

BIG SKY NEWS

Sandy Wong, Governor | District 5390 | Montana, USA



New RI theme and logo ready for implementation

Rotary International President Mark D. Maloney presented his new theme and logo for the Rotary year at PETS conference in Denver last February. As of July 1, the new theme and logo are now the message for the year: Rotary Connects the World.

Check out the Brand Center on MyRotary.org to retrieve the new logo in all its iterations, including a video that demonstrates the creation of the image, reflecting people around the world connecting across the globe.

Be certain your club's website and newsletters or other communications reflect the new theme and logo, a very colorful depiction of Rotary connectedness.

Missoula Rotarians join Humphrey Fellows for BBQ



Rommel Racanco, Honduras, and Julio Pérez, El Salvador

Missoula and Missoula Sunrise Rotary Club members and their guests mingled and chatted with the U.S. State Department's Hubert Humphrey Fellows June 23 at the Lewis &

Clark Village in Missoula. The Fellows arrived in Missoula in April and will depart in August. As part of their yearlong stay in the United States, Fellows who need support with English language learning spend an additional pre-study time period in Missoula, in conjunction with the State Department's contract with the University of Montana educational system. From here, they have each been assigned different universities to pursue their further course of study this fall. Fellows will relocate to a variety of American universities — from Syracuse University in New York, to Nashville, Tennessee, to Michigan State University, to U.C. Davis in California, and many others. Each was enthusiastic about the next leg of their American journey.

The fourteen visiting Fellows represent different countries, according to Otto Koester, director for International Service in

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Rotary members, guests and Humphrey Fellows pose for a group photo at the June 23 barbecue in Missoula.

From page 1 – Humphrey Fellows

the Missoula Rotary and facilitator of the barbecue get together. Each Fellow is an emerging leader in his or her own country and a mid-career professional; Fellows represent myriad professions.

The barbecue kicked off with a lamb that Missoula Rotary Ambassadorial member Frank Sibidi slaughtered, steamed and then cooked over the grill, as is done in his country of Burkina Faso, West Africa. Fellows shared dishes from their home countries, as did Rotary members. The buffet table was lined with tacos from Ecuador, Algerian salad, American potato salad, Chinese salad, and a variety of other tasty dishes.

Sitting at the table with French-speaking Fellows was a thrill. I marveled at their developing friendships. Their various French

accents did not get in the way of their playfulness, jokes, and sharing tales, though they were from countries like Chad, Tunisia, Pakistan, Gabon, Burkina Faso and Haiti. While Frank's guest from Missoula appeared a bit out of the loop when the group spoke rapidly in French, he sat through the entire encounter, listening intently and occasionally picking up on the conversation when the friends drifted into English.

Humphrey Fellows in Missoula include: Imdad Baluch, district nutrition officer in Pakistan; Pierre Dupenor, communications specialist in Haiti; Martin Pio Faki, agriculture extension worker in South Sudan; Hlaing Hlaing Htoon, assistant lecturer in Marine Science in Myanmar; Patricia Idrobo, national director of monetary species in Ecuador; Medan Mapouka, MD, health field officer in Central African Republic; Alain Georges Moukoko, president of Indictment Chamber, Ministry of Justice in Gabon; Zuomei Ning, executive director of the Snow Alliance in China; Julio César Pérez, Programa Romero Coordinator for Universidad Centroamerica UCA in El Salvador; Bunnath Phann, Opération Manager for Kampuchean Action for Primary Education in Cambodia; Rommel Reconco, head of Agribusiness Management Department in Honduras; Mohamed Sankare, head of compliance in Mali; Beyo Mbaidji Yves, architect in Chad; and Nader Zayer, consultant of public services, Presidency of the government in Tunisia.

—Victoria Emmons, PE, Rotary Club of Missoula

From District Governor Sandy Wong

Happy Rotary New Year!



Happy New Year! Rotary New Year, that is.



July 1 marks a new RI President, new theme, new set of goals for a Presidential Citation, a new District Governor, new club presidents, officers and committee chairs. For those of us in District 5390, it is a new beginning in a new paired Zone – now paired with other clubs and districts known as Zones 26 and 27. Our new representative to the RI Board — one of two women on the Board — is Johrita Solari, from the Rotary Club of East Anaheim, CA.

This is the year of ‘Rotary Connects the World.’ As your new District Governor, I have three requests of you for this new year.

First, please log in to Clubrunner and make sure your address, phone and email address are up to date. Just last week, I had someone tell me they had been trying to fax something to me.....an old e-fax number from six years ago was in my profile. It’s difficult to connect to the world or be connected if we can’t be reached. So please, go to our district website at www.montanarotary.org, choose the Member Area at the top, then For Members in the light blue shaded area, then Edit My Profile and update your contact details.

Next, click on Organizational Chart on the Home Page, and check out the District Committees on the Home page. There are openings on every single committee. Which one would you like to serve with? Service Above Self is our Rotary Motto, and we need more Servers. Like you! One of my goals is to have at least one person from each of our 40 clubs on a district committee. Or two. Call or email me with your questions or interests and I will connect you with members who can share what the committee is working on right now and how you can help. Connecting the world starts with connecting in our district and we need YOU.

Finally, please consider making a donation to the RI Foundation. In this season of newness, we must stay focused on Rotary’s vision of Doing Good in the World. Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) means each one of us is encouraged to make a personal gift to the Rotary Annual Fund every year. For \$2 a week, we can meet the EREY goal of each member donating \$100 per year. It’s easy to meet this – you can sign up for a recurring donation of \$8.34/month at www.rotary.org/give, or mail a check monthly for this amount to Rotary District 5390, PO Box 1091, Billings, MT 59103. Monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual donations work well, too. Even if you donate \$10 per year, it makes a difference.

Looking forward to Connecting with You across our district this year!

—Sandy Wong, Governor, District 5390

Hamilton Rotary hosts June 28 Golf Scramble

The Hamilton Golf Course was the scene of a rousing group of Rotary members on June 28 as they gathered for a scramble.



“The weather was wonderful for golf,” said Phyllis Rogers Green. “All the golfers enjoyed a barbecue steak lunch with all the fixin’s.”



The Porch Team took honors as the winner of the tournament, with the Farmer’s Bank foursome in second place, and a tie for third place between the Family Fun Center team and the Closest to the Hole team.

Rob Porch won the 50/50 and Denny Davis was the poker winner. Dimple Drop winners included: Bob Clark, Jay Noffsinger and Gwen Wolfe.

All agreed that Hamilton Golf Course is a fabulous place to hold a tournament.

–Phyllis Rogers Green, Rotary Club of Hamilton





Kalispell wins first Montana Rotary Golf Championship

Clutching their huge, cup-shaped trophy, Rotarian golfers from Kalispell grinned from ear to ear as they posed for a photograph at The Ranch Club. The team of Ken Barkis, Keith Ori, Jarrod Shew



1st place foursome from Rotary Club of Kalispell

and Colton Behr took first place honors at the 1st Annual Montana Rotary Golf Championship held June 10 in Missoula. Rotary members from throughout Montana gathered for the first-time event, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Missoula. The Kalispell team won with a score of 55. Each winning player received a \$100 gift card.

The second- and third-place teams tied with a score of 56. The second-place foursome from the Rotary Club of Missoula included Mike Peissig,

George Stern, Tom Severson and Ryan Jones. The third-place team, also from the Rotary Club of Missoula, included Royce Engstrom, Jack Johnston, Chris Koppang and Brian Schweyen. Second-place players each won a \$75 gift card and third-place players won a \$50 gift card.

Winners of the special holes were: Brian Schweyen and Kathy Schulte for longest putt; Rolo Miller, Bob Pearce and Schulte for closest to the pin. Players received a gift certificate from The Ranch Club.

Twelve foursomes and 49 players competed in the state-wide tournament, the brainchild of Missoula Rotary Past President George Stern. The Rotary Club of Missoula fielded seven foursomes. Two teams were

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Kathy Schulte and Brian Schweyen

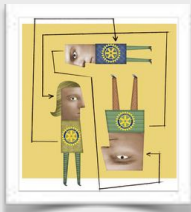
District 5390 Calendar

September 5-8: Rotary Zone
Institute 2019, Denver, CO

June 5-8, 2020: Rotary Intl.
Conference, Honolulu, HI

Special Month

July is
Changeover
Month as
Rotary Clubs
around the
world
transition to
new leadership.



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from the Rotary Club of Missoula Sunrise and one foursome each from the Rotary Clubs of Kalispell, Havre and Butte.

"I wish to thank Dick King for getting the Missoula Sunrise Club teams together, the clubs that traveled to Missoula to participate, and all who in some way helped to make the tournament a success," said Schulte, past president of the Rotary Club of Missoula and chair of the Montana Rotary Golf Championship.

Players purchased tickets for prizes donated by a variety of companies and individuals — everything from a beautiful, original feather art painting by Molly Hullung to a basket of goods from Montana Distillery to a one night's stay at the Comfort Inn, compliments of Dean Fiedler.

In addition to raffle prizes, each player received a great backpack donated by AAA Montana filled with swag donated by several vendors and individuals.

"The effort of everyone involved in this first-year event has built a strong foundation for future tournaments where we as Rotarians and friends can come together for fellowship and fun, while

supporting a worthwhile cause," said Schulte. "This year's proceeds will benefit the Watson's Children Shelter in Missoula and The Missoula Rotary Foundation."

—Victoria
Emmons, PE,
Rotary Club of
Missoula



Chris Helmer and golf pro Chris Nowlen both played on one of the Rotary Club of Missoula teams.



President Carol Holman with her new 'Rotary throw.'

Rotary Club of Hamilton hosts installation dinner to welcome new president and board

The Rotary Club of Hamilton held its annual installation dinner June 24 at BJ's Restaurant in Hamilton.

Assistant District Governor Dick King had the honor of installing Carol Holman in her role as new club president for 2019-2020. New board and committee members were also installed into office.

Carol expressed her appreciation to outgoing President Steve Kice and presented him with a gavel mounted onto a plaque that symbolizes his great year as Rotary president. Carol also presented thank-you plaques to Jean Driescher and Doug McLaren for their work with the Darby and Corvallis Interact Clubs, respectively.

Steve thanked everyone in our club for their support during the past year. He then presented a "Rotary throw" to Carol as she begins her year as Rotary president.

It was a very special and cordial Rotary meal and Installation!

Gordon Read, Rotary Club of Hamilton



Past President Mark Jergens speaks to club members.



Waiting for our food!

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Read all about it!

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