

BIG SKY NEWS

Rick Moore, Governor | District 5390 | Montana, USA

Aloha, Rotarians!

Hawaii beckons for RI Convention 2020

Even as our Rotary colleagues have just mastered “Guten tag” in Hamburg, it’s time to think about warm, tropical breezes and the Hawaiian islands. Think “Aloha”!

The Rotary International Convention in 2020 will be held June 6-10 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, a great place to visit. You won’t want to miss it.

You can register to attend the convention via the My Rotary website. Check the District 5390 website for information on how to register and how to set up your My Rotary.

Waikiki Beach beckons!



Glen Lake Park gets a facelift and a new name

Thanks to Bozeman Rotary Clubs

Nearly 30 years after the Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise adopted Bozeman’s Glen Lake Park as its community service project, the park has been renamed Glen Lake Rotary Park. At a special noon ceremony on May 11, Bozeman City Commissioners Chris Mehl, Terry Cunningham and I-Ho Pomeroy unveiled the park’s new signage.



The addition of Rotary to the park’s name is in recognition of the longtime partnership that the Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise enjoys with the City of Bozeman, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP), and Glen Hash, the original benefactor who

donated and sold at a substantial discount land to the State of Montana for use as a park. The signage unveiling last month coincided with Rotary Clean-Up Day where more than 65 volunteers spent the better part of their Saturday cleaning up



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Bozeman Beach. The volunteers were making improvements as part of the Rotary-led effort. Members of the Rotary Club of Bozeman Noon, Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise, the local high school Interact Club, and Bozeman Rotaract Club joined HRDC, the city volleyball club members, and local citizens who heard about the effort and came out to help.



The joint community project resulted in major improvements to the area. The volunteers added multiple tons of new sand to Bozeman Beach, tore out the lake culvert and built a new footbridge, filled rodent

holes, picked up trash on the four-acre park area, stained picnic shelters, cleaned the park patio, and added two new signs displaying the new park name, Glen Lake Rotary Park.

Later this summer, the Rotary Club of Bozeman Noon — which chartered the Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise in 1992 — will join with the Sunrise Club in a joint venture to break ground on a second pavilion to open in 2020,

commemorating Rotary's 100th year of being in Bozeman. The new pavilion will be roughly twice the size of the current pavilion at the park.

Additional upgrades will include extending the beach to include a toddler's wading area, more playground equipment, seating benches, restoration of riparian stream-flow out of the lake, and grading and paving the entrance road and interior parking lot.

Over the years since the Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise adopted the park, club members have made many improvements, including those to Bozeman Beach. In 2015, a Master Plan was drafted using public surveys, hearings and Bozeman Parks and Recreation staff input. In 2017, the Bozeman City Commission approved that Plan.

The first big change will be this summer with the start of a new divided and double-lane, paved entry road to accommodate the newly-approved BridgerVale townhome development on the north side, and two-and-a-half new park acres donated by developer Andy Ebbighausen on the south side. Over the next year, the Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise will seek grants to improve this added riparian land. The City of Bozeman will finish off the new entry with a permanent Glen Lake Rotary Park sign.

In future years, the Master Plan envisions a second park entrance around the south end of Glen Lake, two new sand volleyball courts, enhanced fishing access to the East Gallatin River, and a natural, interactive playground with nearly twice the beachfront. The playground and beach improvements will be several years in the making.

—Mike Banville, Club PR, Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise

From District Governor Rick Moore



Thankful for Rotary Service

Many of you attended our District Conference in Helena in May. I hope you enjoyed it as much as Sylvia and I did. I want to thank all the Rotarians who pitched in to make the Conference a success. I owe a special thanks to my District Conference Planning Committee – Sydney Rick, Sarah Skofield, Kami Stevenson and Jessie Wiese. They provided the overall direction to us to plan the Conference. Make it fun! Focus on the accomplishments of our Montana Rotary Clubs. Provide opportunities for service. These were our guiding principles. Our “Montana Rotary Showcase” featured projects by Rotary Clubs from Phillipsburg, Great Falls and the Global Coalition. Many other great Rotary Club projects were on display on Friday through the displays presented by the clubs. On Saturday afternoon, Rotarians could select from four different service projects in Helena.

Saturday night, the Grand Street Theatre’s Children’s Theatre provided us entertainment. The 48 Hours to Curtain class presented *Annie Kids*, a musical based upon the popular musical *Annie*.



District Governor Rick Moore places children's books in the newly installed children's book case at Montana City Library. Photo by Dewey Bruce

Two excellent speakers on Friday night and Saturday night brought into focus the importance of one of our Areas of Focus — Peace and Conflict Resolution. Helena Mayor Wilmot Collins described his experience as a refuge from war torn Liberia. UNC/Duke Peace Fellow Natalie Emery told us about her work providing access to quality education and skills development to underprivileged women in Africa.

I want to offer a special thanks to all of the Rotary Clubs that provided items for the silent auction and to all the Rotarians who purchased items. The funds raised will be used to support great Rotary projects! Thank you also to all of the Rotarians from Helena and Townsend who worked hard to make sure that the District Conference was a success. We could not have done it without you! One of the service projects during the Conference was placing labels in children’s books purchased by the Rotary Club of Helena Sunrise for the Montana City Library. On the Saturday following the District Conference, I was one of the Rotarians who finished up this project by assembling and installing bookcases to display these books in the Library. It was quite rewarding for me to see first hand the difference we can make in our communities – providing Basic Education and Literacy for young readers.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Rotarians who worked hard during my year as your District Governor. You really are an Inspiration to all of us. I ask you to remember the Rotary Vision Statement: Together, we see a world where people unite, and take action, to make lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Be the Inspiration! - *DG Rick Moore*



Count 'em: 133 kids and 57 fish

Members of the Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise hosted 133 boys and girls on Saturday, May 18 at the club's 10th Annual Kids Fishing Day held at the newly renamed Glen Lake Rotary Park in Bozeman. Kids had a great time positioning their fishing rods and bait in the lake as they waited for a fish to bite.

And bite they did.

Youngsters Katalina Keith and Berron Rickert tied for first place in the number of fish caught. Each one landed nine fish on their lines. The largest fish caught that day was an 18" sucker fish.

Club members had planned for 500 kids and their parents, along with Rotary members. With fewer in attendance than expected given the drizzly weather that day, leftover food was immediately donated to the Food Bank to help those in need.

—Mike Banville, Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise



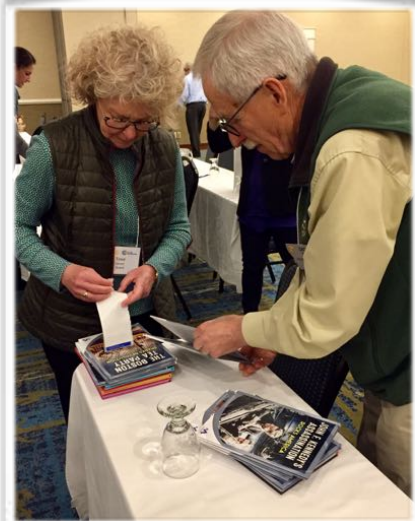


Think Service and Rotary Fellowship

Rotary members who attended the District Conference held in Helena May 3-4 were treated to a very special learning and fellowship time together, as well as a chance to do some community service. The conference offered participants four different service projects from which to choose, entertainment from a local children's troupe, inspiring speakers and even some balloon fun at dinner.

Special thanks to the conference committee members who outdid themselves this year.

DG Rick Moore turned over the DG banner and pin to incoming DG Sandy Wong. Thank you, Rick, for outstanding leadership as DG.



Highlights from District Conference 2019

District 5390 Calendar

June 10: Montana Rotary Golf Championship Tournament, The Ranch Club, Missoula

June 28: Golf Scramble, Rotary Club of Hamilton

June 29: • Annual District Training Assembly, Billings and Butte. • Art on the Fly, FUNraiser, Rotary Club of Livingston

August 17: Philipsburg Concert & Auction

September 5-8: Rotary Zone Institute 2019

Special Month

June is Rotary Fellowships Month. Share Rotary!

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Darby Interact President grateful for scholarship

Hayden Hunter, one of this year's scholarship recipients at the Rotary Club of Hamilton and immediate past president of Darby High School Interact Club visited with Rotary Club members on June 3 to thank the club for her scholarship and to tell members how

much Rotary and Interact have meant to her.

Hayden also mentioned having an interview with Craig and Barbara Barrett, and announced that she is the recipient of a "Horatio Alger" Scholarship.

—Gordon Read, Rotary Club of Hamilton



Talking up Rotary Golf

Seen at Hamilton Farmer's Market this month were Rotarians Ken Riemer and Mark Jergens selling Dimple Drop Tickets for Rotary Club of Hamilton's Golf Scramble June 28.

Photo courtesy of Rotarian, Chris Edwards.

Think Globally

Think globally, act locally. This was a popular saying about thirty years ago and it was used to emphasize the inter-connectedness between the United States and other parts of the world. That connectedness has only increased in the past 30 years.

As Rotarians, we certainly need to have a global awareness; but we have the opportunity to carry it one step further. Think globally, act globally. We do have a global as well as a local mission and nothing demonstrates that better than the Global Polio Initiative. A few Montanans have had the opportunity to participate in polio immunization events, but for most of us we participate through giving – we don't get to see the human element, the babies, who are being saved from this scourge.

Fortunately, there are other ways of acting globally and The Rotary Foundation has prepared a path for us through the Global Grants program. It's not easy. It's not fast. But it is effective and it changes lives.

Is your club too small? Join with other clubs. Don't know how to start? We can help. Best of all, Montanans are doing it. The Bozeman Noon club is wrapping up a project in Honduras and the Kootenai Valley club has successfully completed a project in Guatemala. Currently, ten clubs in the northwest part of the state have collaborated on a deep well project for a community in Guatemala and have had that grant request approved by The Rotary Foundation with construction nearly completed. They are already in the planning stages for a second spring-fed water system in the community of Pasac with grant submission projected for early summer. Another deep well project, for the community of La Vega, with an estimated construction cost of over \$300,000 is

in the planning stage and outreach efforts to other Districts and other clubs is underway.

Read the May 2017 edition of the *Rotarian* magazine to see examples of successful grants. To learn more about collaboration with other clubs, contact Roy Beekman, chair of the Sustainable Global Coalition, at beekmanroy@gmail.com.

— *George Gerard, International Service Chair. For more specifics on the grants process itself, contact Terri Smiley at tallterri09@yahoo.com or George Gerard at geowgerard@frontiernet.net or (406) 293-9213.*

ROTARY CLUB NEWS EDITORS:

The next DEADLINE for stories in BIG SKY NEWS is June 18, 2019, for the July issue. Please send photos in .jpg format and stories in Word or Text to Victoria Emmons, Editor, at district5390.newsletter@gmail.com. Please rename each photo submitted to indicate club name and subject, for example: Ronan Interact or GreatFallsFundraiser. Thank you!

