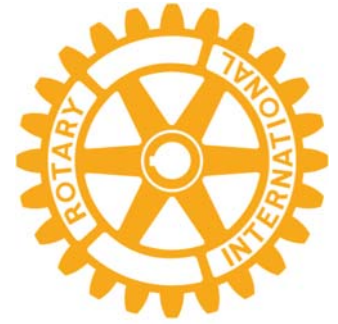


ROTARY DISTRICT 5390

June 2014



2013-14 District Governor
John Stewart and Susan



Rotary

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

G'Day, Montana Rotarians

Believe it or not, this Rotary year is coming to an end. It is hard to grasp the speed at which an entire year has seemed to have disappeared for me. Susan and I enjoyed our travels, the club visits and the many new friends we met whom we never knew were out there in our great state and district.

I hope you have succeeded in accomplishing your annual goals, maintained and increased your membership, maintained your financial stability with a structured foundation, and brought your projects to fruition by developing lasting and high-impact programming that meets your community's most pressing and under-served needs.

I hope too that your members have developed some new skills through your club and district training to become stronger community leaders.

I am honored to have been elected by you to serve this past year. I am proud of the many accomplishments and significant projects that the clubs have undertaken as well.

Thank you for the privilege, and keep up the good work.

I know there are many of you who have truly ***Engaged Rotary and Changed Lives.***

Do not limit yourselves by setting low goals as you go into this new Rotary year.

It is now time to get behind District Governor Roy and Light Up Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

John Stewart

DG 2013-14

REGISTER ON-LINE for THE AUGUST DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

When? August 1 and 2, 2014

Where? La Quinta Inn and Montana Tech in Butte, MT

Who? Club Officers, Committee Chairs, Interested Rotarians

Look under Upcoming Events on the district web.

Special points of interest

- Sydney Convention Highlights
- Club Activities
- Change in RI Billing

For information about key District Events, visit
www.montanarotary.org

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY
Butte, August 1-2

PEACE PARK 82ND ASSEMBLY
Kalispell, September 18-21

LUCCOCK PARK PROJECT HAS CAMP READY FOR RYLA



It all started last summer at RYLA camp. The “hat” was passed on the spur of the moment and the campers came up with \$60 to start a fund for upgrading the kitchen at Luccock Park Camp. From there, thousands of dollars came in from Rotary clubs, Interact members, and individuals to cover the cost of a newer commercial dishwasher and a commercial grade double convection oven. The following is an excerpt from the letter sent by Reverend John Soderberg, chair of the Luccock Park Board on May 27th: *“On behalf of the Luccock Board and all of the campers who will visit Luccock this summer, I want to thank you, Montana Rotarians and members of RYLA, for providing our kitchen with the updated dishwasher and the convection ovens that were so urgently needed. The dishwasher is now up and running. We have already been able to respond to a food request in late June that would have been impossible with our old ovens.”*

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In mid-May, PDG Carl Prinzing from Missoula and Rotarian Mark Browning from Miles City unloaded the equipment and helped remove the old appliances so the plumber and electrician could easily complete the installation. Ω



ROTARY CLUB OF BILLINGS MAKES MAJOR LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

The Rotary Club of Billings (Downtown Club) recently presented a check to the Friendship House of Christian Service for \$217,000. The contribution will cover almost 90% of the cost to remodel their kitchen into a larger area with commercial level appliances. Almost all of the money given was raised in a single night at the club’s Rotary Nite Out fundraiser earlier this year. The club originally planned to donate about \$25,000 to Friendship House; but, decided to raise enough money to completely rebuild the kitchen after members saw the cramped, undersized current facility.

Lee Humphrey, a Club board member, said the goal was to build something that would continue to help years down the road. Lee said, “It’s been an amazing effort. It’s something that’s going to benefit the kids of this community for the next few decades.”

The Boys and Girls Clubs received \$2,500. This will go toward tech support for new computers at its Lockwood clubhouse which serves about 170 kids each day. Rotarian Humphrey said it will help kids look at computers as something beyond just playing games to “a valuable tool” for their futures.

The YWCA also received \$2,500. The money will be used for an awareness-building campaign in an effort to help women who are the victims of violence, stalking, harassment and other similar issues.

The club will decide later this summer which local group or groups to support through next year’s fundraising efforts.



DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY IMPARTS CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

“What do you mean, the rules have changed?! Why didn’t someone tell us!” . . . is often heard when changes take place in Rotary. PETS is where incoming club president’s first hear of many updates. The District Training Assembly may repeat some of this information; but, it is often the first time that other club officers and committee chairs become aware of new guidelines, procedures, etc.

Our next Training Assembly will take place in Butte on August 1 and 2. Friday afternoon and evening activities will be anchored at the La Quinta Inn just off of Harrison Avenue. For Saturday, the Montana Tech campus will provide the venue for training.

Among some of the items to be discussed will be the change from the RI semi-annual report to the semi-annual invoice. Effective in January 2015, the invoice will not be negotiable as the SAR has been. Membership records will need to be accurate before the invoice is created. Additional information will also be reviewed on the district and global grant process and other items that can and will impact your club.

The Training Assembly is open to all club officers, committee chairs and club members. To register, visit the District web site at www.montanarotary.org and click on District Training Assembly 2014 under Upcoming Events. An initial outline of what topics will be covered each day is on the event page and a semi-detailed Agenda for the training will be posted soon. Ω

ROTARY BITS AND PIECES

Whitehall High School Interactors raised enough money to help a young girl in the Philippines finish her last few years of high school. For only \$135.00 per year, they will be doing a simple international project and helping someone their own age attain an education that some may take for granted here in the US. Rio Mae is 15 and wants to be a teacher so she can help others learn to read and write. The Interact students will be able to exchange photos and letters with Rio during the school year.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** held their annual work project at Camp Rotary in late May. Club members Kurt Baltruch, Rick Evans, and Bill Knick were joined by community members to build a new storage shed at the camp. Kurt also served as the club rattlesnake hunter during the highway cleanup.

The **Rotary Club of Missoula** recently received photos from India showing the new school desks a global grant helped provide. The club has also worked for the past sever-

al years to obtain grant money that has helped the Senior Center upgrade their bathrooms to be ADA compliant.

Want to see how **Missoula Rotary clubs** are reaching out to potential members in their area? Visit www.joinmissoularotary.org for information and short videos by Missoula Rotarians.



Rio Labiaga is being sponsored by the Whitehall Interact Club. Their annual donation to the H.E.L.P Foundation will make it possible for her to finish high school.

POLIO END MORE VISIBLE

While Pakistan remains the most difficult place to control polio, significant progress has been made in Afghanistan, Nigeria and areas in Africa where outbreaks have occurred. Only one strain of the polio virus, type 1, appears to be active at this time.

New strategies have been initiated to help immunize children and adults in the most difficult areas. For example, instead of trying to immunize every child in a refugee camp, the focus is placed on immunizing those leaving or entering the area. It has been found that some of the vaccine’s effects will be transmitted by vaccinated children to those who have not yet received a dose.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has once again agreed to support the polio eradication efforts with more matching funds and during the RI convention in Sydney, the Australian government announced it will be contributing \$100 million more to support the final push to conquer the virus. Ω



Hamilton club president Win Smith presents Rotarian Carl Wilson with his 10th Paul Harris Fellow award. Mr. Wilson has 48 years of perfect attendance.

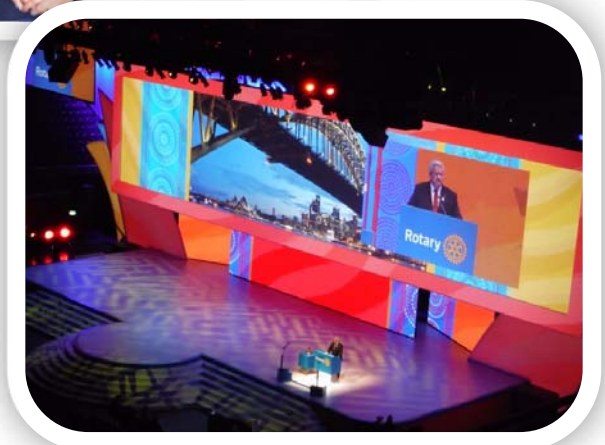
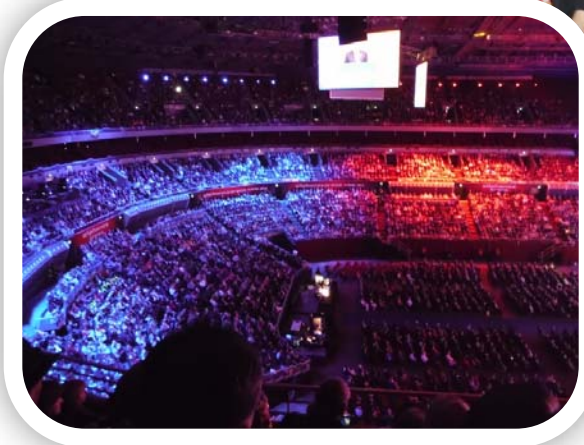
2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Approximately 30,000 Rotarians from all over the globe assembled in Sydney, Australia for the 105th RI Convention. Plenary sessions highlighted various accomplishments of Rotarians, including an encouraging update on Polio Eradication (see page 3). Special fundraisers were held for End Polio Now, including a bridge climb on the iconic Sydney Bridge. PDG Dave Kinsey participated in the journey to the top and became part of the Guinness Book of World Records when over 300 people were on the bridge at the same time. This beats the record set by Oprah Winfrey. The operators of the bridge climb also contributed 1/2 of the fees for the convention week to polio eradication.

More than 85 breakout sessions allowed everyone to enjoy a topic of their choice and also made it hard to choose which ones to attend. There were presentations and/or participatory sessions on peace & conflict resolution, polio eradication, local and international projects, membership, and much more.

Many of those from District 5390 journeyed to downtown Sydney for the traditional convention lunch. Roy greeted everyone at the Royal George Pub.

The All Phones Arena was the setting for all plenary sessions. The photo to the left shows some of the thousands of people who attended one of the plenary gatherings. The opening and closing entertainment featured well known Australian entertainers. Human Nature, who specialize in Mo-Town hits opened with a great musical performance. They have been performing in Las Vegas for several years. The closing show was provided by the Ten Tenors with a variety of music from opera to The Four Seasons.



MAY CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND

FOUNDATION GIVING (from April reports). Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Total to date: \$100,679.62
June/Year-end 2013-14 will be published in the July newsletter)

Club (May —55% reported)	No. Members	% Attendance	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	24	70	\$1200	0
Bigfork	34	65	Not Listed	\$3300
Big Sandy	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$1146
Big Sky	NR	NR	\$4600	\$2300
Billings	193	58	\$20,800	\$8880
Billings West	81	46	Not Listed	\$2317
Bozeman	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$6848
Bozeman Sunrise	101	67	\$11750	\$6271
Butte	30	57	\$775	\$3150
Columbia Falls	17	51	Not Listed	0
Deer Lodge	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$375
Dillon	NR	NR	\$680	0
Evergreen	17	85	\$2000	\$1600
Glendive	NR	NR	\$7600	\$895
Great Falls	114	45	\$4600	\$4950
Hamilton	27	68	\$2700	\$1000
Havre	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Helena	71	47	Not Listed	\$3025
Helena Sunrise	15	75	Not listed	\$100
Kalispell	115	73	\$13500	\$10570
Kalispell Daybreak	NR	NR	\$8800	\$9152
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	38	28	\$6000	\$5225
Laurel	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Lewistown	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Livingston	NR	NR	\$2500	\$1835
Malta	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Manhattan	NR	NR	\$300	\$250
Miles City	38	64	\$1980	\$1250
Missoula	125	35	\$6500	\$7049
Missoula Centennial	7	57	\$2000	\$1835
Missoula Sunrise	42	65	\$4600	\$3000
Philipsburg	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$100
Polson	80	35	Not Listed	\$1600
Red Lodge	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$318
Roundup	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Townsend	54	41	Not Listed	\$1098
Twin Bridges	NR	NR	\$750	0
Whitefish	56	45	\$5000	\$3485
Whitehall	18	63	\$1900	\$755
White Sulphur Springs	NR	NR	Not listed	0

SAO PAULO IN 2015

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say,
or do (everyday):

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL
and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

It is not too early to be thinking about attending the Rotary International Convention for 2015. The Anhembi Convention Center in Sao Paulo, Brazil will be the venue for tens of thousands of Rotarians to assemble for the 106th international gathering.

If you are concerned about traveling to Brazil due to recent news stories, not speaking Portuguese, or perhaps lack of experience in international travel, then join other Rotarians from the Rocky Mountain states on the Gate 1 trip to Brazil being hosted by our district. (Gate 1 handled the convention trips to Bangkok, Thailand and Lisbon, Portugal.) Gate 1 is well established in Brazil and will provide a local English speaking guide. There are two main options—air and land or just the land package for those who want to arrange their own pre or post convention travel.

A welcome and farewell dinner, city tours and accommodations at a 4-star hotel are just a few of the included features. Visit our district web site at www.montanarotary.org and click on 2015 Rotary International Convention Travel Package under Upcoming Events for a detailed itinerary.



"Downtown" Sao Paulo

Learn more about Rotary at www.rotary.org and www.montanarotary.org



HAMILTON'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A JUNE SUCCESS

Honks of approval could be heard from the gallery as golfers took to the course on June 14th in the Bitterroot Valley for the 3rd annual Scramble in the Root. Golfers who wore pink received a free raffle ticket for each pink clothing item. After a tough day of having fun, everyone enjoyed a steak dinner. Proceeds will help the mammography fund which helps Hamilton area women obtain routine breast cancer screening and other associated treatment.

