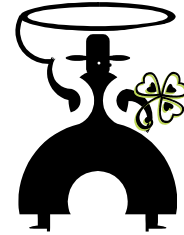


The 5390 Roundup

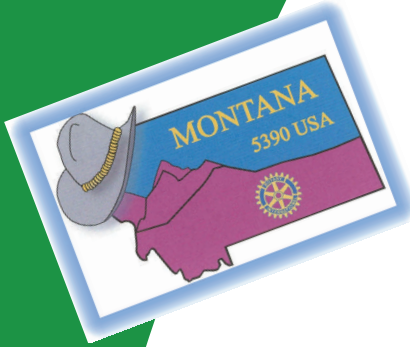


Rotary Year 2009-10

March 2010

Literacy Month

Rotary District 5390, Montana



Special points of interest:

- Foundation Dinners—Registration deadline is April 1st. Mail-in forms are available on the District web site under District Events.
- On-line registration is now open for the May District Conference.
- Foundation donations need to be sent in by the first of June.



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MUSING FROM THE ROTARY TRAIL

Greetings Rotarians,

DG Mark has been away during the first half of March so I am filling in for the monthly newsletter article. As DGN, this will be good practice for my 2011-12 year.



District Governor Mark Finnicum
Rotary Club of Great Falls

We had a great President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Denver over the February 26th weekend. Here are the highlights of information provided to your incoming club presidents:

Club PEs and PENs attended breakout sessions that provided valuable information to help them prepare for their years as president. Some of the topics were Membership, Goal Setting, Public Relations and Fundraising.

Everyone received calendars for the remainder of this Rotary year and all of next year. These are

also posted on the District web site and are an aid to clubs for completing key items on time.

There was at length discussion about RYLA and District finances. The group voted by majority for the RYLA fee to change from a two-tier to a single fee. Yes, this will impact clubs with small budgets; but, it also reflects the actual cost per camper. The new fee is \$250 per camper. The district budget for 2010-11 was explained and approved by the majority. Included in this is a \$2.00 per member dues increase effective this fall. This will help cover the increased expenses for district administration.

The District Conference is coming in May and is a great way to celebrate our Rotary year. The August Assembly in Red Lodge will refresh Rotary knowledge for leaders and members alike. *Arlene*

FOUNDATION DINNERS—CELEBRATING HUMANITY IN MOTION

(Submitted by PDG, Carl Prinzing, with edits)

Last year was riddled with economic havoc yet Rotary membership grew steadily with over 500 new clubs and 3000 plus new members. The Rotary

Foundation also benefited from this growth and Annual Giving and the Polio campaign exceeded donation expectations. The Rotary Foundation gives ordinary people the ability to accomplish

extraordinary humanitarian feats instead of simply saying there is nothing we can do. It is in this mindset that I invite all 43 clubs and the thousands of Rotarians throughout this great (cont. p 4)



Rotarians Jim McIsaac and Dan Pence retrieve the ice melt clock from the middle of Logan's Lake after the 5th Annual Ice Melt Contest ended on March 8th.

HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

The **Rotary Club of Philipsburg** is planning a special celebration on August 22nd to inaugurate their new, surrounded by historic downtown, outdoor concert venue at the Winninghoff Park Arena. The amphitheater has seating for over 2000 people and the complex it overlooks was started seven years ago with donated funds and labor. It is hoped enough will be raised from the concert to pay off the remaining loan on the project.

The Mission Mountain Wood Band, known in Montana and across the country for more than 40 years

will be performing their mix of rock, blues, bluegrass, and more. Tickets go on sale this spring for \$25 and will be \$30 at the gate. For more information, contact Signe Johnson at 406-859-5959, Jim Jenner at 406-859-8001 or visit www.philipsburgrotary.org.

The **Rotary Club of Dillon** has a winner! Their annual Ice-Melt Contest is Thomas Pence of Victor, Idaho. He guessed the ice would melt on Logan's Lake on March 7th at 1:14:15. The actual time was 12:58:17. He wins \$500. The second and third place (*cont. P. 4*)

ROTARY TRIVIA

In 1998, what was given to children along with their polio vaccine during National Immunization Days? It has prevented an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths.

DISTRICT COOKBOOK AVAILABLE

The first cookbook for District 5390 is now available. The suggested selling price is \$10; however, clubs selling the book are free to set their own price. If your club did not choose to participate; but, you would like to purchase a cookbook, they are available from the following:

District 5390 (contact Arlene Weber), Missoula Noon, Billings Noon, Anaconda, Glendive, Whitehall, Helena Sunrise, Big Fork, Townsend, Helena, Dillon, Bozeman Sunrise, Big Sky, and the Whitehall Interact Club.

The profits from books sold by the District will go to Polio

Plus. Clubs are encouraged to support the polio campaign; but, they are free to choose where their profits are used. Cookbooks will be on sale at the East side Rotary Foundation Dinner at Chico Hot Springs, April 9th. Contact Arlene Weber if you have questions about buying a cookbook.

5390 Young'ns—Youth Exchange Report From Spain



Looking very continental, Youth Exchange Student Nolan Schmidt (Bozeman) strikes a pose at the Coliseum during his school's History/Geography lesson trip to Rome. This type of trip is very common in European schools.

(Cody Combs is sponsored by the Bozeman Sunrise club. He graduated in May 2009 and is using this year abroad to improve his Spanish. He is our first exchange student to Spain and the first to attend the high school in Palencia)

"I did two different presentations this month (February) with one being for my host sister's class and the other for my host Ro-

tary Club. In both I spoke about myself, life in Montana and the differences between both countries.

One fun little thing I found out this month is that no one really eats peanut butter in Spain and my host family had never even tried it before. I tried my best to explain the theory of

peanut butter and the glory of the PB&J. We had a grand time with my host family's first peanut butter tasting and the results were rather positive.

Q-Tips do not exist in Spain. No where. Don't ask me what they use instead. Helpful hint: Bring your own Q-Tips."

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY—NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER

You might be thinking, the Assembly is way out in August. Why would I want to sign up now? Well, because it is in Red Lodge in August, one of the gateways to Yellowstone Park. While the Assembly sessions will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, August 6th, there is a dinner and the famous Pig Races on Thursday evening. The dinner has limited seating and will cost \$20.40 with tax and tip. The pig races (kind of like the running of bulls in Spain but without the danger) work this way: You buy a square on a 5 x 5 grid for \$5.00 each. Numbers are drawn to see which

pigs are in the race. If you are lucky enough to have a matching number and your pig wins, you receive half of the pot.

During the Assembly, there are planned breakout sessions for club officers and plenty of information for other club members as well. We may even have a short visit by 2010-11 RI President Ray Klinginsmith. This is an extremely rare opportunity to meet an RI president in such a small venue.

Since Red Lodge is a resort/tourist town, room rates vary considerably: The Yodeler Motel has rates starting at \$89.00 and they go up to \$200/night at the

historic Pollard. If you would rather stay with a Red Lodge Rotarian, please contact Sandy Conlee right away to request one of the limited home stays. If you want to attend the Thursday evening activities, again, contact Sandy very soon to reserve a spot.

Registration for the Friday Assembly sessions will be open in the near future. It is hoped that many attending the Assembly will continue on to Miles City for the Great Western Trail Marker dedication scheduled for August 7th. RI President Klinginsmith and other Rotary officials will be present for this ceremony.



More than 10,000 Shelter Boxes have been distributed to those left homeless after the Haiti earthquake. Kalispell Rotarians are helping to provide more. The Noon club raised money for 8 and the Daybreak club will help with 3.

DID YOU KNOW ??

Rotary International maintains an official group on LinkedIn? You can register with the networking site and get connected with thousands of Rotarian professionals.

ANNUAL GIVING—LESS NOW MEANS LESS IN THE FUTURE

The numbers for the District Annual Giving do not look good!! Through February 2010 there are still 11 clubs in the District that have not pledged any money to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Giving Programs. Of the 32 clubs that have made a commitment 16 have yet to send any money to Rotary International (RI). There are only 4 months remaining in this Rotary Year, which means we have only 4 months to get the \$129,825 pledged in to RI. Through February we have sent in \$63,530. We are woefully behind last year, which means that in 3 years we will have a lot less money to support District

projects. At the very least, we need to get the pledged amount sent to TRF prior to June 30, the end of the 2009-10 Rotary Year. If the total is sent in, we will get back just over \$64,900 for the 2012-13 Rotary Year. In all of the preceding years we have significantly exceeded the pledged amount! I know it seems that everyone has their hand out and there is only so much money to go around; but, as Rotarians we know that all the money we contribute is well spent around the world and in our District. Ours is not the only District behind in annual giving- it is true in many worldwide. For the 7 months ending in January (*cont. p. 4*)



District 5390 members attending PETS in Denver had a special treat when music students from CSU gave a private concert in the District suite (one *not shown*) was Julie Schmidt's daughter .

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

There are thousands of children in Montana whose parents serve in the military. Over 500 have a parent deployed to a location outside of our country. Are you and your fellow Rotarians willing to give these kids a special gift of your time? During the last week of July, 2010, invite some of these children to spend a day, or two, or three in your area. Take them hiking, fishing, golfing, horseback riding, etc. If you have not yet had that Rotary moment that turns you into a true Rotarian, this just may be your opportunity.

“Are we working for other humans, or are we just working for the name of an organization?”

**Thich Nhat Hanh
Vietnamese Zen
Buddhist monk**



The California Street Footbridge in Missoula has become an improvement for kids from the Shirley Miller Attention Home thanks to an investment by Rotarians of the Missoula Noon Club.

Foundation Dinners, Continued from page 1

State to join the District 5390 leadership at the annual Foundation dinners. The Friday, April 9th, dinner will be at Chico Hot Springs Resort in Pray, just a short drive up the Paradise Valley from Livingston. On April 10th, we will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell. Both events feature incoming Zone Director Noel Bajat who is an inspiring and informative speaker. No host so-

cial starts at 6 PM followed by dinner at 7 PM. Both will also have a great selection of silent auction items and special Rotary Foundation awards.

If your club would like to have awards presented at the dinner, the club Foundation chair needs to contact Mark Frisby, District Foundation Chair, prior to the dinner. When Rotarians achieve their Paul Harris, become a

Benefactor or Bequest Society member or just donate to the Foundation, we pool our resources to meet humanitarian needs around the world.

Remember, “Humanity in Motion” can only continue if YOU are the catalyst so send in your reservation for either dinner by April 1st and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and great food. *(Forms are available on our website)*

Annual Giving, Continued from page 3

giving to the Annual Programs Fund in just the USA and Canada is down almost 1% over the same time period last Rotary Year and giving to Polio Plus is up 28%. Worldwide giving to the Annual Programs Funds is down over 5% and Polio Plus is up 41%. We must not lose sight of the Annual Programs Fund giving.....it gives our District funds to support District programs and goals each year.

Please make a concerted effort to attain or hopefully exceed the \$129,825 that we committed to contribute. Thanks for all you are doing for Rotary in the state of Montana. Do not forget to attend a Foundation Dinner near you in April.

Don Doerfler
RC Hamilton
District Annual Giving Chair

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winners also received a cash prize. Proceeds from the contest benefit the club’s local scholarships and other community projects. The Ice-Melt clock was placed on Logan’s Lake west of Dillon on January 22, 2010.

Just a reminder—the **Rotary Club of Twin Bridges** has their annual Casino Night fund-

raiser on March 27th. Everyone is invited for a fun evening of poker. The real money entry fee gives you plenty of play money to gamble with.

The **Rotary Club of Big Sky’s** BINGO event held Wednesday, February 17th at Buck’s T4 Lodge was a great success. Proceeds from the evening will go to

Haiti earthquake relief. Jacquie Rager, a Big Sky resident whose father is a Rotarian, organized a raffle to benefit Haiti. The Big Sky club will be hosting two more BINGO evenings on Wednesday, March 17th and Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00 PM.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** is holding a

Club Membership and Foundation Giving



FEBRUARY 2010

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 1 Nancy Manning						
Kalispell Daybreak	72.0	0.0	1.0	71.0	3.0	83.0
Kalispell	122.0	1.0	0.0	123.0	4.0	82.0
Libby	45.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	4.0	54.0
Whitefish	63.0	2.0	0.0	65.0	4.0	56.0

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 2 Joanne Knutson						
Bigfork	43.0	0.0	1.0	42.0	4.0	59.5
Columbia Falls	15.0	1.0	0.0	16.0	4.0	79.0
Evergreen	17.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	4.0	66.0
Polson	80.0			80.0	NR	NR

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 3 - Marilyn Morris						
Hamilton	39.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	4.0	60.0
Missoula	175.0			175.0	NR	NR
Missoula Centennial	10.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	3.0	87.0
Missoula Sunrise	67.0	0.0	2.0	65.0	4.0	70.5
Philipsburg	38.0			38.0	NR	NR

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 4 -TBA						
Anaconda	21.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	4.0	80.0
Butte	39.0			38.0	NR	NR
Dillon	25.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	2.0	58.0
Twin Bridges	18.0	0.0	0.0	18.0	4.0	84.0
Whitehall	23.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	3.0	81.0

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns						
Deer Lodge	36.0	1.0	4.0	33.0	4.0	50.0
Helena	80.0	0.0	0.0	80.0	4.0	49.0
Helena Sunrise	21.0			21.0	NR	NR
Townsend	38.0			38.0	NR	NR
White Sulphur Springs	18.0			18.0	NR	NR
	1033.0	5.0	8.0	1030.0		

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen						
Big Sky	20.0	1.0	0.0	21.0	4.0	80.0
Bozeman	116.0			116.0	NR	NR
Bozeman Sunrise	88.0	0.0	0.0	88.0	4.0	76.0
Livingston	53.0			53.0	NR	NR
Manhattan	24.0			24.0	NR	NR

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 7 - John Stewart						
Laurel	23.0	2.0	0.0	25.0	4.0	72.0
Red Lodge	45.0			45.0	NR	NR
Billings	236.0	4.0	0.0	240.0	4.0	52.0
Billings Sunrise	5.0			5.0	NR	NR
Billings West	78.0			78.0	NR	NR

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 8 - Rick Evans						
Big Sandy	19.0	1.0	0.0	20.0	4.0	43.0
Chester	5.0			5.0	NR	NR
Great Falls	84.0	4.0	2.0	86.0	4.0	62.0
Great Falls Morning	10.0			10.0	NR	NR
Havre	31.0			31.0	NR	NR

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 9 - TBA						
LeWistown	52.0	0.0	4.0	48.0	4.0	49.0
Malta	11.0			11.0	NR	NR
Roundup	10.0			10.0	NR	NR

	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 10-Carl Ernst						
Miles City	25.0			25.0	NR	NR
Glendive	19.0			19.0	NR	NR

TOTALS	954.0	12.0	6.0	960.0		
	1987.0	17.0	14.0	1990.0		

53% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR FEBRUARY, UP FROM 51% IN JANUARY

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-10, as of February 28, 2010

AG Goal \$129,825 Received-Annual Giving \$62,295.67 % of Goal Achieved 48

Clubs Pledged 32 2009-10 Restricted Giving \$80,948.90

Total District Contributions 2009-10: \$143,919.57

Goal 2008-09 \$144,735 with 39 clubs pledging

Clubs Below Goal 24

Clubs at or Exceeding Goal 8

(cont. from page 4)

Casino night for Polio Plus on April 17th from 6 to 10 PM at the Meadow Lark Country Club. This will replace the raffle from their annual Harvest Howl.



For those clubs participating in the District-wide Service project to spend time with the children of deployed Montana soldiers, remember that a current background check on each person (Rotarian or other volunteers) who will or may be alone with the children will be needed. Background checks are good for three years. The service we use does a National search. The \$10 per check is an inexpensive way to assure we have the correct people volunteering their time with kids. The background check request form is available on the District web site, after logging in, on the Administration page.



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, do,
or say:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Will it Build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to All
Concerned?

District Officers, 2009-10

District Governor: Mark Finnicum, Great Falls
District Governor Elect: Dave Kinsey, Missoula
District Governor Nominee: Arlene Weber, Whitehall
District Governor Nominee Designee: Daryl Hansen, Livingston
District Foundation Chair: Mark Frisby, IPDG, Bozeman
District Secretary/Treasurer: Ellen Robison, Billings
Web, Newsletter (through March): Arlene Weber

**Remember to submit items
for the District Newsletter
to the Editor by the 10th of
each month.**

More information is available
at montanarotary.org or at
rotary.org.

District/Club Event Corral



MARCH

27 **Twin Bridges Casino Night**

APRIL

9 **Foundation Dinner**, East
Chico Hot Springs

10 **Foundation Dinner**, West
Kalispell Hilton

10 **Butte Spring Thaw Casino**
Night fundraiser

13 **GSE Team from Brazil** arrives

17 **Great Falls Casino Night** for
Polio Plus

MAY

7-8 **District Conference**,
Great Falls

13 **Our GSE Team** departs for
Brazil

JULY

6-10 **Camp RYLA** at Camp Child

AUGUST

5-6 **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**, Red
Lodge

7 **Miles City**—Great Western Trail
Marker dedication

14 **Bozeman Sunrise**—Golf in the
Dark fundraiser

22 **Philipsburg** Inaugural Concert
at Winninghoff Park

SEPTEMBER

10-12 **Peace Park Assembly**,
Many Glacier

Have you seen the
new registration link
for the District Con-
ference on the Dis-
trict Web site? It
cool. Use your web
site login and it fills
in your key informa-
tion. And, you can
pay by check or
credit card!!

Rotary Trivia Answer:

Giving Vitamin A along with polio im-
munizations has helped reduced the risk
of dying from childhood diseases like
measles and diarrhea by 25% and reduced
cases of blindness and lowered the risk
of infections.