Must be willing to travel throughout Montana, the U.S. and Internationally. Minimum requirements are Past President of a Rotary Club, have served or are willing to serve as an Assistant Governor, and have been a Rotarian for at least seven years by July 1, 2019. If interested, contact PDG Bill Spath at dg5390.2015@gmail.com

Assistant Governors

Assistant Governors (AGs) needed! Montana Rotary needs volunteers to serve as Assistant Governors in Area 3 (Missoula area) and Area 5 (Helena area). AGs assist Rotary Clubs in their area. Each area has five clubs. Some travel is required, as AGs should visit clubs in their areas. Travel to PETS is also required. Travel is reimbursed by the District. This is a great way to meet other Rotarians in your area! If interest, please contact DG Malinda at dg5390.2016@gmail.com.

Committee Members

Committee Members Needed! Do you like working with youth? Are you good at graphic design? If so, please consider volunteering to serve on a District Committee. Most committee business is conducted by email or conference call. Help strengthen Montana Rotary by getting involved! Committee members are needed for the following committees: Public Image, Newsletter, Youth Exchange Inbound and Outbound Coordinators, Membership and Interact. Many hands make light work. Please Volunteer. If interest, please contact DG Malinda at dg5390.2016@gmail.com.

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

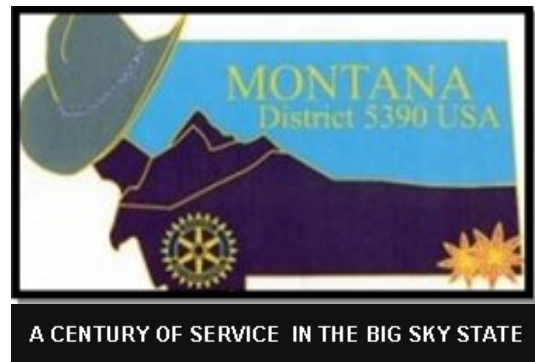
Is it the Truth?
Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Service above Self



Religion and Politics in Our Rotary Club

*Guest Editorial by Brad Lancaster,
Past President, Helena Sunrise Rotary Club*

We all have beliefs and values. Our club hears from a large and diverse number of speakers who also have varying beliefs and values. I am so proud of all of us when we courteously listen to each other and to our speakers, even if we don't always agree with the message or even the messenger. That is a huge piece of Rotary for me. I pray we keep that courtesy and respect that is so often missing in other parts of our world. And, speaking of prayer, I want to thank you all for that as well. I've made it pretty clear that I am a Christian. Rotary has been a comfortable place for me to offer prayer. BUT, not all of you may be of that faith. Some may not have religious beliefs at all. BUT I've so appreciated your tolerance of my beliefs and prayers and PRAY that you would do the same if we had a Jewish or Muslim or Buddhist or Atheist or whatever member or guest. Prejudices need to be left at the door as much as humanly possible. We DO NOT have to pray with every meal – I've tried to inject some alternative reflections occasionally, and have found them enjoyable and enlightening. I believe it is generally a given that we are all thankful for food, drink and a safe place to meet – many in the world just don't have this – and routine prayer can be enhanced by occasional "thought moments" in its place. With religion and politics and Rotary... Is it the Truth, is it Fair to all concerned, will it build Better Friendships and Goodwill and will it be Beneficial to all? Thank you for being so respectful of our differences.

(Note from the Editor: This is an excerpt from Brad's program "My Year as Club President." I asked Brad if I could share this with you, because I was so impressed with his thoughts. Rick Moore, Big Sky Rotary News Editor)