

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

ROYS ROTARY

JUNE—Changing Seasons

I'm sitting in my room at the Estanzplaza Paulista in Sao Paulo Brazil while attending the Rotary International Convention and realized I needed to compose my last article for District newsletter. I do so with mixed feelings of regrets and thankfulness.

Just as many club presidents are coming to the end of "their year", and have the same feelings. We have regrets of items that we wanted to get accomplished and did not quite get done, regrets that many of the Rotary friends we made and we may never see again, regrets that just when we realized how the position was to be run, the year is over.

I have thankfulness that indeed the year is over and my email account will become more "normal". Thankfulness that I had the opportunity to make so many great Rotary friends and new relationships. Thankfulness that I had the opportunity to visit all the great Rotary Clubs in District 5390. Thankfulness for witnessing the many diverse ways that Rotarians chose to "Light Up Rotary" this past year.

Several clubs in our District grew in membership and I congratulate them for their efforts. Clubs are becoming increasingly more used to the grant application and the whole grant process and are accessing foundation money for wonderful projects. Leadership training is back in the District with RLI and we have hosted two sessions with more in the planning. RYLA continues to be thriving and one of our Districts shining programs. We expanded the Youth Exchange to six students this year and added six new Interact Clubs – these are our future Rotarians – great job District 5390 – I am truly proud of these accomplishments!

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*Roy Beekman
District Governor
2014-15
Rotary Club of Kalispell*

It Happens in JUNE

- 14th—Flag Day
- 18th—International Picnic Day
- 21st—Father's Day & Summer Solstice
- 26th—Forgiveness Day
- 28th—Hug Holiday –Give a hug to someone

Final Edition by
Arlene Weber
New Editor takes
over in July, 2015



A CENTURY OF SERVICE IN THE BIG SKY STATE

CLUB CLIPS

On May 21st, members of the Billings Downtown club helped to finish the painting for the Friendship House project.

By early June, clubs all across the district had sponsored Boys and Girl State students and dozens of Montana High school seniors received Rotary scholarships for attending college and vocational schools.

INTERACT students have been busy. . .

The **Butte** Interact club held a 4-mile Maud S Canyon run on Memorial Day. Connor Ford, club president (and RYLA alum) said the proceeds will go toward a Shelter Box to help earthquake victims in Nepal. The Maud S Canyon trail is a Butte Rotary club project.

The **Park High** School Interact club in Livingston sold t-shirt bags on June 10th at the farmers market to raise money for their international project.

About 12 **Billings Senior High** Interactors placed American flags by the headstones of US veterans for Memorial Day.

FINAL EDITION

After more than a decade, it is time to move on to other endeavors. This edition of The District Roundup will be my last. I hope that many have found the monthly newsletter beneficial and that you support the new editor (and read the newsletter).

I will have plenty to do in the Rotary world without the monthly job of writing and editing. RYLA, High Country PETS, the District web site and the Council on Legislation will keep me out of mischief.

Thank you!

Arlene Weber, PDG

Membership & Networking

The first rule of Rotary is to “have fun!” Successful clubs strive to make all of the meetings and activities very enjoyable. There is also a business side to Rotary—we want to be sure your time is well spent.

While direct advertising and business promotion is minimized at Club meetings, you will find it is easy to create an extensive network of business professionals by your active participation.

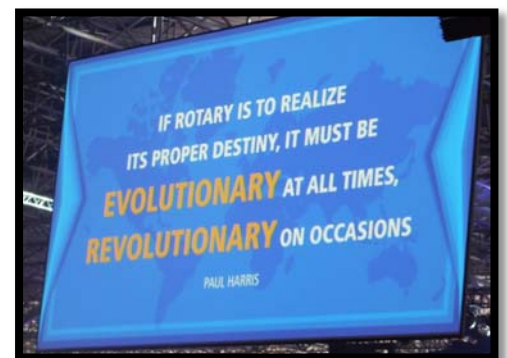
Rotary was actually founded on the idea of doing business with other members, especially because of our beliefs in high ethical standards and our adherence to **The Four-Way Test of the things we Think, Say, and Do: Is It the Truth? Is It Fair to All Concerned? Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?**

Networking and Participation Blend Well

Business networking and professional development is a great reason to join Rotary along with the desire to make a positive difference in your local community and the world. You will find the best results come from being an active participant in the club meetings and activities. Through participation, you will become known as a person who gets things done and one who can be depended upon. Each member’s experience is different; but, who does not like to do business with people they believe are trustworthy, dependable, ethical and friendly?

Living the 4-Way Test is as relevant today as when it came to be in the early 1930s.

Submitted by Dale Palmer, District Membership Chair



The words of Paul Harris—still current.



Rotarians volunteer their time during the convention for Stop Hunger Now. Dozens of boxes of food were packaged for the needy.

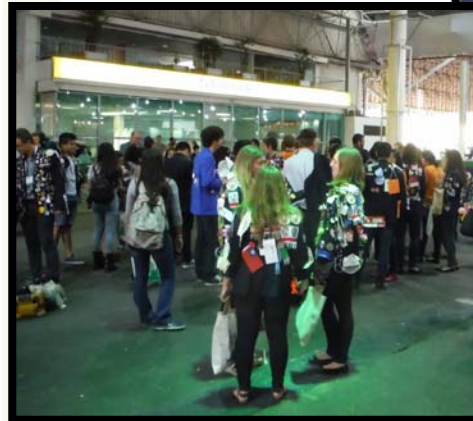
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2015

Nine adventurous Montana Rotarians and family journeyed to the southern hemisphere this month for the 106th Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil. With dire news stories of their severe droughty, a dengue fever epidemic, crime, corrupt government, kidnappings, etc., many said it would not be a very good or smart trip. Well, guess what? Those people missed out on a great trip and the opportunity to meet some very nice people.

While there were issues at the conference (lower attendance, numerous empty booths in the House of Friendship due to high tariff costs, a less than convenient convention bus schedule. . . .) our visit in Sao Paulo was still enjoyable. There were a number of excellent speakers, several of the entertainment features were very good and we all found several good breakout sessions. The new **Rotary Global Rewards** program was officially announced. It will start later this year.



Mary Lou Spath interacts with live street art in Sao Paulo.



The 2015 Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Youth was well represented at the convention. The Interact session was presented by student members from California.



District Training in August

The next opportunity to gather as Rotarians will be the District Training Assembly in Butte on August 7 & 8. On-line registration will open in early July. This is an excellent opportunity for new club officers to learn new things and refresh their memories on what was presented at PETS. Club members who serve on committees or those who want to know more about Rotary also benefit from attending the assembly.

Recertify for District Grant Eligibility

To qualify for District Grants, clubs must recertify each year by sending two club representatives to the Assembly and the Foundation session. Make sure your club is properly represented and you can be ready to submit a properly prepared grant by the stated deadlines.

We will celebrate the 2015-16 Rotary year at the District Conference next spring at Fairmont Hot Springs near Butte, on April 22 & 23, 2016.

RI DUES INVOICE FOR JULY—IS YOUR CLUB READY???

International dues are now done on-line and available for your club in My Rotary by late July.

UPDATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION BY JULY 1ST on the RI web site **AND** on the District web site. District dues are based on your membership information as stated on the district web site for each club.



The Bozeman Rotaract Club received the HRDC's highest honor, the Commitment to Community Award for helping support Bozeman programs like the Community Café, Food Bank, and the warming center.

Bozeman Sunrise Rotarians arranged a showing of Every Last Child at the Emerson Cultural Center. KBZK news anchor, Ted Dawson, told his story of having polio as a child.



Counselors led several sessions during the 2014 RYLA camp. It is a joy for the adult staff to see these future leaders grow and mature each year. They are a key part of our district's successful RYLA program.



RYLA Support is Appreciated

Thank you to those clubs who are not only sending campers to RYLA; but, are also sponsoring one or more of the Junior Counselors. Several offers of financial support have also come in to help make camp improvements, including an upgrade to the hot water system and a handicapped compliant cabin. These projects will help all of the people who use the camp every year. All the contributing clubs will be acknowledged during the July camp.

Roy's Rotary, cont. from page 1

I have had the privilege of attending two RI Conventions back to back, one last year in Sydney, Australia and this year in Sao Paulo, Brazil, making it my second and third total. The RI Conventions are truly events that I would encourage every Rotarian to put on their bucket list. Whether in a foreign country or domestic, experiencing tens of thousands of Rotarians all together is a memory like no other. Hearing your Rotary President's speak; visiting the House of Friendship; seeing fantastic entertainment; and, attending breakout sessions for learning best practices will change a Rotarian forever.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has supported me and my wife, Terry this past year. I know in listing some I will forget many but need to list a few special ones. Immediate Past Governor, John Stewart and Susan for their guidance. Governor-elect Bill Spath and Mary Lou for their friendship. Past District Governors, Arlene Weber for all she does for Rotary, (by the way, we are still looking for her replacement as editor of newsletter). PDG Daryl Hansen and Juanita for their service to our youth, PDG Dave Kinsey for leading the District in TRF and pushing RLI, my own club president Michael Hayes for putting up with me, and Ellen Robison for her years of service as District Executive Assistant. Lastly thanks to all my Assistant Governors and special thanks to all the Club Presidents.

Everywhere Terry and I visited this past year we were made to feel so welcome. We witnessed what clubs had accomplished, what they want to accomplish, and by making so many wonderful new relationships, it was an awesome experience. Being a District Governor is an experience that I would encourage all Rotarians to consider. From the bottom of my heart – Thank all of you! It was a pleasure and I leave knowing that we indeed are in good hands with our next District Governor – Bill Spath and Mary Lou.

Roy Beekman, District Governor 2014-15

FOUNDATION GIVING AND MEMBERSHIP FOR MAY 2015 (\$109,315 total given to APF)

Club (May- 40% of clubs reported 😊)	No. Members	% Attnd	# of Mtng	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	21		4	\$1200	0
Bigfork	34	60	4	\$4500	\$4600
Big Sandy	19			0	\$50
Big Sky	20			\$2000	\$75
Billings	174	29	4	0	\$13,368
Billings West	76			\$9500	\$4350
Bozeman	NR			\$10,475	\$10,241
Bozeman Sunrise	NR			\$10600	\$17519
Butte	30	51	4	\$2200	\$6350
Columbia Falls	16			0	\$134
Deer Lodge	NR			0	\$295
Dillon	16	69	4	\$1700	0
Evergreen	15	75	4	\$1600	\$1509
Glendive	23			0	\$500
Great Falls	101	50	4	\$5300	\$2803
Hamilton	28			\$2800	\$1200
Havre	NR			0	0
Helena	71	45	4	\$4250	\$3075
Helena Sunrise	14			0	\$300
Kalispell	115			\$14000	\$4850
Kalispell Daybreak	75	76	4	0	\$8525
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	35	43	4	\$4250	\$6265
Laurel	26	68	4	0	0
Lewistown	34			0	\$120
Livingston	30			0	\$2150
Malta	NR			0	\$350
Manhattan	23			0	\$100
Miles City	34			\$1900	\$1590
Missoula	112	38	4	0	\$7439
Missoula Centennial	7			\$2000	\$1780
Missoula Sunrise	41	60	4	\$7150	\$200
Philipsburg	NR			0	\$200
Polson	73	29	4	0	\$3500
Red Lodge	44			0	\$1500
Roundup	NR			0	0
Townsend	58			0	\$739
Twin Bridges	17	71	4	\$500	\$1000
Whitefish	56	47	4	\$8200	\$1913
Whitehall	16			\$2125	\$725
White Sulphur Springs	NR			0	0

AFRICA VERY CLOSE TO BEING POLIO FREE

(from the Rotary News on www.rotary.org)

Nigeria and the whole continent of Africa is on the cusp of being polio free, Dr. Hamid Jafari told audience members at the Rotary Convention on 8 June in São Paulo, Brazil. Between 2013 and 2014, the reported cases of polio dropped from 53 to just six in Nigeria. Even more encouraging, said Jafari, is that the last case of polio in Nigeria was reported in July of last year and the last case in all of Africa was reported in Somalia in August.

“With a year of no polio cases in Nigeria tantalizingly close, and no cases in Somalia since August, the tireless work of so many people across the continent is paying off,” said Jafari, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for the World Health Organization. “But it is incredibly important that Nigeria remains vigilant. As long as polio exists anywhere, it will continue to be a threat everywhere.”

Transmission of the wild poliovirus has also never been stopped in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2014, 85 percent of polio cases worldwide were in Pakistan, the country’s highest case count in over a decade. But progress has been made over the last few months to stem the spread of the virus. The focus for the government and all of the polio partners has shifted to missed children. Vaccinators have gained access to areas that have been out of reach for years, said Jafari.

Since January, cases in Pakistan are lower than this time last year thanks to advocacy work from Rotary members, said Jafari. “This is a reminder that we cannot let politics and conflict stand in our way, because at the end of the chain stands a mother or father that just wants to protect their child. But the coming months are the real test. We are entering the high season for polio transmission.”

Jafari encouraged attendees to stay committed. “I need you to continue to advocate and engage with your political leaders with that strong, influential Rotary voice of yours, so that all our stakeholders continue to commit to funding the final stages,” he said. “I need you to keep on educating and engaging your communities and the global community on this great endeavor.”

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From a Rotarian’s Diary

By Arlene Weber,

I volunteer at the Jefferson Valley Museum in Whitehall on Sunday afternoons. It is often a very slow day which affords me the opportunity to look at newly donated items. One was a diary from 1940. After reading a few pages about the war raging in Europe, daily golf and flat tires, I came across a reference to this gentleman’s attendance to Whitehall Rotary club meetings. A coincidence, perhaps, was that he mentioned a visit by the then RI President, who just happened to be from Sao Paulo, Brazil-the site of the 2015 International convention. Here are two excerpts from the diary. Tom Davis from the Butte Rotary Club was RI president in 1941-42.

October 19, 1940: *In the evening we went to the big Rotary meeting in Butte. Armando de Arruda Pereira, International Rotary president was feted. An unusual visit especially coming from Brazil. Spoke good English and we had a good meal.*

December 17, 1940: *Tom Davis, Butte, spoke at Rotary. 12 from Butte, 5 from Boulder, and the captain of the CCC here (Whitehall). Davis’ speech was mostly on capitalism and why it is best.*

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