

# Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter  
July 2017

## Joe Bear's Broadcasts

*A Message from District Governor Joe McBride*

### Events

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2017  
La Quinta Inn  
Aug 04, 2017 12:00 PM –  
Aug 05, 2017 3:45 PM

Great Bear Festival  
Depot Park  
Aug 05, 2017  
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY  
2017  
Waterton Park  
Sep 21, 2017 – Sep 23, 2017

Harvest Howl 2017  
Four Seasons Arena  
Oct 27, 2017  
5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

My Rotary year started with two significant events. First, Brian Ayers invited me to attend the Bozeman Noon Club's initiation. It was a noble night for Rotary as a number of members were honored, including Ed Kibbey, Kandy Rose, Darrel Choate, John Dorn, and Tim and Mary Barnard. We in District 5390 should be proud of their accomplishments. They even sing!



*Joe McBride  
District Governor  
2017—2018  
Rotary Club of Butte*

Brian's wife, Jill, gave the retiring board members a unique gift for grilling, including her own secret barbecue rub. They gave me the gift also and I can attest that the rub is as good as it gets. Their club is in good hands with Matt Conner taking over the reins.

Second, RYLA. Over the last five years I've interviewed over 30 students, many of whom our Butte club has sponsored for RYLA. All of them returned with glowing reports of their experiences at the camp, emphasizing the many things they learned and the lasting friendships they formed.

But nothing prepared me for what I witnessed and experienced at RYLA this year. Most of the campers have said that it changed their lives and I agree it is a magical place. The first night I hiked to the "Falls" with the campers. (That might not be quite accurate, they hiked and I strolled.)

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*August is*

*Membership and New Club Development Month*

## Rotary Club News

### Rotary Club of Deer Lodge Rotary Female Athlete of the Year

Every year the Deer Lodge Rotary Club asks Powell County High School for its recommendations for a female athlete who demonstrated integrity and professionalism as part of their involvement in team sports. This year Alye Fjell-Hagan was chosen for the Rotary Female Athlete of the Year Award.

Alye has participated in volleyball, and track during high school and was a manager of wrestling. She is the daughter of Dawn and Chris Hagan. Alye has been awarded an athletic scholarship to throw discus and shot at University of Great Falls next year. Recipients of the award receive a plaque, which was presented this year by Coach Al Cutler. The school also maintains a plaque listing all the recipients.



### Rotary Club of Glendive

The Rotary Club of Glendive again sponsored the Etiquette Dinner for the Miss Montana Scholarship Program contestants during their week of competition in Glendive.

Miss Montana 2016 Lauren Scofield and Miss Montana's Outstanding Teen Faith Johnson of Helena are at the head of the table, surrounded by contestants at the Charley Montana 1907 historic home. (Photo)

Local gourmets prepared the 5-course meal served by Rotarians. Lisa and Alynn Shields gave advice on etiquette from introductions to dining. Rotarian Mayor Jerry Jimison proclaimed June 11-17 as Miss Montana Week and got his picture taken with the contestants, one of his favorite duties as mayor.

Miss Montana 2017 is Maddie Murray of Corvallis. Consider having her attend or perform at your special events. She will be singing for her talent at Miss America in September. [www.missmontana.com](http://www.missmontana.com)





### Kalispell Rotary Clubs Great Bear Festival

Kalispell Rotary Daybreak and Noon Clubs are excited to announce their first ever [Great Bear Festival](#), coming to Depot Park in Kalispell on Saturday, August 5. From 3pm – 10pm, Festival goers will enjoy sampling local and regional beers from 30 different breweries, dozens of great wines, and a variety of hard ciders. Local food vendors will offer delicious complements for every beverage, and live music will keep the good vibes rolling.

Tickets are available in [advance online](#) for \$25 or at the gate for \$35.

Price of ticket includes a commemorative Great Bear beer glass and supply of initial tasting tickets, also available for purchase.

All proceeds from the Great Bear Festival will benefit local and global Rotary service projects.



### Rotary Song Books

The Rotary Club of Helena has Rotary Song Books available to any club that would like them. If interested, please email Club President [Ann Dooling](#) or call her at (406) 431-8714.



# Rotary International News

## Rotary International President-elect Dies

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years. Sam's term as Rotary's 108th president would have begun on 1 July 2018.

"Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hardworking Rotarian he was," said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. "In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts."

Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years. Sam saw in Rotary members "an incredible passion to make a difference," and wanted to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."



Sam was the chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, whose mission is to promote excellence in corporate governance principles and practice in the region by 2020. Previously, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has also served as corporate secretary of the Central Bank of Uganda.

He served as member and chair of several boards including FAULU (U) Ltd., (now Opportunity Bank), the Uganda Heart Institute, the Centre for African Family Studies, Mulago Hospital Complex, Mukono Theological College, and the Kampala City Council.

"Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community, and the world," Riseley said. "We are establishing details on plans to celebrate his life as they become available."

We in District 5390 join Rotarians world-wide in mourning the life of a man for whom Rotary had become "a way of life – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone."

# District 5390 News

## RYLA Career Fair

One of the aspects of RYLA that makes it so valuable for young people is the Career Fair. On July 14, a wonderful group of professionals gave up a day of work to spend time with the campers during our this year's Career Fair.

We had representatives from the professions of personal trainer, life coach, insurance, CPA, construction, non-profit administration, physical therapy, physician assistant, judge, forensic scientist, education, and entrepreneurship. Three of the 12 professionals who attended were Rotarians, and one is a RYLA alum.



Rotarians, consider volunteering next summer and help our campers learn even more about being a Rotarian.

## RYLA 2017

Here are a few pictures from RYLA this summer. Look for an article in the newsletter next month to hear all about this great program.



# The Rotary Foundation News

## Rotary Club of Great Falls International Project

When Rotary Club of Great Falls learned about the work of local Rotarian Dr. Roberto Amado-Cattaneo in Ethiopia, club members wanted to do everything they could to help.

Because Ethiopians lack access to penicillin, many children there do not receive effective treatment for the relatively minor experience of strep throat, and in time their heart valves become so compromised that they die. For the past few years, Dr. Cattaneo and a small group of colleagues have traveled to Ethiopia periodically to perform the heart surgeries that these young people need.



Latrine with integrated hand washing station in the school located in Altos de Santa Rosa.

The pity, Dr. Cattaneo told the Great Falls club, is two-fold. First, the need for the surgery far exceeds his team's ability to respond. But more distressingly, the surgeries would not be necessary at all if children could be treated at the earliest stages of the infection with penicillin.

After hearing about this need, helping Dr. Cattaneo help Ethiopians became a special project of Rotary Club of Great Falls. They successfully applied for a District 5390 grant, supplemented that with individual donations and a few corporate donations, and recently sent Dr. Cattaneo again to Addis Ababa with new supplies and new equipment to save yet more lives.

Dr. Cattaneo and his team arrived in Ethiopia with \$20,000 worth of supplies for conducting the operations to come. In an intense timeframe, they met with prospective patients, advised them of the risks, and prepared them for the surgeries ahead. Under sub-optimal but medically adequate conditions, they performed 12 surgeries, this time on somewhat older patients (the youngest was 18) because the needs of children are being met better since his work began.

Dr. Cattaneo's passion for this philanthropic work and his connection to the people in Ethiopia, particularly his patients, makes him an especially effective representative of our country and our club. Rotarians should all feel proud that, in addition to preventing the disabilities and deaths brought on by polio worldwide, we here in District 5390 are literally saving lives in Ethiopia, a dozen patients at a time.

## Rotary Club of Bozeman International Project

Thanks in part to a grant from District 5390, Rotary Club of Bozeman has made significant advances in its project to provide safe water, sanitation and hygiene for communities in the Trojes Municipality in Honduras. To date, 385 families have benefited from the installation of Biosand filters in their homes. In addition, 354 latrines have been installed.

Schools have also been served through the grant. Eight Biosand filters, twelve latrines and six handwashing stations have been installed in area schools. PVC piping has also been installed.



Education is an important feature of the project. In collaboration with community agents, home hygiene and environmental hygiene workshops have been conducted, as well as personal hygiene and deworming campaigns.

Although the lion's share of the work has been completed, a few tasks remain. Six Biosand filters and four latrines, along with 6 km of PVC pipe, have yet to be installed in schools, with hygiene workshops and deworming campaigns to follow.

## The Rotaract News

### Montana Rotaractors Appointed to Key Positions

[Nathan Dudden](#) has been appointed Deputy General Secretary for the Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO (Multi-District Informational Organization) during this Rotary year. The Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO consists of 22 Rotary Districts that includes 86 Rotaract Clubs spanning from Montana down to Texas. Rocky Mountain Rotaract is responsible for providing Rotaract-focused training, resources, guidance, and networking opportunities to Rotaractors and Rotarians. Nathan was a Youth Exchange Student, and was instrumental in forming the Missoula Rotaract Club. He is Past President of that club.

District Governor Joe McBride has appointed [Megan Bittenger](#) of the Bozeman Rotaract Club as the District Rotaractor Representative. She will serve as an ambassador for the Rotaract program, a conduit of information between fellow members and Rotarians, and a leader and resource for Rotaract club officers in the district. Megan is immediate Past President of the Bozeman Rotaract Club.

Please feel free to contact Megan or Nathan for information about Rotaract.



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

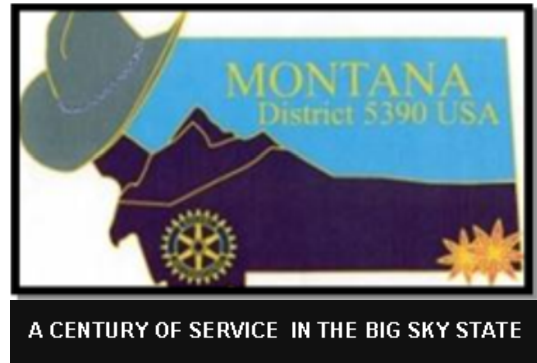
- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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### From the Editors

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of *Big Sky Rotary News*. As editors, we appreciate any suggestions that you may have to help us improve our newsletter. We are in the process of a transition of editors. Rick Moore will be turning over editing of the newsletter to Mary Moe, Rotary Club of Great Falls. To ensure a smooth transition, we will be jointly editing the newsletter over the next several months. Please feel free to contact us with your comments, questions or suggestions.

[Rick Moore](#)

[Mary Moe](#)

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Arlene Weber is the leader of the RYLA camp. She does not act like a drill sergeant. She and her team (which includes "Grandma " Lois Smith-Lehwalder, Nurse-Jean Drescher, Santa-Daryl Hansen, junior and senior counselors including Dirt, Tank, and Jake, among many others) perform their duties impeccably. This is a top-notch team.

What a way to start Montana Rotary's year! What more do we have in store? We are "Making A Difference". Looking forward to the District Assembly on Aug 4 and 5. Thank you for all you do.

Your District Governor,

Joe McBride