

Big Sky Rotary News

Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter

July 2018

A Message from District Governor Rick Moore



The 2018-19 Rotary Year began July 1, and there are new leaders for Clubs, Districts, and Rotary International. Be the Inspiration! is the theme chosen by Rotary International President Barry Rassin because he has seen what truly motivates Rotarians is their service.

The Rotarians who have the biggest impact are those who are inspired! President Barry is asking Rotarians this year to seek inspiration within ourselves and to be an inspiration for our clubs, our communities, and the world.

One of my first visits as District Governor was to this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp. RYLA is an amazing Rotary program that really does change the lives of our youth. RYLA campers come home energized, excited about Rotary, and primed to do service projects in their communities and around the world! Just look at the example of Interactors from Big Sky and Hamilton. Previous RYLA campers from these communities came home inspired, formed an



*Rick Moore
District Governor
2018—2019
Rotary Club of Helena Sunrise*



Pictured from L to R are Chelsea Dittmore (new member), Maryvette Labrie (sponsor), Lisa Cords (new member), Betsy Scanlin (co-sponsor) and Keith Leuvre (not pictured) her co-sponsor.

Interact Club, and charged ahead with ambitious international service projects. As you welcome your RYLA campers home, please encourage them to join an Interact

Club in your community. If your community does not have an Interact Club, this is the time to sponsor one!

Interactors will need an opportunity to continue in the Rotary family after high school.

Rotaract Clubs are the next logical step. President Barry has set a goal to double the number of Rotaract Clubs. He has emphasized the advantage of community-based Rotaract Clubs, since the Rotaractors already are members of the community, and can graduate from Rotaract to Rotary. I encourage Rotary clubs in Montana to sponsor new Rotaract clubs, and I will help clubs make that happen. Tapping into the alumni from our youth programs -RYLA, Interact, and Youth Exchange - is the best way to grow Rotary in the future.

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. I have visited about one fourth of our clubs already. I am encouraged by the gains in membership that we are making. In fact, I have had the pleasure of inducting four new members and have observed two other new members being inducted. At many of the clubs that I have visited, I have met new members who are excited about Rotary and the opportunity for service that we provide. Several clubs welcome new members by providing them with a budget for a new service project of their choosing. As you focus on membership during August, look at tools to help you develop your membership recruitment and retention plan. (<https://www.rotary2127.com/tool-box/>)

It is an honor to serve as your District Governor, and my visits to your clubs energize and encourage me. Thank you for your Rotary commitment! I look forward to seeing you in your communities and at our district meetings.

Rotary Club News

Billings Downtown Club Continues Its Work in Namibia

Dust, daytime heat, night-time cold, sundowners, puff adder tracks in the road ... these were the ingredients of the 17th trip to provide health care in Namibia sponsored by Billings Downtown Rotarians.

"We now only work in Namibia secondary, due to the ease with which I can buy medications and the positive reception we get in the villages and schools," project leader Dave Lundin reported. Concentrating their work within 100 miles of the Omborokko Mountains in North Central Namibia, this year they treated almost 600 children and some 20 adults on five different game ranches and two conservancies.

Thanks to the project's education efforts over the years, the people are healthier, largely being treated this time only for upper respiratory symptoms, elevated temperatures and ear infections. Lundin also credits their emphasis on hygiene with absolutely no eye infections this year.

The Namibians were treated for intestinal parasites with mabendazole (it kills the worms) and provided mosquito nets, which were much appreciated since the rains came late this year and there were plenty of mosquitoes.

"I saw some new children this year," Lundin noted. "You can always tell who is new; they hold back and when they get to the spring scale, they think it's new playground equipment, so they swing on it, making it very difficult to get an accurate weight!"

Lundin was helped this year by Dr. Wil Pino and Paul "Slim" Walker. "Boy, does it go fast when everyone has a station to work!" he said. "Dr. Pino would tell us the weights in kgs, so we could get the meds ready, Slim would read the temperatures, and Aaron would help organize the kids in a queue and get the names for the clinic book. I'd dispense the meds and nets. I've been doing these clinics so long by myself I had forgotten how fast you can move the kids through when you have help!"

Without the support of the Billings Downtown Rotary, this medical mission wouldn't be possible. As Dave Lundin observed, "I'm sure we'll continue until we are unable. After all, we're trying to 'be the change we wish to see.'"

Rotary Club News

Philipsburg Rotarians Amp up for Ninth August Concert

The Philipsburg club has created an event that's becoming a favorite Montana summer tradition: the Philipsburg August Concert. The all-day event takes place at Winninghoff Arena and will be held this year on Saturday, Aug. 18. Gates will open at noon and the main show will run from 2 – 7 p.m.

"There is simply nothing like Pburg in the summer, and this event is the highlight of it all," said 2018 Concert Chair Leeann Tenesch. "We are excited to have both Kelly

Hughes' Band and legendary Blues performer Sammy Eubanks' band this year. Plus we have Spokane's four-time national champion fiddle-player, Justin James! It's

going to be a great day of music, award-winning local brews, a limited list of cool

auction items, food booths and it all goes to charitable causes."



Winninghoff Arena is a terraced, grassy amphitheater constructed by Rotarians above the town's new ice rink. It can seat up to 3,000 concert-goers and is well-known for its outstanding acoustics. Two years ago the club purchased land adjacent to the rink to create a food court area during concerts. The concert site is literally in the heart of the historic mining town. Concert-goers receive wristbands that permit them to leave the arena and walk the half block to the beautifully restored downtown area any time during the event.

But that's not all. This year the club has added a limited number of high-end items to auction off between the bands. Auction items include float trips, lodging, a Napa wine tour package and golf at top courses.

Advance tickets for the all-day concert are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids aged 7 to 12. Children aged 6 and under are free. Families are welcome. There is ample free parking. Tickets can be purchased online at www.philipsburgrotary.com. Remember the date: 8/18/18!

Rotary Club News



The Flathead Valley Rotary Clubs of Kalispell are busy preparing for the 2nd annual Rotary Great Bear Festival on Saturday, August 4, in Depot Park. Local residents and visitors will have the opportunity to taste over 40 local and regional beers, wines, and hard ciders. Local food vendors will also be on hand, offering a variety of culinary delights. Musicians will provide entertainment throughout the event.

If enjoying a beautiful day and evening in downtown Kalispell isn't enough to draw crowds, all proceeds from the Great Bear Festival will go to support local and international organizations. All the Rotary Clubs in the Flathead Valley actively participate in creating better communities, both locally and globally.

Havre Club Goes Fishing

Havre Rotary Club held its annual free Father's Day Fishing Derby at the Rotary Pond in Beaver Creek Park on June 17. This year 72 young people fished, ranging in age from 4 to 16. Each participant received a lanyard with a name badge, and medals were given out to the winners in three different age groups.

Kids and parents were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, water, and chips for a small fee. Twelve local Rotarians helped cook and weigh the fish.

"The weather was great," Havre President Michael Ritz reported. "A great day of fishing was enjoyed by everyone!"

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The Rotary Club of Hamilton is raffling off a kids' playhouse they built using materials donated by Massa Home Center and its suppliers.

"The playhouse is certainly one of a kind," said Jeff Wolfe, a 12-year Rotarian and co-owner of Massa Home Center. "It's made from high-quality materials, many of which were generously donated by our suppliers."

Some of the playhouse features include: Fortress powder-coated railing, Therma-Tru stained fiberglass doors, Kwikset door hardware, AZEK Vintage PVC decking,

Northwest Factory Finishes pre-finished siding, Fortress LED exterior lighting, LJ Smith metal balusters, Alpine Granite Accents counters and post caps, Chester Weeks' hand-scraped walnut floors, and a Velux skylight.



The idea to build the playhouse came during a Rotary board meeting about a year ago. Wolfe led the charge to get the project off the ground. Fellow Rotarian Chris Edwards offered space in his shop to build the playhouse. Alpine Granite Accents'

employee Jesse Evans had the desire to donate his time and skills, but wasn't a Rotarian. Wolfe was happy to have his help, and the two spent many hours designing, building, and perfecting the playhouse.

"It's a work of art," said Edwards. "Any child or adult would be proud to own this masterpiece."

Hamilton President Steve Kice says the playhouse raffle is just one more activity that shows of the "healthy and active" Hamilton club. The playhouse raffle will generate funds to continue the club's good work in funding six RYLA scholarships, its dictionary project, Christmas gift certificates, and the Interact programs at the Corvallis and Darby high schools.

Tickets are \$20 each and the club has limited the number of tickets to be sold to 500. As of press time, over 210 had already been sold. The drawing will occur on Wednesday, August 29, during the Ravalli County Parade.

Jesse Evans, the non-Rotarian who dedicated so much time to making the playhouse dream come true, was awarded an honorary Paul Harris fellowship upon completion of the project.

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Glendive Rotary club sponsors the Miss Montana etiquette dinner for the Miss Montana contestants annually in June. This is held at the Charlie Montana bed and breakfast where they are served a gourmet meal and given etiquette tips with each course as well as introduction advice while appetizers and punch are served.

Miss Montana 2018 Laura Haller, 24, of Helena is available for special events, corporate and community functions, entertainment and as a motivational speaker for a nominal fee. Laura just returned from being a professional dancer on a cruise ship where she had the opportunity to travel and dance in 30 countries. She will represent Montana Sept. 9 on the televised Miss America competition in Atlantic City. For more information on booking Miss Montana contact Executive Director Jan Holen, holdenmissmt@gmail.com or www.missmontana.com



Kootenai Bookcases Ready to Roll



Craig Barringer, Malcolm Edwards and George Gerard from the Rotary Club of Kootenai Valley are completing final assembly of bookcases that will be awarded to Head Start students this fall.

Since its inception in 2012, the project will have awarded over 110 bookcases, each supplied with age-appropriate books. Each parent receiving a bookcase agrees to read to his/her child on a regular basis. A

brass plate with the child's name is affixed to the front to personalize the gift and emphasize the importance of reading.

The children are selected by the Head Start staff based on their perceived need. What a great idea and worthy cause!

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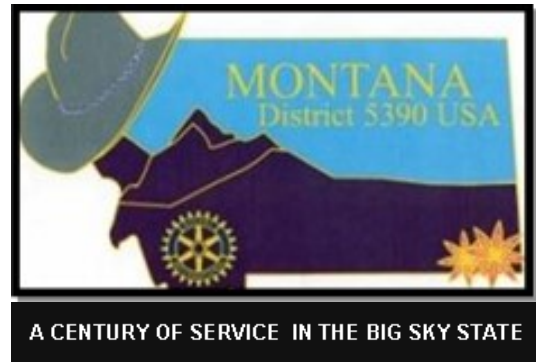
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of the things we think, say, or do:

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

Montana's First E-Club!

Do you know of some people that want to be Rotarians, but their schedule doesn't work with weekly club meetings? Or maybe volunteering is the primary reason they want to be a Rotarian? We are launching Montana's first e-Club called E4!

E4 Club is an e-Club for Rotarians who are advocates of Rotarian youth (RYLA and YE). The Club will operate with a 4x4x4x4 theme, supporting the Four Way Test and embracing Service Above Self. Nationwide members will be drawn from past RYLA attendees, current adult volunteers, former YE participants as well as past Rotarians who are looking for a different style of involvement.

For more information, contact Shawna at district5390secretary@gmail.com.

District Assembly will be on August 10th and 11th in Butte.

There is still time to register at: montanarotary.org

*August is
Membership Month*