

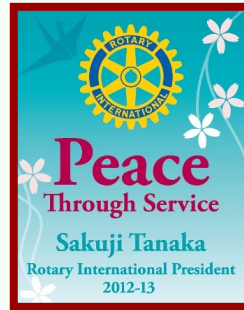
# District Focus

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2013 REGISTER NOW

There is still time to register for the May District Conference in Livingston. A great program has been developed and will include a presentation by our GSE team that visited Tasmania, Australia last year in May.

On-line registration is available at [www.montanarotary.org](http://www.montanarotary.org) under District Events. First year Rotarians can register for a slightly lower fee—great way to meet your new Rotary family. Registration fees for the district conference increased slightly on March 15th and fees are still low for those who register between now and the end of April.

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## MARCHING FORWARD

Where has time gone? Another month has passed by and here we are looking at the last couple of months of the 2012-13 Rotary year. I was able to meet the President Elects at PETS in Denver and can say I know next year we will be in good shape for club leadership. With John Stewart as District Governor, the District we be in great hands.

Have you signed up for the District Conference yet? It is simple to do, just go to [www.montanarotary.org](http://www.montanarotary.org) and look for the link under District Events. Fill out a few simple questions and you will be all set. I am hoping for a good crowd and a fun filled weekend. The program will allow time to brag about your club's projects and programs for the past year. Please bring photos and set up displays. Also remember to bring Silent Auction items to help raise funds for our foundation. If you have not done so, I need club Presidential Citation and Governors Citations applications sent to me before the end of March.

The Big Sky Rotary Club is hosting a Peace Forum on April 1 at 7 PM in the Big Sky Chapel. It looks to be very well put together; and, if you can, it would be worth you time to attend.

I hope to be able to make return visits to several clubs over the next month or two. If you have any special events coming up please let me know and I will try to attend.

Be watching for the details of the dedication of the new main lodge at Camp Rotary. Great Falls has worked with a donor to build a beautiful new lodge and this comes only a couple of years after a major upgrade to the bathroom facilities. Way to go Great Falls Rotary.

RYLA registration dead line is fast approaching and we need to get the numbers in place to properly plan our camp for 2013. Have you started selecting your students yet? This is a great way to involve newer members so be sure to ask them to (*continued, pg. 3*)

# Helping Bring People to Town

## Philipsburg Rotarians Doing Unique Community Service

Rotary clubs have been helping their local communities for nearly a century here in Montana. Building houses, feeding the hungry, cleaning highways, building walk-



ing paths, installing swimming pools and parks. The list would fill this entire newsletter. But, increasing the population of the community by attracting new residents is not on the list of common projects.

Rotarians in Philipsburg made the news on TV and in several major state newspapers recently with their project to bring new residents to town. They have started a year-long campaign aimed at attracting young families who would like to move to their small town, friendly environment.

Jim Jenner, past president and Philipsburg business owner, told the Montana Standard, "This is not about tourism. This is about young families that could be con-

vinced this is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family."

Before starting the campaign, the club conducted a community inventory and looked at areas that need improvement. Members spoke with the town council, Granite County Medical Center, and the Philipsburg Public Schools for input.

While school enrollment has been declining it also presents the advantage of a 9-1 student-to-teacher ratio not found in many schools. The local hospital provides immediate life-saving services and there is easy access to St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

So, what employment would bring young people to Philipsburg? Teleworkers are becoming more common and living close to a company office is not an issue. This type of professional, who values the culture found in small town Montana along with easy access to our great outdoors, may find Philipsburg an ideal place to settle down.

As part of the campaign, Rotary members will assemble a group of P-burg ambassadors to welcome families interested in learning more about the town and to provide a tour of the area.



## KENYA: ONE CONTAINER ON ITS WAY

What started in the fall of 2011 as a project to ship a 20-foot container of blankets, clothing, and a few basic medical supplies to a small village in Kenya will be coming to completion this month with the shipment of a 40-foot container of mostly donated medical equipment and supplies. An anonymous donor contributed enough money to cover the cost of buying the container and numerous contributions by clubs and individuals in Montana and elsewhere have made it possible to cover the shipping cost of over \$8000. The container will, with a lot of luck crossing 500 miles of Kenyan roads, become part of the small clinic in Kilgoris as a new building. If the container makes it on-board the ship by March 27th, it will arrive in Mombasa, Kenya in mid-May. It is hoped this will be in time to miss the start of the monsoon season which makes many roads impassible for even light vehicles, let alone a truck transporting a fully loaded container.

The container will be loaded in Missoula on Wednesday, March 20th between 8:00 and 9:00 AM before it is taken to Spokane for final loading. From there, it will be trucked to port on the west coast for its journey to the other side of the world. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who have helped with transporting, storing, inventory, and loading of these much needed supplies.

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## Free Training Modules Available in Member Access at Rotary.org

The grant process changes on July 1, 2013. Everything will now be known as a grant. You will be seeing things similar to District Scholarship Grant, Vocational Training Team Grant and Global Grant. To learn more about the new grant model, free training is available to all Rotarians on the Rotary International web site through Member Access (MA). A direct link to MA is available on our district web site under District Links. If you do not have a log-in established for MA, it is easy to set one up. This is not the same as what you have for ClubRunner. Once you log in to MA, you will find a list of Rotary Foundation training materials. These training modules are available to District 5390 because we have completed the required certification process. Remember, clubs must have completed their part of certification and the Memorandum of Understanding to the District in order to participate in the 2013-14 grant year for any of the grant types. For additional information, visit [www.rotary.org/grants](http://www.rotary.org/grants). There is also information available on the district site—look on the right side of the home page in District & Club Pages for the heading ROTARY FOUNDATION Information & Forms.



## EYE ON - PETS 2013

More than 400 Rotarians and guests gathered in Denver over the first weekend in March for the annual Presidents-elect Training Seminar. More than 360 were incoming club officers from five Rotary districts.

Our district continued the tradition of starting on Friday morning with district specific training. Saturday afternoon, club officers were divided into groups of similar size clubs from the various districts. Sunday morning, a new format was used. People were able to select their top choices of five topics and then attend two panel discussion sessions. These groups were made up of all club sizes.

PETS 2014 will be held on February 28th through March 2nd at a new location—the Renaissance Hotel on Quebec Street in Denver. The hotel offers a free shuttle from the airport and guest rooms will include wi-fi connection for those who book within the Rotary room block. Our district will, as usual, begin sessions on the morning of February 28th. If you will be a club president on July 1, 2014, please make a note of this. As with this year, instructions for PETS will be posted on the district web site.

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## EYE ON CLUB PROGRAMS

Finding interesting programs each week can be a challenge for any club. Sometimes, great options are closer than we think. GSE team members, RYLA Campers, and Interact students provide great programs. For GSE, try contacting those who have recently returned and do not forget to ask those from past teams. Have them talk about how the team experience has impacted their life over the past few years.

The **Rotary Club of Hamilton** used one of their own members to provide an interesting program about the Iditarod Race. Past President Barb Liss gave a review of the race's history and current facts. At another meeting, members heard about Federal and State Rehabilitation programs that focus on military veterans and others needing recovery and job placement assistance.

The **Rotary Club of Whitehall** had a hands-on program recently. The local volunteer EMS group has set a goal of training at least 1000 people in the Whitehall Valley by the end of May on how to do the compressions-only form of CPR. Rotarians and their guests became the program as they learned the technique and helped Whitehall move a little closer to reaching the 1000 person goal.

The **Rotary Club of Big Sky** is sponsoring a Peace Forum at the Big Sky Chapel on April 1st. Additional details are on the district web site. Three special guest speakers will be featured: author and professor Dr. Larry Rasmussen; retired Vice

Admiral Rodney Rempt; and, Bill Warrick, former World Vision Country Director.



The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** held their Eagle Scout recognition luncheon and 21 young men were acknowledged for their accomplishments in completing at least 22 merit badges and contributing over 3900 hours of community service.



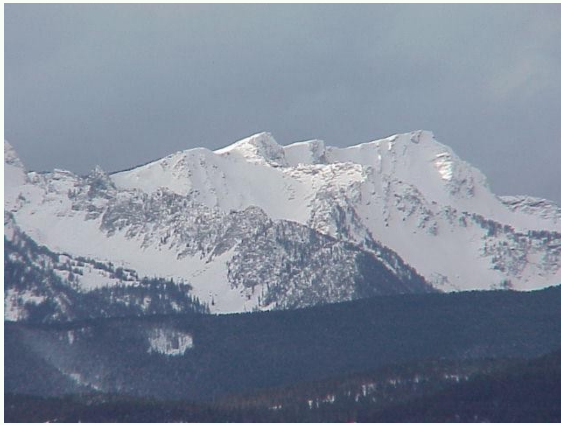
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help with interviews.

It looks like the medical supplies to Kenya are finally on the way. We look forward to hearing all about the difference these items make in the Kenya area where they are headed. A special thanks to Past District Governor Don Gatzke who found someone to donate \$5000 to purchase a 40 foot container to get this finished. The container will stay in Africa and probably become part of a clinic or school once the supplies are emptied out. Another big thank you to PDG Arlene Weber who saw this through to the end, and lastly to the all the members who showed up in Missoula to load the container from the storage area in the old Safeway store.

Our District Conference is only five weeks away and I am really looking forward to seeing many of you here in Livingston in May.

**Daryl Hansen**, District Governor



Enjoy the District Conference and the beautiful scenery around Livingston over the first weekend of May.

## Upcoming Events

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 2013

**May 3-5, 2013** Celebrate the 2012-13 Rotary year in Livingston with District Governor Daryl Hansen. The Livingston Rotarians are planning a fun and informative event for our district. Registration is open on the district web site. Early bird registration fees go away on Friday, March 15th.

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND GROUP TRAVEL

**NOTE: un-booked plane seats were released on March 15th. Package price may be higher due to airfare.**

**June 23-26, 2013** The Rotary International Convention will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. A special travel package is available for Rotarians, friends and family with departures from Billings, Denver, and Dallas. The package does not include convention registration; but, does include airfare, lodging, in-country transportation and special group events. A land-only package is also available. For more information, visit the District website and look under District Events.

### RYLA CAMP 2013

Club reservation forms were due to the district on March 15th. After this date, camper spots will be awarded on an as requested basis. Interviews for students need to be completed by early May and all paperwork and payments turned in to Ellen Robison by May 15th.

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2013

The 2013 District Assembly will be held at the Big Horn Resort in Billings, Montana on **August 2-3**. This is a great opportunity for new club presidents to refresh what they learned at PETS, learn new information; and, for other club officers and members to learn more about Rotary, effectively running a club, service project ideas, and network with other Montana Rotarians.

## The 4-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?

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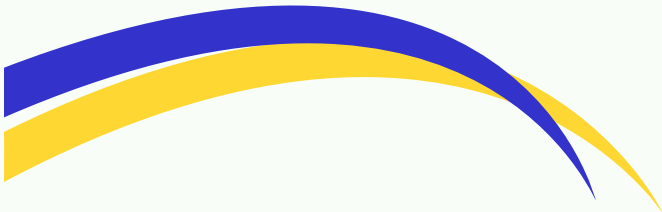
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For more information on Rotary, visit the International web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**February 2013, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report (as reported on March 15th) & Foundation Giving  
55% of the Clubs reported their February attendance by March 15th.**

Club	Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	YES	20	72	4	\$1,100	34%
Big Sandy	No				0	
Big Sky	No				\$2,375	18%
Bigfork	No				\$3,500	0
Billings Noon	YES	206	58	3	\$20,500	69%
Billings West	YES	77	50	4	\$8,000	26%
Bozeman Noon	No				\$7,000	21%
Bozeman Sunrise	No				\$9,600	68%
Butte	YES	31	48	5	0	
Columbia Falls	YES	15	62	4	\$1,900	74%
Deer Lodge	No				\$250	84%
Dillon	YES	17	65	4	\$1,500	9%
Evergreen	YES	17	94	4	\$2,000	0
Glendive	YES	28	??	??	\$1,950	75%
Great Falls	YES	117	56	4	\$7,875	87%
Hamilton	YES	28	59	4	\$3,000	19%
Havre	YES	28	49	4	0	
Helena	YES	61	45	4	\$1,950	97%
Helena Sunrise	YES	18	66	4	0	
Kalispell	YES	112	78	4	\$13,000	67%
Kalispell Daybreak	No				\$4,500	170%
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	YES	41	58	3	\$4,500	48%
Laurel	YES	21	68	4	\$2,400	0
Lewistown	No				\$2,500	0
Livingston	YES	33	55	4	\$3,000	43%
Malta	No				\$350	0
Manhattan	No				\$1,150	28%
Miles City	No				\$2,400	58%
Missoula	YES	134	39	4	\$13,900	48%
Missoula Centennial	No				\$1,500	63%
Missoula Sunrise	YES	42	60	4	\$4,700	45%
Philipsburg	No				\$600	50%
Polson	No				\$7,000	18%
Red Lodge	No				\$3,200	28%
Roundup	No				0	
Townsend	No				\$3,080	22%
Twin Bridges	YES	16	69	4	\$500	0
White Sulphur Springs	No				0	
Whitefish	YES	58	65	4	\$7,700	27%
Whitehall	YES	18	76	3	\$2,000	9%

Total of Foundation goals submitted for Annual Fund giving: \$150,480 (1/2 of contributions return in 3 years)

Total contributions through Jan. 2013 to Annual Fund: \$74,653 ; Total given to other & Permanent funds: \$121,645 (\$0 return to district.)

Next update on giving will be shown in the April newsletter.