

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter
March 2016

Events

[Tasmanian Professional Development Exchange](#): April 14 – May 14

[2016 District Conference](#): April 22 – 24

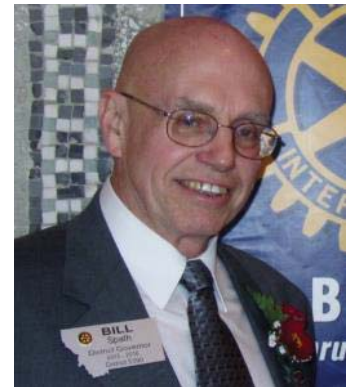
[Billings Downtown Centennial Celebration](#): April 25

[RYLA](#): July 12 – 16

[Peace Park Assembly](#): Sept. 16 – 18

District Governor Bill's Message to Rotarians

There is something for everyone at District Conference! Come and celebrate Rotary in Montana! Hope you can join us for District Conference on April 22-23, 2016 at the Fairmont Hot Springs We have a great group of speakers lined up. Highlights of the Conference include:



*Bill Spath
District Governor
2015 – 2016
Rotary Club of Butte*

- Great speakers Rotary International Representative Michael Forney, Corbin Ball, Michael Sanderson, Jeff Mow
- First District Interact Conference
- Meet the Professional Development Exchange Team from Tasmania Australia
- Meet eleven international exchange students
- Rotary Showcase of Club Projects
- Silent auction
- Butte mining history trolley tour with Floyd Bossard
- Saturday night entertainment by Ken Rich
- Sunday service project at the World Museum of Mining • Bring your family and enjoy beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
- Great food and fellowship

Complete agenda, details and registration are available on the [District Website](#).

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Great Falls 100 Year Celebration!

The Rotary Club of Great Falls celebrated its 100th Anniversary in grand style on March 4th. The country club was gaily festooned for the 100 Year Gala! The program for the evening replicated the Club's weekly meeting format, complete with pledge, Rotary moment, sergeant-at-arms report, song, featured speaker, "happy moments" and much, much more!

Special guests at the 100 Year Gala included Governor Steve Bullock and Senator Tester. Congressman Ryan Zinke was unable to attend, but he sent a wonderful letter praising the Club for its unique service in the form of Camp Rotary. The history unearthed by several Rotarians was entertaining and educational and was shared throughout the evening.



Billings Downtown 100 Year Celebration

Everyone is welcome to help the Rotary Club of Billings celebrate their 100th anniversary on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the historic Northern Hotel in downtown Billings. Special guest and keynote speaker will be Rotary International Vice-President Greg Podd.

The celebration begins at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 25, 2016. Tickets are \$75 per person and will be available after January 1, 2016. Rooms at the Northern will be available for \$119 and \$129. More information is available on the [District Web Site](#)

Polson Fore Golf

Polson was able to support 2 youth groups with our 2015-16 fundraiser. We sell tickets for \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00 with 5 to 6 selections to win prizes all worth \$1,000. Working to teach local youth the key fundamentals of golf, PGA golf professional Cameron Milton and the Polson Rotary Club created a program that brings the sport to physical education classes at Polson Middle School. "There are some kids who have never picked up a club," Milton said. "Going into the school for a day, we get to see about 350 students and introduce them to the basics of this game." Not only are students learning the skills, they are also taught that golf takes more than just a good swing. Part of this program works on each students' cardio, which helps with nervousness during a stressful round of golf, according to Milton.

Eighth grade student Anton Lefthand has found enjoyment in working on all aspects of his golf game. "My favorite part is the relay races," Lefthand said. "In golf your heart rate goes up because you get nervous sometimes, and the running helps with that." Lefthand, who plays basketball and football, is now considering golf in his future. "I am probably going to play in the summer and high school," Lefthand said. "I have always liked golf, but now I know more about it."

Besides working on their heart rate, Milton would like to see the students learn the sportsmanship of the lifelong sport. "One goal is to instill some of the aspects that go along with golf. For example: honor, integrity, keeping your own score, and being able to have no referees," Milton said. "If they learn these, and the skills, they can play this sport forever."

The funding for the indoor friendly equipment came through a grant from the Rotary Club. Milton is hoping in the future that Golf-In-Schools can reach other local schools. "Ideally, if we got the funding, we could be in Linderman and other schools in the area," Milton said. For now, Milton coaches once per week at Polson Middle School.

Bill Owen, golf coach at Polson High School, is glad to see the program introduced at the middle school. "A lot of these kids never get exposed to golf, and I think this will benefit the high school program immensely," Owen said. "I want to see these kids take part in a sport that can turn into a lifelong passion."



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Interact Club Sends Shoe Boxes to Soldiers

On Feb. 16, the Lone Peak High School Interact Club mailed 24 care packages to Montana National Guard soldiers stationed in Kuwait. Company Bravo, 640th Aviation Support Battalion is a Helena-based Montana National Guard unit that provides Blackhawk helicopter maintenance for the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Big Sky Rotary founded the Interact Club last March for kids ages 12-18. Nearly 30 local students participate. The club members are required to complete both an international and local service project each year, and last spring they raised money to fund Nepal earthquake-relief efforts. The students raised more than \$300 at the Rotary's Jan. 22 Gold Auction to buy supplies for the soldiers, which included games, puzzle books, chap stick, deodorant soap, pens and pencils, batteries, hard candies, and gum. The Big Sky Interact members mailed approximately 80 pounds of goods to the Montana soldiers who will be stationed in Kuwait for another year.

Dale Palmer, who along with his wife Gayle is a liaison between Rotary and the Interact Club.

Helena Rotary International Committee Cribbage Boards

Sale of Cribbage Boards will support the Rotary Club of Helena's International Committee's on-going projects. They are currently investigating the possibility of a project in Guatemala to take advantage of the relationships already developed there by other Montana Rotary Clubs.

Cribbage Boards will be on sale at the District Conference. Cost is \$25. Make checks payable to the Helena Rotary Foundation. If you would like a cribbage board and won't make it to the conference, contact Ann Dooling at mkiard5445@gmail.com.



Helena PE Lora Belhmer and PEN Ann Dooling sold Rotary Cribbage Boards at PETs.



DGEN Joe McBride buys a Rotary Cribbage Board.

Successful Women Mentor Youth through Rotary

When Clara Montanez was a student, she never heard the word mentoring. The idea of having a role model help you pursue your ambitions was unfamiliar to her. "You basically chose your career based on personal interest and hoped you could find a job," says Montanez, senior director of investment for Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. "I went the route of getting married and having children first, and started my career later in life. I had no model for how to do that."

That changed for Montanez the day a friend invited her to join Rotary. "Frankly, I was dragged into Rotary. I didn't see a connection at first," says Montanez, who's been a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., since 2003. "But then I met several women, including Doris Margolis, who took me under her wing and started mentoring me on how to get more involved. I began seeing the value in having someone I could count on as a mentor, and I have become more of a leader in our club, in my community, and at work." "I think Rotary has given me access to young people, like Rotaractors, and they are ready to accept guidance because Rotary is a safe place to reach out and get advice," says Montanez. [Read a blog post from Montanez](#)

Sustainable Global Coalition

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) through the Global Grants program provides clubs with financial incentives and training opportunities that encourage international service in humanitarian projects, scholarships and vocational training. Along with these incentives comes increased responsibilities on the part of the clubs that can strain both the financial and human resources of smaller clubs, thus limiting their participation in these valuable programs.

Participating Clubs:

Kootenai Valley

Bigfork

Columbia Falls

Evergreen

Whitefish

Kalispell Noon

Kalispell Daybreak

Missoula Sunrise

*District 5390, represented by
PDG Boy Beekman*

In an attempt to take advantage of the opportunities provided by TRF and minimize the constraints, eight clubs in Northwest Montana have formed a "Sustainable Global Coalition." Pledging \$30 per member per year for a three-year trial period, the clubs cooperatively plan and participate in the development and implementation of international projects. With an emphasis on relationship building and prefunding of projects, the coalition offers "big club" resources in a small club setting, providing travel and participation opportunities for those with hearts for international service.

On Saturday, March 19, the Coalition met in Kalispell to discuss two proposed projects in Guatemala: (1) A small community with no access to clean water, and (2) a larger community of about 1,200 with an insufficient supply of clean water. With anticipated travel plans for this summer, the meeting discussed the needs to be addressed, the opportunities to address these needs, the challenges to be overcome, and the costs and requirements associated with traveling to a developing country.

All eight coalition clubs were represented at the meeting, as was the Montana chapter of Engineers Without Borders. In total, there were seventeen participants. The meeting concluded with unanimous support to apply for a Global Grant to address the water needs of both El Progreso and Pasac.

District Foundation Giving

<p>Top 5 clubs in Giving</p> <p>Missoula Centennial</p> <p>Kootenai Valley</p> <p>Billings</p> <p>Whitefish</p> <p>Hamilton</p> <p>Bozeman Sunrise</p> <p>Bozeman</p>	<p>Many thanks to the Rotarians from our District 5390 who have donated to The Rotary Foundation. In our District we have:</p> <p>15 Paul Harris Society Members</p> <p>30 Major Donors</p> <p>1 Arch Klumph Trustees Circle Donor</p> <p>48 Bequest Society members</p> <p>In addition, District Rotarians have donated \$27,653.18 this year for the fight against Polio. District Rotarians have donated \$89,404 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund (85% of our goal for the year) (\$51.95 per capita).</p>
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D i s t r i c t C o n f e r e n c e E n t e r t a i n m e n t
M u s i c b y K e n R i c h

Ken Rich and Kevin LaFond will play a dance friendly mix of all your favorite hits from yesterday and today including selections from Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Jim Croce, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Billy Joel, Journey, Brooks and Dunn, Tom Petty, Zac Brown Band, Cat Stevens, The Doors, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Van Morrison. Ken Rich, a Butte musician who recently released a new CD *Emerald: A Tribute to Thin Lizzy*, fronts the duo, plays guitar and sings while entertaining the crowd. Kevin LaFond brings a taste of classic country music with his amazing steel guitar. A perfect blend of Easy Listening, Kicking



C l u b D i s t r i c t C o n v e n t i o n T o D o L i s t

- The District
Convention is
a celebration
of our Rotary
Year.*
- ◆ Submit Award Nominations to District Governor Bill
 - ◆ Prepare Silent Auction Item: Send Club or individual providing donation, description of item, and estimated value to Jennifer Pierce at ipnmt@bresnan.net by April 18th.
 - ◆ Bring your signed Club *Credentials Certificate* to the Conference
 - ◆ Prepare "Showcase" Poster
 - ◆ [Register for the Conference](#)
 - ◆ [Reserve a room at the Fairmont Hot Springs](#) (enter the Group ID of 15267 and the Password 268 to get the Rotary room rate.

D i s t r i c t C o n f e r e n c e H i g h l i g h t s

Special guests will include our Youth Exchange Students and the Professional Development Exchange Team from Tasmania. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear our outbound Youth Exchange Students give their introductory speech in the language of the country that they will visit. It will be very interesting to talk with the Tasmanian exchange team and learn more about their country. The program will also include sessions to update you on Rotary, and to assist you in completing your various projects.

There will be plenty of fun also! Golf on Friday, time to enjoy the resort, and the Awards Banquet and Celebration. The highlight of the evening will be the induction of Malinda Shafman as our next District Governor.

Corbin Ball, a highly acclaimed international speaker, consultant and writer will kick off the Conference Friday afternoon with two enjoyable, exciting and informative presentations.

Waterton - Glacier Peace Park Assembly

The 2016 Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park Assembly will be held in East Glacier September 16 -18, 2016. The Assembly next year will be extra special. Glacier National Park Superintendent Jeff Mow and representatives from the Helena Noon Rotary Club will be providing details about the Assembly at the District Conference. Registration for the event will be available in May on the District Website. Rooms at East Glacier can be reserved now by calling (406) 892-2525. Use the Group ID "E16 Waterton Glacier" when making your reservation to get the group rate \$159.00 per night for one or two people per room.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly
 An event to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the US National Park Service & Rotary's contribution to environmental peace making
 September 16-18, 2016
 Glacier Park Lodge, Montana

- \$3000 Title Sponsor** (sponsor featured during welcome dinner and concert featuring Nashville recording artist from Calgary, Lindsay Ell)
 *Sponsor receives promotion in advance media and throughout dinner and concert * name and logo on stage banner * name and logo on evening program * name and logo in conference program
- \$1000 Event sponsor**
 *Sponsor receives promotion at plenary sessions and meals * name and logo on lunch program * name and logo in conference program
- \$500 Break/Snack sponsor**
 *Sponsor name and logo on break table * name and logo in conference program
- \$300 General sponsor**
 *sponsor name and logo in program

In-kind donations gratefully accepted (150 count each):
 -cinch sacs / totes -water bottles
 -pens / pencils -lanyards
 -flash drives -coffee mugs

In-kind donations of gifts suitable for visiting speakers (15-20 in total)

Contact: Kathy Brown, Treasurer, Helena Rotary Club
 406-457-5550 or <kathy@gntc.info>



Tasmanian Professional Development Exchange

Professional Development Exchange is an exceptional professional and cultural exchange opportunity for professional and business people between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by developing skills, creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships. Individuals who participate in this rewarding once in a lifetime experience will return home with broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of the USA's history, commerce and government.

The Tasmanian Professional Development Exchange Team will arrive in Billings on April 14. While in Montana, the Team will visit clubs in Bozeman, Butte, Dillon, Townsend, Livingston, Missoula, Polson, Helena, Red Lodge, and Billings. They will also attend the District Conference at the Fairmont Hot Springs and the Billings 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Clubs hosting the Team should coordinate transportation for the Team with the previous Club hosting the Team. Clubs should also develop a schedule of professional development visits while the team is visiting their community. Team member profiles, which includes a description of their vocation and what their professional development exchange aspirations, are available on the [District web site](#).

Team Members Are:

Ross Carlyle, Rotarian

Allira Bartush, Police Officer

Simone Hackett, Fishing Guide

Sarah Lillico, Pharmacist

Zac Morgan, Paramedic

Club Runner Tips, Tricks and Traps

Tip: Use Club Runner Documents Feature to store club documents.

ClubRunner provides a perfect place to store your club's critical documents. It not only provides a place to post documents that you want generally available to the public at large, but also provides a place to store the club's working documents and archives.

Trick: Take advantage of both the Club Runner "Downloadable Documents" available from the Home Page, but also the "Club Documents" in the "Member Area."

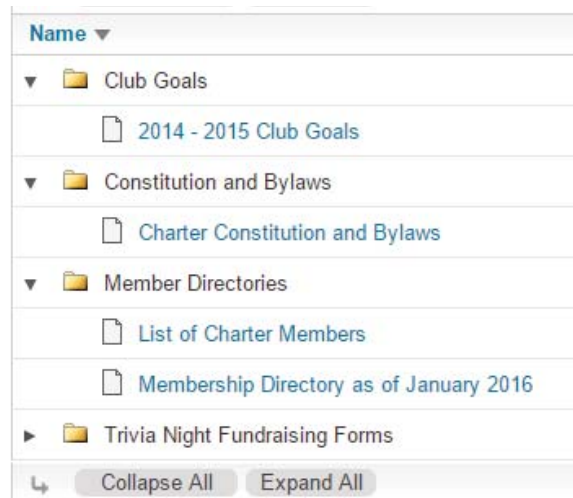
Consider the document storage features in Club Runner as your club's display stand and its file cabinets. When you walk into a business, frequently there is a display stand with brochures about the company, product information, etc. Think of your car dealer and their display of brochures for their vehicles. This is the "Documents" section of ClubRunner available on the Home Page. Depending upon how your web master designed your Home Page, it may appear either as one of the items in a sidebar, a menu item at the top of the page, or both. You want it to appear neat, contain information about the great things your club does, and perhaps information about joining Rotary. A good example of this is the Kalispell Daybreak Club's "Download" on their Home Page. It is placed prominently on the page, and presents a very "clean" display of information: A Club Application and the application form for a grant from the club.

Think back to the last time you walked into that local business. In addition to the display cabinet front and center, you know that there are file cabinets in the office as well. These cabinets undoubtedly hold information that the company does not want to be readily available to the public. Things such as working files, board meeting minutes, project budgets, etc. The "Club Documents" in the "Member Area" is the equivalent of these file cabinets. It is accessible only to members after they log on to the site and go to the "Member Area." In the "My Club Runner" section of the Admin page is "View Club Documents." A Click on this takes you to the "Private Documents" area. This area can be organized just like the folders on your computer. You should create a logical directory structure so that members can quickly access the documents they need. One example is shown from the Helena Sunrise Club's private documents area.

How many times have you attended a club board meeting, and heard, "Didn't we already decide that?" Or, "What is our policy on that?" If your club keeps written minutes of board meetings, this is a great way to archive them for future reference. Create a folder named Board Meetings, and then create subfolders for each Rotary Year. That way you ensure that the record of decisions made by the Board will be available to future boards. When your board makes a decision to adopt a policy, but it is in writing, create a directory called policies, and store the policy statements there, available for any member to see.

Trap: Great File Management is Meaningless if Members Don't Know About It!

Make sure your members know about the "Club Documents" section of Club Runner. Announce to members at a meeting when new documents are added. This helps keep members engaged in the activities of your club.





The Rotarian's The 4-Way Test
of the things we think, say, or do:

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

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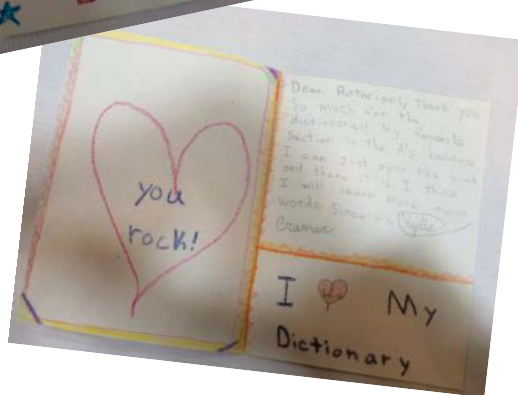
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Service above Self

From the Editor

Once again, I had fun preparing this issue of the Big Sky Rotary News. I enjoy hearing about all of the great happenings in our Rotary world. Thanks to all the Clubs that submitted articles. The Newsletter would not be possible without it!

[Rick Moore, Editor](#)



The Livingston Rotary Club Presents!

Second Chance Prom

When: April 15th 7:00 til 11:00

Where: Elks Lodge, Livingston

Entertainment: **Mach 1 Music**

Take out your sweetheart for a romantic night on the town. Relive that prom you had together with music from your favorite era or make new memories. We will have a place to have your photo taken with your sweetie,

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, a drawing for 54 bottles of wine*, and a DJ so you can dance the night away.

*\$30 per Individual
\$50 Per Couple

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*Wine Raffle is a five dollar ticket