

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter

June 2017

Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

Events

RYLA Camp 2017

Luccock Park Camp
Jul 11, 2017 1:00 PM –
Jul 15, 2017 12:00 PM

BUTTE ROTARY - RINK TO RIDGE RUN

U. S. High Altitude
Speed Skating Center
Jul 22, 2017
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2017

Montana Tech Campus
Aug 04, 2017 – Aug 05,
2017

Great Bear Festival

Depot Park
Aug 05, 2017
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY 2017

Waterton Park
Sep 21, 2017 – Sep 23,
2017

PETS 2018

Renaissance Stapleton
Hotel
Mar 02, 2018 8:00 AM –
Mar 04, 2018 11:45 PM

My year as District Governor is coming to an end. It's ending with sadness on my part and yet much joy in all our District has accomplished this year.

We've had a lot of energy and enthusiasm within the District this year. Many of your District Leadership have been able to attend Rotary Zone and International events to learn about Rotary on a broader scale and learn to lead the District into the future. Many clubs have made changes in format, membership and events to be able to attract new members and grow into the future. We had 40 Montana Rotarians and spouses at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA in early June which may have set a record!! How exciting!

Our 2016-2017 year closed out with a successful Friendship Exchange with Tasmania. I hosted one couple and attended events with them here in MT. How fun - it just reinforced my love of my "Rotary Family" around the world! I attended the RI Convention breakout session on coordinating such exchanges and hope we're able to put together another Friendship Exchange sometime soon to a new country. Don't hesitate to give me your thoughts on where that should be.

It has truly been a privilege to serve as your District Governor this past year. I may not have accomplished all that I had hoped to, but I will continue to work on a few "pet" projects like updating the District Manual of Procedures and will continue to support our District 5390 in any way I am able to. I accepted the challenge to serve as the Rotary Zone 21b&27 Database and Directory Chairperson for the 2017 Rotary Institute in Houston, TX in September. I also hope to help with the 2018 Rotary Zone Institute which will be held in Boise, ID September 4-10, 2018. That's so physically close to MT that I hope to see many Montana Rotarians there.



Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016–2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen

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Rotary Club News

Rotary Club of Butte Rink to Ridge Run for Rotary

Rotary Club of Butte recently planted eight trees at the parking lot of Maud S Canyon. Mary Lou Spath started it by entering the Northwestern Energy contest to win a Legacy Tree in memory of Keith Johnson. East Ridge Foundation added five more trees to the planting so the one tree did not look so lonely. When Rotarians picked up the six trees at the nursery, two Rotary members donated two aspen trees in memory of Floyd Bossard, who passed away on May 18, 2017 in Butte. He had been a member of the Rotary Club of Butte for 37 years.

*Sign up for the
Rotary Club of
Butte Rink to
Ridge Run at the
[District Website!](#)*

Rotarians from Butte planted the eight trees and installed two benches on May 24 at Maud S Canyon trails. When you get a chance, drive to the parking lot and take a look at the eight trees! It was a full day of planting. Thanks to the volunteers, the results are spectacular. As you drive into the parking area, the Legacy Tree in memory of Keith Johnson is the furthest to the right.

The Rotary Club of Butte will also host the Rink to Ridge Run for Rotary - R2R, in tribute to Floyd Bossard. The one-mile and five-mile walk/run start at the U.S. High Altitude Speed Skating Center to Maud S Canyon on July 22 at 8 a.m. Proceeds support Rotary Community Projects including Montana Tech Scholarships, Maud S Canyon trails, dictionaries for third-graders, support of high school Interact and college Rotaract clubs and Rotary Youth Leadership Award campers. Rotarians are encouraged to join the Rotary Club of Butte for the run on July 22. Registration is available online at www.montanarotary.org or by calling 406-498-4139. Online signup on the District website closes on July 19.



Maud S Legacy Tree in memory of Keith Johnson. From left standing, David Armstrong, Bob Henry, Bob Bentley, Joe McBride, Ed Peretti, Karen Brower and Bob Miller.



From left kneeling, Karen Brower, Bob Henry standing behind the tree, Bob Miller kneeling in front and Ed Peretti standing in front of the bobcat.

Big Sky Rotary Call Box

As a response to frequent accidents and high use along US Highway 191, the Rotary Club of Big Sky is currently installing a new emergency call box at Moose Creek Flat, eight miles north of Highway 64, as a part of a long-term plan to replace three call boxes and install two more at new locations between Bozeman and the northwest region of Yellowstone National Park.

About 10 years ago, members of the Rotary Club installed emergency call boxes alongside the highway at Moose Creek Flat, Karst Stage Loop and Taylor Fork Road. However, advances in technology have made these older boxes obsolete.

The new call boxes will be installed on 10-foot-tall blue posts, will be solar powered and will be serviced by 3 Rivers Communications as a one-touch call box that only makes calls to 911. They will be of value to motorists, recreationists and residents alike.

“Route 191 is a dangerous stretch of road,” Rotarian Lee Griffiths said. “One way to make it safer, for drivers and also for rafters, fisherman and backcountry users, is to provide 911 access in this remote area. This phone means faster access to medical care.



This phone may save someone's life. In the event of a motor vehicle crash, previously you'd have to drive to a house or until you would get cell service. We're trying to improve response time and get folks faster medical care.”

In addition to replacing the three existing emergency call boxes, the Rotary Club has plans to install a call box at the 35 mph bridge near the Lava Lake Trailhead and another near where the highway enters Yellowstone

National Park south of Big Sky.

Rotary Club volunteers will install the solar panels and batteries, as well as program each call box, with equipment and tools donated by Griffith's company, Elevation Landscaping and Design. If completed on schedule, the Moose Creek Flat call box will be fully operational by the end of June, while the remaining installations will depend on permitting review but are expected to occur in 2018.

Rotary Club of Glendive Playhouse

Glendive Rotarians pooled their construction knowledge and repurposed their leftover construction supplies to build this first playhouse. Shown here are Rotarians adding the siding, roof, shingles, fascia board, Dutch doors and electrical wiring. When construction is finished, Rotarians will paint it. This first playhouse will be raffled as a fundraiser to support Rotary Club of Glendive projects and contributions.



District 5390 News



Let's jump into a new Rotary year — the year of “Rotary: Making a Difference” — with updating our Club Leaders' contact information in three important areas:

1. Club Website As potential members or visiting Rotarians are looking online for your club, make it easy for them to find when and where you meet and how to connect with a member of your club by listing a name, phone number or email address on your website. Check out how the [Missoula area Clubs](#) are welcoming folks to find them. This is a particularly powerful method for communities where there are more than one Rotary Club! Visiting this website provides information about three Missoula area Rotary Clubs and the Missoula Rotaract Club!
2. District Website Directory: Club Presidents and Secretaries have access to update Officers and Committee Chairs in Clubrunner via the District Website. *Hint for Club Presidents:* if you list your Membership, Public Image and Foundation Committee Chairs, you will save numerous hours by not needing to forward communications to these Leaders throughout your year — the communication will go directly to those folks instead!
3. Rotary Club Central: Be sure to update your Leaders and Committee Chairs and their contact information, so your club leaders will receive valuable information pertaining to their roles from RI. See 'How To' instructions below.

July 14 is the Target Date for completing all 3! Contact Sandy Wong, District Membership Chair, if you need assistance at (406) 855 4829 or by email: wong10@msn.com

Engage Your New Members with Rotary Resources

Want to give something to new members when they join? The new [Rotary Basics](#) offers an overview of all things Rotary. It includes information for all Rotarians, especially new members who are interested in our history and values, plus a Rotary glossary. If you need ideas for getting new Rotarians involved and giving them a meaningful experience, look to Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation [Guide](#).

Rotary International News

\$1.2 Billion Pledged to End Polio

With polio on the brink of eradication, nations from around the world and key donors pledged more than \$1 billion to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease. Bill Gates, co-chair of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and RI President John Germ shared the recent news about their partnership in the fight to eradicate polio. The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements. "Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Everyday I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled." Rotary International President John F. Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985. "Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd of nearly 24,000 that, starting 1 July, his foundation will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which will add up to \$450 million to the fight. The new funding will go toward polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the vaccination of more than 400 million children annually. See more about the additional pledges at <https://www.rotary.org/en/polio-pledges-2017-convention>.

In a [related story](#), former Center for Disease Control Directors stated that they are optimistic that the complete eradication of polio is close.



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Presidential theme

2017-18: Rotary: Making a Difference



The new Rotary Year brings us a new theme: *Rotary: Making a Difference*. Clubs should update their web pages, Facebook sites, and other public image resources with the new theme and logo. Members can use the theme logo in their emails and correspondence as well. You can download the [theme materials](#) from RI.

You can also download the Presidential Citation brochure through the same link. Clubs are encouraged to achieve the goals listed in the Citation brochure.

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I would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to all Rotarians in our District, especially the District and Club leadership teams, for the support you have given me during this past year. I/We couldn't have been so successful without supporting each other!

There is also sadness at the end of this Rotary year. I won't be out and about as much within our District visiting clubs and their events, which I thoroughly enjoyed. My husband now thinks I need to devote myself to our retirement together for at least a couple years. I am looking forward to that "true" retirement! But what will I do with my time when my duties wane? Gosh I may finally have time to weed my flower garden, go hiking and bicycling, and visit family more frequently!!

May you all look forward to Rotary year 2017-2018 and all that we can accomplish to "Make a Difference" in the world!

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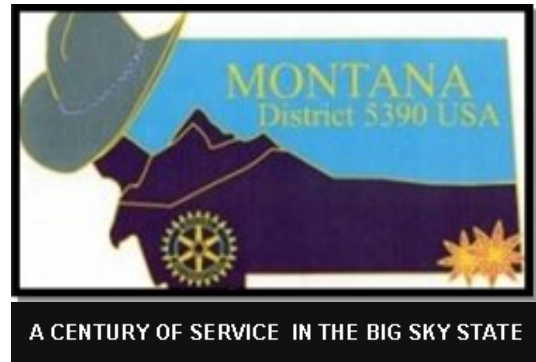
Is it the Truth?
Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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From the Editor

Rick Moore, Editor

It has been my privilege to edit the *Big Sky Rotary News* these past two years. I always enjoy finding out what the great Rotary Clubs in our District have been doing. Having received reports from Clubs around the State, I can say without a doubt that Rotary Clubs in District 5390 are truly "*Making a Difference!*"

With the start of this new Rotary year, I assume the duties and responsibilities of being your District Governor Elect. As demands on my time increase, I will not be able to keep up with the important communication that members deserve from their newsletter. Fortunately, Mary Moe, Rotary Club of Great Falls, graciously has agreed to take over the job of Editor of *Big Sky Rotary News*. Mary and I will be working closely to assure a smooth transition. The contact information for the newsletter editor will remain the same: District5390.Newsletter@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about our District, feel free to contact me at DG5390.2018@gmail.com. I am looking forward to working with all of the Rotarians in Montana in my new role!

*July is the
Start of a new Rotary Year!*