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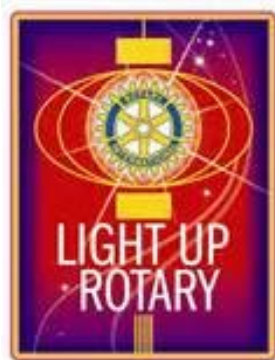
# THE DISTRICT ROUNDUP

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## ROY'S ROTARY

### LITERACY MONTH

*Since the focus of Rotary this month is Literacy it seems fitting that I give you news about our District's Dictionary Project.*

The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day. This past year the costs of the dictionaries we deliver increased by 25% from our supplier. In an effort to stay within budget we asked clubs to only deliver to public schools and any other schools to pay for themselves. We had hoped this would keep the costs close to the budgeted number. Needless to say it did not work.

In late January we made a decision to

not order any additional dictionaries as we were already considerably over our budget. However, I have some very good news for the future.

Without increasing the per member costs we are working diligently on finding other sponsorship from various sources, one of which may be our own District Foundation. We feel extremely confident that next year every club will be able to order the total number of dictionaries they want to deliver to any school, private or public.

We are going to be making a few tweaks to this project: one of which is calling this a reference book (*cont. p. 6*)



2014-15 District Governor

## RI President's Rep Announced for Conference

John W. "Bo" Porter, Jr. from District 6860 in Alabama will be the RI President's Representative during the 2015 District Conference in Kalispell on April 24th and 25th.

Bo served as a District Governor during the 2002-2003 Rotary year. He has also served as his district's RLI Coordinator; Mid-South PETS Lead Trainer and General Chair; an International Assembly Training Leader; and, a Regional RI Membership Coordinator. John and his wife Barbara live in Hoover, Alabama.

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### Special points of interest:

- Polio Eradication getting closer
- District Conference
- Shelter Box available for Club use

## MEMBERSHIP MOMENT . . . CLUB SERVICE

*(Provided by Dale Palmer, District Membership Chair, Rotary Club of Big Sky)*

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular encourage and foster:

- ⇒ The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- ⇒ High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to

service society.

- ⇒ The application of the ideal of service in one's personal, business and community life.
- ⇒ The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

These five avenues of service support the Object of Rotary:

- Club Service
- Vocational Service

- Community Service
- International Service
- Youth Service

Club Service relates to the first part of the Object of Rotary: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Club Service has to do with the things we do in our clubs to help it function successfully—attendance at club meetings; fellowship and social events where we get to know members of our club and their spouses and families; the club newsletter; the club website/Facebook page; and, of course, bringing great programs to our weekly meetings. Ω

## NEWEST INTERACT CLUB CHARTERS IN BIG SKY



For the fifth time during this Rotary year, a new Interact Club has been chartered. With the enthusiasm of RYLA campers

pushing the idea along, an Interact Club was created at Lone Peak High School in Big Sky, Montana. The club held their charter celebration this month with 16 of the 25 members present.

Interact began in the early 1960s at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida. It now includes students age 12 to 18 and clubs can be school or community

based. Most of the Interact Clubs in Montana are school based.

The name Interact comes from the combination of International and Action. More than a quarter million young people around the world belong to Interact. Student members do a variety of community service projects and many conduct hands-on international projects with the guidance of Rotarians. Ω

## POLIO—A DEMISE TO CELEBRATE

It has been decades now—a constant push to eradicate polio from all countries around the world. A major step forward to the end of polio came when India was declared polio free. In 2013 there were 416 cases worldwide. In 2014, there was a slight decline with 369, more than 81% of them in Pakistan. But, renewed efforts in vaccinations have pulled the noose tight around the remaining outposts of polio-myelitis.

So far in 2015, only 14 cases have been recorded, one in Afghanistan and 13 in Pakistan. None have occurred in Nigeria which is a long awaited accomplishment. Misinformation, fear and misunderstanding still make it difficult to reach all the children in Afghanistan and Pakistan who need to be vaccinated. Re-

newed support from Islamic leaders will help. In January, Rotary announced it is releasing \$34.8 million in 2015 to make another push for continued immunizations in key areas.

The money provides grants which include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.

"Nigeria has managed an incredible feat," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's PolioPlus chair for Nigeria. "However, now we must be more vigilant than ever, as our progress is fragile." Ω

# CLUB CLIPS

## MEALS WHEELING TO HOMES IN MILES CITY

Greetings from **Miles City Rotary**! Our club just spent the month of February delivering Meals on Wheels to home bound Miles City residents. They delivered more than 200, uplifting smiles and even some Valentines in a Miles City Rotary tradition that stretches back at least a decade.

The Meals on Wheels program provides one hot meal per day to subscribers throughout the nation. This service is used by the elderly and disabled and relies largely on volunteers for meal delivery. Not only do recipients get a warm meal, they get social interaction and someone checking in on them.



## SHELTER BOX POPS UP

A little more than five years ago, our district received a sample **Shelter Box** that could be used as a display at Rotary functions and for fundraising events. It has safely been stored in a Rotarian's garage for most of this time and will be on display at the April district conference in Kalispell. Afterward, it will have a new home in Butte and can be scheduled to be used by Rotary, Interact and Rotaract clubs.

In mid-March 2015, a major cyclone hit the Vanuatu Islands leaving more than 260,000 people homeless. ShelterBox in Cornwall, England is already preparing to send 1000 shelter boxes there to assist people in recovering from this natural disaster. (The photo below shows shelter box tents at a refugee camp on the African continent).



## INTERACTORS HELP SAFE HOUSE

During the March 9th meeting of the Hamilton Rotary Club, members of the **Corvallis Interact Club** visited and gave a report on a recent project. Katie Weber told the Rotarians about their efforts to provide paper products for the SAFE House this month. The students collected over 1000 rolls of toilet paper and more than 300 packages of diapers and other necessities.



(L-R) Corvallis Interactors Andrea Stevens, Katie Weber, Haley Johnson and Mikayla Rude.



# PETS Highlights



## Rotaract Clips

The community based **Bozeman Rotaract** Club held their first annual Second Chance Prom on February 20th. Proceeds will help keep the Bozeman Warming Center open for the homeless during the remaining cold days that lie ahead.

The university based **Missoula Rotaract** Club donated 118 hours of volunteer service during the fall semester and they plan to increase that total before the end of the spring semester.

Rotaract was started in 1968 in North Carolina and has grown to nearly 10,000 clubs around the world with more than 200,000 members. Ω



## Missoula Wine Event

A fundraiser for all Missoula Rotary Clubs will take place on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at 350 Ryman Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Tickets for the Wine Tasting and Hors d'oeuvres \$15 for a single and \$25 per couple. Raffle Tickets are also on sale: 1 for \$10 and 5 for \$40. Need not be present to win to win the following prizes: 1st prize 50 bottles of wine, 2nd prize 25 bottles of wine and 3rd prize 10 bottles of wine. Ω



## FEBRUARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Foundation \$ Given 76,382.80—current amounts are through March 15th.

Club (Feb– 37.5% of clubs reported ☹)	No. Members	% Attnd	# of Mtng	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	NR	NR	\$1200	0
Bigfork	34	59	4	\$4500	0
Big Sandy	19	64	4	0	\$50
Big Sky	NR			\$2000	\$75
Billings	177	48	3	0	\$9398
Billings West	77	46	4	\$9500	\$2375
Bozeman	NR			\$10,475	\$5111
Bozeman Sunrise	NR			\$10600	\$15576
Butte	NR			\$2200	\$5675
Columbia Falls	16	52	4	0	\$114
Deer Lodge	NR			0	\$245
Dillon	14	78	4	\$1700	
Evergreen	14	79	4	\$1600	
Glendive	23	NR	NR	0	\$500
Great Falls	96	NR	NR	\$5300	\$900
Hamilton	27	56	4	\$2800	\$1000
Havre	NR			0	0
Helena	68	NR	NR	\$4250	\$2850
Helena Sunrise	14	NR	NR	0	\$275
Kalispell	115	72	4	\$14000	\$4850
Kalispell Daybreak	71	NR	NR	0	\$5550
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	35	NR	NR	\$4250	\$4225
Laurel	28	NR	NR	0	0
Lewistown	34	NR	NR	0	\$100
Livingston	32	48	4	0	\$975
Malta	NR	NR	NR	0	\$350
Manhattan	21	NR	NR	0	\$100
Miles City	34	NR	NR	\$1900	\$1590
Missoula	111	34	4	0	\$7269
Missoula Centennial	7	NR	NR	\$2000	\$1580
Missoula Sunrise	39	69	4	\$7150	\$150
Philipsburg	NR			0	\$200
Polson	75	39	4	0	\$2500
Red Lodge	41	59	4	0	\$1500
Roundup	NR			0	0
Townsend	58	42	2	0	0
Twin Bridges	16	NR	NR	\$500	\$400
Whitefish	56	NR	NR	\$8200	\$400
Whitehall	18	NR	NR	\$2125	\$550
White Sulphur Springs	NR			0	0

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instead of dictionary, simply because of the volume of information it contains. The second item is to better track not just which clubs are receiving books to distribute, but what schools they are covering. We will be developing a spread sheet showing all schools in the state, which clubs have the responsibility of delivering to which schools, the contact information for that school (both phone and email), and past number of books delivered.

Our goal is to make this project self-sufficient without increasing costs to members, and to better control the distribution, while insuring any third grader that wants a book gets one.

One last item on this subject – we ask that next fall, preferably the first week in September, your club's reference book chair contact the schools your club is responsible for and confirm the number of students. Once this has been done, orders can be sent in and it truly is our wish that books could be dropped shipped to your club by the end of September, allowing for delivery early in the school year. We will be contacting all of you before next fall to get a start on this spreadsheet.

I would be remiss in writing a newsletter article without reporting on the 2015 High Country PETS. What a great event! It always seems to rejuvenate everyone that attends and this year was no different. A lot of times the PE feels like they are drinking from a fire hose but we continue to get more and more PENs to attend and attending twice is definitely a plus.

Besides listening to some awesome speakers and fun entertainment, the overall experience of sharing best practices with other districts is invaluable. Add in the opportunity to meet your classmates throughout the whole state, making friends that many times last a lifetime, this is truly an event to remember.

Two items that I am very excited about is the response to the District's Rotary Leadership Institute program, and having a cluster meeting of clubs with the Zone Membership Cadre team. I will be contacting all clubs and people that signed up for these events and trying to work out a schedule ASAP. I have contacted Zone Representative Dick Jones about the possibility of coming up around the District Conference to conduct membership training.

Speaking of District Conference, remember to go to Upcoming Events on the District Website and register – April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Kalispell at the Hilton Garden Inn. I will be updating the schedule in the next week to give you more details on events planned. This is open to all district members, not just officers, come one, come all and help us celebrate this past year's accomplishments.

*Roy Beekman*

## 2015-16 RI THEME SUMMARIZED

From the theme brochure of RI President-elect, Ravi Ravindran:

*Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.*

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