

# The 5390 Roundup

Rotary District 5390 • Montana

*The Rotary motto Service Above Self conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.*



## To the Best District in Rotary:



Wow, this is really my last newsletter article to you all! Let me start with a great big THANK YOU!!

Let's talk district conference . . . what a cool event with excellent speakers, topics, and lots of fun! If you were not there, you missed it. One of the lessons learned was that the club leaders are wanting to know what the clubs and Rotarian of the year did to be the best. I have just asked them to submit an article in this or next month's newsletter to share their stories (thanks Tamara). The district assembly and conferences are great places to show your stuff, and get some good ideas for your club. They provide good learning experiences to know more about the greatest service organization in the world.

If you want to learn more about Rotary, become your club's president. If you want to learn more about Rotary International, be the GD or the assistant GD. Your club and your area needs a few good hands. Step up and do more. There is so much more to Rotary than you think.

It does take a big team to make this kind of an operation happen and I have a big team to thank. To all of the AG's, committee chairs, and Ellen - THANK YOU! To all the members of all the

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**A great big Thank You  
to District Governor  
Mark Finnicum  
for a job well done!!**



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teams, thanks a ton! In my club, we had a great team who put on a good assembly and a great conference. Marianne and team, thank you, thank you, thank you.

We still have unfinished business around here, and still have foundation giving that needs to happen. I know that there is money out there that has been collected but hasn't been turned in yet. Let's finish off this year. We have done very well with the economy in the tank and doom and gloom all around us. I am very proud of you all.

It has been an absolute pleasure for Jacque and I to serve you all as your Governor. I want to thank Jacque for her support these last 2 Rotary years as well as the last 26 years she has put up with me. It has been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. I truly love what Rotary is all about and it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to lead this great district of Montana. Lastly, to all the great Rotarians in Montana, thank you!

Proud to serve you,  
Mark

## Rotary Believes in "Service For Those Serving Us"

"Service Above Self"...The Mission Statement of Rotary. We hear it weekly at our meetings, and as Rotarians we understand, embody and try to demonstrate this mission in all that we do. Another group of individuals who provide "Service above Self" are those who serve in the military, protecting and defending that which we Americans hold dear, our freedom.

Rotary Clubs of District 5390 (Montana) appreciate the personal sacrifice these individuals are making. In an effort to show their appreciation, Rotarians across Montana will be volunteering their time and energy to the children of military families that are stationed overseas. Club members will be sharing time with these children, enjoying activities under our beautiful Montana skies, such as hiking, fishing, camping, baseball games and the many other activities available to us. This project will be starting July 2010. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this project, please contact Daryl Hansen, Chairman of "Service for those Serving Us," at [thegriz1@qwestoffice.net](mailto:thegriz1@qwestoffice.net).



## Reading With Rotary

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Bigfork spent a morning listening to second graders read. After the students finished reading something they had picked out, they were presented with a book of their own. The children were thrilled to have someone listen to them read and also to have a book to take home.

One of the goals of Rotary International is to have projects pertaining to literacy. This was Bigfork's way of fulfilling that goal. It is the second year in a row that Bigfork has taken on this project. In the Fall, we give dictionaries to the third graders and hope to continue the tradition of giving books chosen by the teachers for the second graders. It is also rewarding for the Rotarians to get into the school and see what is going on there.

## CLUB NEWS

## Townsend Community Slice Of Summer & Rotary Fall Fest

Mark your calendar to meet at Heritage Park in Townsend on June 24th, July 8th and August 5th to enjoy "A SLICE OF SUMMER." These fun-filled family gatherings will be held once a month on Thursdays from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. The children's afternoon activities will include art in the park, face painting, bouncy houses, croquet, volleyball, swimming and music. Families are encouraged to attend in the evenings beginning at 5:00 to enjoy the live music, dancing and games. Local entertainer, Judy Williams, is the Master of Ceremonies.

Plan to have dinner at Heritage Park as Townsend Rotary Club, Lions Club and Seventh Generation Club will sell concessions including brats, nachos, hamburgers, pop, lemonade, watermelon, coffee and root beer floats. The Rotary and Lions Club concession proceeds will be used to fund and sustain future SOS activities. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please contact Tonya Wyse at 949-3710 or Ron Salladay at 980-0622. Our thanks goes out to our community sponsors: The Rotary Club, Broadwater Lions Club, Townsend Soroptimists, Chamber of Commerce, State Bank of Townsend, American Federal, Vogl Construction, Bob's Thriftway, & BCDC.

Don't forget that the Townsend Rotary Fall Fest is coming October 2nd and 3rd. Now is the time for vendors to start reserving their spot. Please call Brian or Laura at 980-1648. The Car Show will be on Sunday, October 3rd, featuring cars and motorcycles of all makes and models. Call Jamie at 980-0122 for more information on this. We will plan to see many of you this fall for music, food and fun at our popular Rotary fundraising event.

## Rotary Club of Twin Bridges

A reminder that our end-of-the-year picnic is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 30th, 2010 at the regular spot, 1st camp on Mill Creek, accessible from Sheridan. We'll grill steaks and hotdogs with potluck sides. Drinks are provided. All are welcome, come and join us!



The Rotary Club of Twin Bridges highway cleanup crew on May 19, 2010

## From the Great Falls Club Newsletter:

Presenting at the District Conference was a representative from ShelterBoxes USA. For cash donations of approximately \$1000, ShelterBoxes USA will prepare a tote box containing a tent for 10 people, blankets, cooking utensils, water purification materials and personal hygiene products to be distributed to victims of natural disasters. More than 10,000 of these units are currently being used in Haiti. District 5390 has a demo ShelterBox tent and materials to use for publicity. Brett Doney is the keeper of the schedule and the tent. Contact him at [bdoney@gfdevelopment.org](mailto:bdoney@gfdevelopment.org) to reserve a date to demonstrate the equipment.

## CLUB NEWS

## DAYBREAK ROTARY YOUTH HOME

On April 8, 2010 the Kalispell Daybreak Rotary continued their generous history of support to the work of the Flathead Youth Home and Kids in Crisis through a gift of \$5,000. Since its establishment in 1997, members of the Kalispell Daybreak Rotary have been part of making FYH a strong and growing program caring for area young people in need of a safe place to call home. From its earliest days, Rotary members have offered financial support, participated on the Advisory Board, volunteered at fund-raisers, and assisted with facility construction and repair. The Daybreak Rotary was the first local group to earmark money to be used in the construction of a permanent facility for FYH, establishing the foundation to kick off its capital campaign, 'Building for Belonging'. The support of the Daybreak Rotary to the Flathead Youth Home spanning 13 years, has established a dynamic partnership that has touched the lives of hundreds of children within our community.



## ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND GIVING

By Don Doerfler,  
Annual Giving Program Chair

“Every Rotarian Every Year!” That is the call by Rotary to every Rotarian to contribute at least \$100.00 per year to the Rotary Foundation each Rotary Year to support the humanitarian efforts of the The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The Rotary Year 2009-2010 is rapidly coming to a close and we, as a district, have a long way to go to achieve that goal of \$100.00 per Rotarian in our district. This Rotary Year, we pledged \$129,825.00 from 32 of the 43 clubs in our district. Thus far, we are only at about 69% of that amount sent to TRF. With only a short time remaining to get that money in. I encourage all clubs to accelerate and renew their efforts to get money pledged into TRF prior to June 30, 2010. For clubs whose members did not pledge any funds to TRF, there is still time to revisit this issue with the membership. Remember that in 3 years, we get back half of what we contribute to fund our district projects such as District Simplified Grants, GSE Team, Youth Exchange, and etc. Club presidents and treasurers make this one of your important priorities as this Rotary Year comes to a close. Thanks to all of you for what you do for Rotary in District 5390.

### From the President - Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club

Great news just came in from the Community Services Committee – our grant request from the City of Bozeman was approved so we have \$34,884 for East Gallatin Park Improvements (in addition to providing labor and support) to be done in 2012-2013. This was the largest grant awarded out of \$100,000 made by the Bozeman City Parks Department. As Mike Banville put it in an email to our board: *“just wanted you all to see the confidence Thom White (Parks and Recreation Superintendent) has in our ability to complete our commitments.”*

## CLUB NEWS

### Rotary District 5390

At a recent meeting of Rotary District 5390 (State of Montana) in Great Falls the Rotary Club of Whitefish was the recipient of 3 awards.



The Rotary Club of Whitefish was recognized for “Outstanding Service to Their Community” and awarded the “Presidential Citation” for service and increased membership. Pictured is President Scott Ringer proudly displaying the awarded plaque and certificate.

At that same meeting in Great Falls, Club Secretary, Ben Whitten, was awarded one of five Rotarian of the Year awards granted statewide by Rotary District 5390 for “Outstanding Service to His Club”.

The Rotary Club of Whitefish and the Whitefish Rotary Club Foundation proudly support many projects in the community including The Magic of Christmas, The Spirit of Whitefish Award, Whitefish High School scholarships for graduating seniors, band instruments, choir robes, and other Bulldog projects plus other community projects and events. The Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Pin and Cue.

### The Rotary Club of Bigfork...

Has been busy organizing and running the Fun Run with Swan River School students. It was held on May 14th, with all grades participating. We had around 25 Rotarians participating in all aspects of the run.

The students and volunteers were given a tee shirt and the students were running around getting signatures on their backs. The lower grade students were sent out on an existing path north of the school, while the older students went to the south where there is a partial trail, but where we still need to finish the trail. The students were given about 2 weeks to get donations and pledges for their participation. Prizes of bikes will be given after the proceeds are turned in. The room that donates the most money will be given a pizza party.

The Swan River Bike Path will eventually link Bigfork to Echo Lake. Donations and pledges are being solicited for the remainder of the costs for the bike path. We hope to pay for the rest of the bike path with grant money.



### Hamilton Rotary Club Meetings

**May 3rd:** Our speakers were from the Bitterroot National Forest Service. They were: Dan Ritter, Stevensville District Ranger, and Rick Flock, Fire Manager for the Bitterroot Forest spoke about the history of Fire Management in the national forest, dating back to the huge fire of 1910, and up through current fire fighting policy.



**May 10th:** Our speaker today was Rob Embree, Veteran’s Claim Agent and director of the Valley Veterans Service Center in Hamilton. Embree, a 21 year Air Force Veteran talked about helping the 5,000 - 6,000 vets in Ravalli County receive their authorized Veterans Administration Benefits. He also mentioned the establishment of a Tele-Health Center here in Hamilton, to open in June or July, to better provide medical care for veterans.



**May 17th:** Our speakers today were Ginny Bonnell and Mary Lockwood, who told us about the operation of the Darby (MT) Bread Box, a food pantry in Darby, which opened this past January. The Bread Box serves some 90 families per month and is supported by volunteers, donations and grants. At the end of our meeting, a hat was passed, and \$183.00 was raised and presented to the Bread Box representatives.



## You Don't Want to Miss This!!

**The Miles City Rotary Club Presents The Great Western Trail Drive  
Dedication & Rubber Ducky Round Up • August 6th & 7th  
Honorary Guest: Ray Klingensmith  
Rotary International President 2010-2011**



**President-elect**

**Ray Klingensmith**

**USA**

Ray Klingensmith, an attorney, served as general counsel, professor of business administration, and dean of administration for Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) for more than 20 years. The president of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since its inception in 1982, Ray received the 1988 Parent/Caretaker Award from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities. Ray is an alumnus of The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program, which took him to South Africa in 1961. He has served as RI director, RI Board Executive Committee chair, Foundation trustee and vice chair, Future Vision Committee member, Council on Legislation chair, and 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee chair. A Major Donor, he is a recipient of the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. Ray and his wife, Judie, live in Kirksville.

## The Montana Council Boy Scouts Celebrate 100 years of Scouting

**Banquet to recognize the millions of hours of service to the state of Montana as well as two special citizens who have demonstrated the lifelong values of Scouting.**

Missoula, MT, May 14 —Through the efforts of thousands of dedicated volunteers and the support of community and religious organizations in every neighborhood across the state of Montana, since 1916 the Boy Scouts of America has served over a million young people with its program of citizenship, mental and physical fitness, and character development.

“For 100 years, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America has been to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by teaching the values of the Scout Oath and Law,” said Gordon Rubard, Council Executive. “As the specific needs of MT youth have changed, the BSA has evolved to meet those needs while remaining a positive influence. Today, one of every two American males has had an affiliation with the Scouting program, and their combined contributions continue to significantly benefit our state and nation.”

On June 12, The Montana Council BSA is hosting a Gala Celebration of Scouting’s Past, Present and Future. The event is geared towards re-engaging our local communities with all that Scouting does. One hundred years of service to God, Country and Others is reason to celebrate.

The Gala Celebration includes honoring two local community leaders gentlemen who have exemplified Scouting’s values throughout their lifetime: Mr. Ty Robinson and Dr. Gerald Diettert

Ty is a pillar in Missoula and Rotary Club member. Attorney for the Missoula Mercantile, Ty was a partner at Garlington, Lohn and Robinson Law Firm. His contributions to Missoula and the surrounding area are lasting and significant. Even to this day, he cheers people up and heads turn when he walks into the room. Ty lives the values of Scouting everyday keeping honesty and friendliness at the top.

Dr. Diettert was a Cub Scout in Missoula in 1937. His medical knowledge and ability led to the first heart center at St. Patrick Hospital. His passion for helping others and his ensasiable thirst for knowledge lead him pursue a degree in history after retiring. Jerry always gives more than his fair share to community programs and he is often a teacher in many situations, especially those involving youth.

The Gala will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available by calling Dr. David C. Gray at 406-549-4067 or on the Gala website at [www.mtbsa100.com](http://www.mtbsa100.com). Come help us celebrate on this very special occasion.

Serving over six thousand young people between 7 and 20 years of age throughout the state of Montana, the Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation’s foremost youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training. If you would like more information about the programs available through the BSA, contact the Montana Council at 406-761-6000.



## Nomination for BEST LARGE CLUB: ROTARY CLUB of KALISPELL

By Nancy Manning

**Attendance:** 80% or better average YTD

**Membership growth:** Net increase of 1; current membership is 123 vs. 122 on July 1, 2009.

**Membership retention:** Great programs at the weekly meetings, good food and a comfortable environment for meetings are important qualities. Keeping members involved with “hands-on” projects, adding the “fun” item as #5 to the Four Way Test, and communicating among all members with a great monthly newsletter and Club website ([www.kalispellrotary.org](http://www.kalispellrotary.org)) are all qualities of the RC of Kalispell.

**New member orientation:** A senior (not old in age, a long-time Rotarian) member of the Club spends 45 to 60 minutes with each new member showing the video “This is Rotary”. He then talks about subjects including but not limited to TRF becoming a Sustaining Member, the Peace Park, The Four Way Test, and financial obligations. They are given opportunity to ask questions and given a folder of written information about RI and RC of Kalispell projects and committees. They are asked to choose a committee at time of orientation. As the second part of orientation, new members are given the “Red Badge.” To earn their “Blue Membership Badge” they must attend 8 Club meetings plus 5 other activities such as: sit at the front table with Club President at a Club meeting, attend a Board Meeting, attend another Club meeting, help with a blood drive, and ring the Salvation Army bell at Christmas time.

### **Service Projects:**

**Rotary Basketball:** This is the 32<sup>nd</sup> year RC of Kalispell has sponsored a basketball program for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the Flathead Valley. Girls play in the fall and boys in winter at local gyms. Over 800 kids played this year with about 1/3 of the Club’s members involved patrolling gyms, score-keeping and sponsoring teams. A small fee is charged each child to pay for referees and gym use, but there is a scholarship program for children who cannot afford to pay. Parents and players are given information about “What is Rotary” and kids wear their Rotary T-shirts everywhere! Tournaments are held at the end of the seasons with good publicity in local newspapers.

**Chacala, Mexico Project:** For many years, RC of Kalispell has helped build and fund a library in this tiny town. That program has expanded to providing scholarships to children so they can go to high school and college. This year, the Club members raised over \$2000 by sponsoring an “Instant Library.” Members donated nice, hardcover books; raffle tickets were sold, and winners won books. The whole meeting for drawing the winning tickets had a Mexican theme. With the money raised, and a little more donated from our general fund, we will help pay for a coordinator to head up a leadership mentoring program that is just starting, more scholarships for students, some repairs on the library building, start-up recycling center that will employ locals, and equipment

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and supplies for the start-up of a medical center in the town. A local retired physician from our Club traveled to Chacala in February to help get the medical center started.

Food Bank: The Club donated \$5000 to the local food bank and Veteran’s Pantry just prior to Christmas 2009.

Shelter Boxes to Haiti: Approximately 80 Club members donated \$8000 for 8 Shelter Boxes for Earthquake Relief Project. Each Shelter box houses at least 10 people, so 80 to 100 or more people will be helped.

Video Library for North Valley and Kalispell Regional Medical Center Hospital Libraries: This is a project with RC of Whitefish and partially funded by DSG. The project will include the purchase of two “Signing Times” full libraries. The libraries are a series of DVDs, flash cards, books and CDs that help teach young deaf children and their families how to sign and communicate.

Miscellaneous: Participated in 2 Blood Drives with Red Cross; will be a Host Club for the GSE team from Brazil; acted as host Club for District Foundation Dinner West; at least 70% of members help “ring the bell” for the Salvation Army every Christmas season. A new and well-received project this year was sending a delegation of 10 to 15 Kalispell members to meetings of RC’s of Evergreen and Columbia Falls. About 25 members of RC of Kalispell Daybreak attended a meeting of RC of Kalispell in February when their meeting facility was under renovation. This was a powerful bonding experience for the Clubs.

**Polio Eradication:** RC Kalispell pledged \$24,000 over 3 years. The 2008-09 contribution was \$14,000. Goal for 2009-10 is \$10,000. Anticipate total pledge will be exceeded by about \$10,000 with 2010-11 giving.

**District Goals for RY 2009-10:**

Sustaining Members remained *status quo* with last year at 76%.

RC of Kalispell DID qualify for Presidential Citation.

Annual Fund Contribution: information pending – final contributions will not be sent to TRF until May 14, 2010. Most likely there will not be a 10% increase over last year. Kalispell was an EREY Club last year, and it is anticipated to be again this year.

Participation in Dictionary Project: Kalispell participated with a monetary contribution to the District. Other area service clubs, e.g., Elks, have been involved in distributing for many years and we did not want to duplicate their efforts.

And...the Club motto says it all – **Rotary Rocks!**



**BEST LARGE CLUB AWARD**

Pictured with DG Mark Finnicum are members of the Rotary Club of Kalispell; Nancy Manning, Roy Beekman and JW Thiessen.

## A True Gentleman & Rotarian: In Memory of John Christian Seidensticker III, MD

John Christian Seidensticker III, MD, was a country doctor, staunch community backer, rancher, hunter and fisherman, committed conservationist, chronicler of family and Montana history, world traveler, and committed family man. He died in Missoula on April 30th from complications due to his age. He was 95.

Dr. Seidensticker, Doc or Dr. John to his scores of patients and friends, was the quintessential country doctor. The health and well-being of his patients was his first priority. Coming from a ranching family, he held the residents of the remote ranches he served in high regard. In the early days of his practice, he often drove 50 miles and more, day or night, in tricky weather, to attend to an ailing patient. The hard-line, assertive ranch dogs that guarded those remote ranches recognized he was there for good reason. After a barking and snarling frenzy when he drove up, the dogs greeted him amicably when he got out of the car, and guarded the car while he attended to the patient in the ranch house. By his estimate, he delivered nearly 3,000 babies during 40 years of medical practice.

He played a leading role in establishing quality care for the elderly and disadvantaged in Madison and Beaverhead counties in the years before Medicare and Medicaid. Indeed, he often told his family that a main reason he retired was that the paperwork involved in managing Medicare and Medicaid payments was overwhelming after his lifelong office manager, his wife Gladys, passed away in 1982.

Returning from military service in Europe in 1946 after the close of World War II, Dr. Seidensticker moved his young family from Twin Bridges, where they had waited out the war, to Bozeman, where he established his first medical practice with a second office in nearby Belgrade.

Unhappy in Bozeman, he soon moved his practice 100 miles south to his hometown of Twin Bridges, where he practiced for a decade. In 1957, he moved the 30 miles to Dillon where he practiced until his retirement in 1983. In notes to his family, he wrote that his wife Gladys' roots in Twin Bridges, were "not truly pulled-up" until the family house was also moved to Dillon in 1958, causing much comment at the time. The local wisdom was, "If Dr. Seidensticker was moving his house, he intended to stay in Dillon," and he did, until poor health prompted his move to Missoula in 2008.

Writing in his book, *Good Medicine*, Dr. Seidensticker marveled at the skill of the old country doctors he knew and replaced. With no laboratory backup, even before the advent of penicillin, they tended to the health of rural Montanans.

During his long tenure as a practicing physician, he was appointed twice to the Montana State Board of Medical Examiners, twice serving as president. He made it his mission to encourage doctors to come to Montana, particularly to practice in the vast rural areas of the state. He served as county health officer, at times for both Madison and Beaverhead Counties. He served as physician to the Montana State Orphans Home (renamed Montana Children's Center in 1959, closed in 1979) for more than a decade, beginning in 1947.

He was born on January 25, 1915, on a ranch near Twin Bridges, where his father, John (Jack) C. Seidensticker Jr. was also born. His mother, Agnes Woosley Seidensticker, died during childbirth in 1923. He and his brothers, Sylvester (Siv) and Lowell (Si), were raised on the ranch by their grandmother, Sarah Jane (Maddox) Seidensticker, and stepmother, Veronica (Gorshe) Seidensticker.

Dr. Seidensticker, an outstanding athlete, graduated valedictorian of his high school class in Twin Bridges in 1933. After working for a year on the family ranch to save money, he attended the University of Montana-Missoula (then Montana State University), graduating in 1938 in pre-medical science. He continued to work on the family ranch during summers and graduated in 1942 from Northwestern University Medical School, Evanston, Ill., with a bachelor's in medicine. He received his MD in 1943 after completing a rotating internship at Fresno County Hospital, Calif.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps in 1942, and was called to active duty as a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps in 1943, upon completion of his internship. He was sent to England with the 82nd General Hospital.

In preparations for and during the Normandy Invasion, he served in the near shore evacuation unit. At the end of the war in Europe, he served in the occupying Army and was posted to medical facilities in France, Austria, and Germany. He was discharged with the rank of Major in 1946.

Dr. Seidensticker married Gladys Block Seidensticker, from Whitehall, in 1941 during spring break of his junior year in medical school. During the war, Gladys worked as a secretary at the Orphans' Home in Twin Bridges, and his first son, John C. Seidensticker IV, was born.

In an attempt to get home quickly after the War, he told a newly arrived commanding officer that his little boy, who he had never

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seen, was waiting for him in the Montana Orphans Home, not mentioning that his wife worked there. He was given the next available berth out.

John's birth was followed by the births of five more children, James, Judith, Jeanne, Jerry, and Jeffrey over the next 15 years. "My children," he said "are my greatest pleasure and treasure."

Dr. Seidensticker grew up in a family of hunters and fishermen/women, and maintained the tradition throughout his life. Ranching families in the Depression sold their cows and depended on deer, elk, ducks, and fish for everyday fare. In the 1950s, economic conditions for ranchers in southwestern Montana improved significantly, enabling world travel opportunities not dreamed of in the hardscrabble Depression years.

With his father Jack, and at times with his brother Siv, he took long, big game hunting trips to Alaska, Canada, Africa, and India, and deep-sea fishing trips to the Caribbean, Honduras, and Ecuador. He was proud of his "grand slam" of North American bighorn sheep trophies. He collected nearly all the plains game of East and South Africa, and the big game of India. A sampling of his trophies, and those of his fathers, are on permanent exhibit in the Seidensticker Wildlife Collection at the University of Montana Western.

Dr. Seidensticker relished the unsurpassed beauty and outdoor opportunities of Southwestern Montana. He hunted and fished at every opportunity, usually with the family in tow. He especially enjoyed taking his father Jack, his beloved aunts, Jeannette (Nettie) Seidensticker Campbell and Lucy Seidensticker Ruppel, to fish in the small, clear, willow-clad mountain creeks. He was a lifelong advocate for water rights for fish. His children recall growing up thinking that destinations like the Gravelly Range, Camp Creek, Garden Creek, Hell's Canyon, and Upper Big Hole Basin were their own playgrounds.

When asked why he never wanted to own a mountain cabin, he said he didn't want to be tied down to one place when there was so much in Montana to enjoy. He wrote in *Good Medicine* how the telephone, with a bell attached to the outside of the garage, had its good side and its demanding side. Many a planned picnic and camping trip had to be abandoned just as the family was pulling out of the driveway, because of a telephone call alerting him to attend to a patient in labor, or with an injury.

With sport and subsistence hunting and fishing such an integral part of his life, Dr. Seidensticker, a life member of the National Rifle Association, devoted countless hours to teaching young hunters to hunt and use firearms safely. He organized local and regional shooting matches with both the Twin Bridges and Dillon gun clubs.

He was a collector of firearms ranging from his own well used hunting arms to American Revolution-era muzzle-loading "squirrel rifles," and buffalo guns, to high-tech modern hunting rifles. His collection of fishing rods ranged from the very best available to those he made with his own hands. He tied his own dry and wet flies. To create flies to "match the hatch" on Southwestern Montana's Blue Ribbon trout streams, he devised his own version of a wet fly he called a "girdle bug," which, as the name implies, required rubber threads from abandoned girdles together with deer hair and other essential ingredients.

A life-long diarist and one who always loved and could tell a good story, in retirement Dr. Seidensticker embarked on a second career, a chronicler of family and Montana history. Over a 25-year span, he produced a succession of privately published volumes including *The Ranch, Meanderings, My Life, Good Medicine, Grains of Sand, Stories, Safari, The Great War*, and others, tracing family history with biographies of relatives and interesting characters who were Montana pioneers, but otherwise would have been long-forgotten.

After the death of his wife in 1982, he married Elaine Willey Hjort in 1985. Together, they traveled throughout Montana, the United States and the world until his health prevented him from doing so.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, serving as Worshipful Master of Westgate Lodge No. 27 Twin Bridges, Royal Arch of Virginia City, Knight Templar of Dillon, and Baghdad Shrine of Butte.

He was a member of the Elks' Lodge, American Legion, and a Rotarian since 1947. Through his work with the Rotary, a biking and hiking trail was established around Dillon that he regularly used in his later years. He supported the Shriners Hospital for Children in Spokane, Washington.

Dr. Seidensticker is survived by his wife; sister Jane Ann (Seidensticker) Grant, Butte; five children, John C. Seidensticker IV, Washington D.C.; James A. Seidensticker and Jeanne A (Seidensticker) Pusey, Chelan, Washington; Jerry D. Seidensticker, Missoula; Jeffrey A. Seidensticker, Spokane, Washinton; ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were grandson James Seidensticker, Jr., daughter Judith Ann (Seidensticker) Strong, and brothers Sylvester and Lowell.

Funeral services will be held at the Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon, Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m., with a reception to follow.

Interment will be at 3 p.m. at the Twin Bridges Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Dillon Rotary Club or Shriners.

**A guest book is available on line at [www.brundagefuneralhome.com](http://www.brundagefuneralhome.com).**

## Rotary Clubs Host Annual Peace Park Assembly

On July 4, 1931 one hundred members of the Rotary Clubs in the state of Montana and the province of Alberta furnished the inspiration and commitment for the creation of the first ever International Peace Park. It was decided that a similar annual meeting would be held alternately at Glacier Park, Montana and Waterton Park, Alberta. The proper authorities were petitioned to commence negotiations to establish the two parks indicated as a permanent International Peace Park. Since then, there have been 148 additional International Peace Parks established. September 10-12, the Helena Noon, Sunrise, Townsend and Whitehall Rotary Clubs will host the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly at Many Glacier Hotel in Glacier Park.

Originally, the International Peace Park commemorated the peace and goodwill that existed along the world's longest undefended border (8,892 km/ 5,525 miles). Today, the united parks represent the need for cooperation and stewardship in a world of shared resources. Cooperation within the Peace Park is reflected in wildlife and vegetation management and in search and rescue programs. The parks also share interpretive efforts including joint hikes, programs and exhibits.

The Assembly starts with an opening ceremony with remarks by Superintendents from both national parks, as well as the Mayors from Helena and Cardston, Alberta, Canada. Rotaracts, which are students from all over the world that stay with Rotary families, are also introduced. They are an important and fun element of the weekend. Last year, 25 countries were represented by the students. Following the opening ceremony, a cowboy BBQ is held where Canadians and Americans can share in good food and goodwill. It's a time to rekindle old friendships and establish new ones. There is also entertainment scheduled to help kick off the weekend.

Saturday morning this year, will feature a panel of experts that will discuss the ecological challenges to the Transboundary Ecosystem; the Peace Park in the context of 1930s Bilateral Diplomacy; and Glacier/Waterton as a model for Peace Parks in areas of international conflict. In the past there have been speakers discussing a variety of topics that concern the parks. The afternoon is left for enjoying the beauty of the parks; activities include golf at Cardston, guided hikes, or red jammer tours. The evening will conclude with a celebration of Glacier Park's 100th Anniversary. The highlight of the evening will be a performance by Jack Gladstone, a "PoetSinger" and lecturer from the Blackfeet Indian Nation.

Sunday morning, Penny Legate, one of the most popular television personalities in the Pacific Northwest, will talk about women and world peace. She is taking on a new endeavor that involves Muslim and Christian communities that she will be sharing with everyone. The climax of the entire weekend is the Hands Across the Border Ceremony. This year it will take place at the Chief Mountain Port on the Canadian/American border. The Canadians and Americans stand on their respective side and they shake hands across the border and make the following pledge to each other: *"In the name of God we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom, and demand equal opportunities for all mankind. May the long existing peace between our two nations stimulate other people to follow this example."* It is a very moving ceremony and is one of the key events that bring people back year after year.

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The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly is a celebration of the vision that 100 Rotarians had 79 years ago, to make a commitment to their neighbors and the world to maintain peace. Like other Rotary projects, it started as a vision of a few people that has blossomed to 148 other parks, giving hope to countries across the world. The Rotary clubs of Montana and Canada are committed to celebrate the peace and goodwill that exist between the two countries that has existed since establishing Waterton-Glacier as an International Peace Park.

All Rotarians are invited and encouraged to attend this year's Peace Park Celebration. Itinerary details and registration are available online at [www.mtnreg.com/peacepark](http://www.mtnreg.com/peacepark).

### **2007 Hands Across the Border**



### **View From the Hotel Patio: Hands Across the Border 2009**



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## **WGIPP Assembly – More Than Just a Social Event**

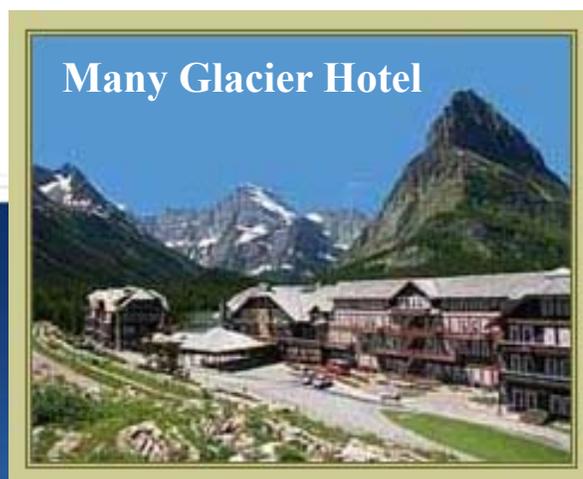
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Glacier National Park was still a young attraction in the early 20th century when Alberta, Canada and Montana Rotarians developed a joint vision of creating an international peace park that would join Glacier and its cousin park to the north, Waterton. Through the efforts and vision of these Rotarians, the first international peace park in the world was created to celebrate the long standing peace between the United States and Canada.

Now, for the 78th year, Rotarians, family members and guests will gather again to celebrate this grand endeavor and recognize the 100th anniversary of Glacier National Park. The Assembly is held in Glacier on even years and in Waterton on odd years. Many Glacier will be the site for this year's celebration and it is hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Helena, Helena Sunrise, Townsend, and Whitehall. A link to the registration web site can be found on the district web site at [www.montanarotary.org](http://www.montanarotary.org) and under the District Events listing for the Peace Park.

Besides the incredible scenery, why should you as a Rotarian drive to Many Glacier for the gathering this September 10-12? In addition to the fun of renewing old acquaintances and making new friends, there will be a very informative panel of speakers which includes Will Hammerquist (National Parks Conservation Association), Cecilia Danysk (Associate Professor of History, Western Washington University), and Bob Adams (Glacier Park Naturalist). Perhaps you will enjoy a round of golf after driving to Cardston, Alberta or taking a hike with a Glacier Park naturalist. There is also the Red Bus tour to Logan Pass. The Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park Association will be holding their annual meeting and Penny Legate (news reporter from the Seattle area) will provide the inspirational address on Sunday morning before we drive to the Chief Mountain Port Border Crossing for the traditional concluding Hands Across the Border Ceremony. Interspersed in the above activities will be a presentation of our national flags by Boy Scouts, a chance to meet Rotary Youth Exchange students from both sides of the border, great food and enjoyable entertainment.

Will you be at the Many Glacier Hotel in just over three months? We hope so. Come join in the celebration of our world's first international peace park and the lasting peace between our nation and our Canadian friends to the north.



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