

The 5390 Roundup

Rotary District 5390 • Montana

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Good Day Montana Rotarians...



I am so happy that spring has finally arrived in Montana. What a wonderful time of year. The grass is greening up and there are flowers bursting up all around us. We have seen blessings all around us. Rain, snow and even some sleet to greet us Montana folks.

Even more blessings have been had this spring. We had 2 very successful foundation dinners on both sides of the divide. The plans are underway for the fall dinner (dinners). This last weekend, there were several fundraisers going on in the state. I had the privilege to ride the money train. Montana Rail Link, Dennis Washington and the Missoula Sunrise Rotary Club made \$30,000 plus for their charity of choice this year. Big Brothers and Sisters. Super good publicity for Rotary and not only a lot of fun, but a super fundraiser came off very well. I have heard of many others in the planning stages that will happen before the end of the Rotary year. Way to go District 5390!!! It would be very easy for us to rollover and don't do anything to further our foundation and the polio cause. My thanks to all of you!

Speaking of Polio. I was quite disappointed to read in the Wall Street Journal that we have Polio spreading in Africa again. It had Bill Gates rethinking his commitment to the eradication of Polio. Let me reassure you that the Gates foundation is still our

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partner in our long term effort in this. Bill also has gotten the commitment from the Sultan of Africa to continue the fight that we have committed too. So, we must keep the fight going. Yes, that means the fundraising too, until the Earth is polio free. We can do it!

The District Conference committee is putting on the finishing touches on the Conference the 7th and 8th of May in Great Falls. If you haven't registered yet, you still can for another week or so. We have a lot of fun and awards to hand out. We have had a wonderful Rotary year so far. We have some finishing up to do. There is a lot of prep for the next year going on. Congrats to Tamara for taking on the newsletter duties. Thanks a ton Tamara! Thanks to all the incoming presidents for stepping up to lead us into the future. The current Presidents are in the 8th inning now and the game is tied. Time to go charge up the troops and finish the year strong. Keep moving hard on the membership, and giving fronts. The youth activities are in full swing getting ready for the fun to happen. Lots going on in Montana!!!!

I'm very proud to be your Governor,
Mark

ROTARY CLUB OF MISSOULA

"Youth Exchange in Montana" By Martha Ripley



Montana Youth Exchange Students

For over 75 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs. Students age 15-18 years old travel for a year long or a short term exchange.

Missoula has been doing Youth Exchange for at least 20 years with 3-4 students per year coming to either Missoula, Hamilton or Bozeman area. For the last two years, Martha Ripley, Youth Exchange Chair has been attending all District Conferences, Assemblies and the Peace Park bringing inbound and outbound students to share their experiences. Missoula clubs have stepped up their support of this program and provided financial help to sponsor more than one student. This year District 5390 sent 12 students outbound and sponsored 14 students inbound. With growth also come greater responsibilities for local club counselors and the District chair.

THE BILLINGS WEST ROTARY CLUB

Fellow District 5390 Rotarians....

The Billings West Rotary Club will now meet at the Windmill Restuarant located at 3429 Transtech Way on the west end of Billings. Every Wednesday at noon!!!! Great venue....super food.....great club!!!! See you all there!

BOZEMAN SUNRISE ROTARY

is sponsoring the FIRST EVER kids fishing day at the East Gallatin Park here in Bozeman on Saturday, May 22nd. We welcome area clubs to participate if they wish. Contact Tim Rote at 406-209-3880 for more information. See you at District Conference.

The R.I. Council on Legislation (CoL)

By JW Thiessen

CoL is the legislative body of RI (its "parliament"); it meets every three years; all (531) Districts sent a representative (usually a Past DG).

Policies are published in the Manual of Procedure (MoP), updated every three years after the CoL meeting.

Some of the policy changes voted for:

1. Make "e-clubs" permanent part of RI (now part of 6-year pilot project, running out in June) – way for people to meet on-line who are unable to attend a regular club meeting – two allowed per District
2. Clubs are precluded from limiting membership based on sexual orientation.

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ROTARY CLUB OF WHITEFISH

Six Rotarians showed up at 2 PM Sunday afternoon to police our club’s Adopt a Mile stretch of Whitefish Stage Road. Turner Askew, Dave Carlson, Dan Davis, Scott Ringer, Derek Skees, and Ben Whitten answered a “short notice” call to complete this assignment.

A dozen or so large bags of trash were gathered from our stretch of road and delivered to the dump. The occasion was our first official use of our Rotary Safety Vests which are available for use at all such Rotary

Mission Mountain Wood Band to Inaugurate New Philipsburg Arena

Philipsburg, MT – One of the Big Sky Country’s most beloved musical groups has been selected to inaugurate historic Philipsburg’s new outdoor concert venue. Montana’s own Mission Mountain Wood Band will appear on Sunday, August 22, 2010 as the premier act at the newly completed Winninghoff Park Arena. The concert will also feature the Dillon Junior Fiddlers and Kostas, another Montana favorite. The new concert venue, located in historic downtown Philipsburg, includes amphitheater seating for over 2000 people. The four-seasons park is a project of the 30-member Rotary Club of Philipsburg, who started the project seven years ago using donated funds and labor.



The Mission Mountain Wood Band has been featured recently on Montana Public Broadcasting in a special documentary that covers their more-than-40-year history in Montana. They play a mix of rock, blues, bluegrass, barbershop, and show tunes, all in four-part harmony. They are creative, surprising, romantic, and energizing; and it has been said that their music is “like a warm and radiant campfire.” Their audiences have included bankers, bikers, lawyers, loggers, artists, farmers, ranchers, professors, yuppies, hippies, students, and families.

Tickets for this inaugural concert are on sale in Philipsburg at \$25 (\$30 at the gate on the day of the concert). Tickets are also available online at www.easytik.com. For more concert information, visit “Facebook,” watch your local newspaper, visit www.philipsburgrotary.org, or stay tuned to your local radio station.

Submitting Information for the District Newsletter:

This is a reminder about how to submit your articles/photos for the newsletter. I will edit articles and “word-smith” them to the best of my ability, but they need to be submitted basically camera ready. A PDF file is wonderful and very cross platform. Word documents, InDesign, and Photoshop are all acceptable, and please don’t hesitate to call or e-mail me with your questions on submitting information to me.

My vision is to get the newsletter out as close to the first of each month as possible to allow ample time to publicize events coming up within that month and beyond. With this said, the deadline for submittal of articles, pictures, etc. will be the 15th of the month. Bear with me as we make this transition. My e-mail is: tam@instyprintsmt.com. My phone at my office is 406-752-8812. Again, thank you in advance for your involvement in the district newsletter, and my personal thank you to Arlene for working so hard to put this together month after month. Kudos to Arlene.

Yours in Rotary, Tamara Williams - District 5390 Publicity Chair

Photos from Hamilton Rotary Club Meeting
Monday April 26, 2010

Hi All,

Here are photos from yesterday's meeting; farewell party for Corvallis High School Exchange Student, Stacy Stadleman, April 21st and from the Corvallis Interact Highway Cleanup Activity, April 23, 2010.

Our speaker yesterday was Kristina Komar, representing the Bitterroot Cultural Heritage Trust. She spoke about identifying and preserving buildings and artifacts in the Bitterroot as well as securing various grants.

Regards,
 Gordon



ROTARY CLUB OF WHITEHALL

The Rotary Club of Whitehall spent Monday afternoon April 26 on litter patrol for their 2 mile stretch of I-90 that they clean twice a year. The Whitehall Club is proud to host the GSE team from Brazil in their homes during the week of April 27th through May 1st; a trip to the Golden Sunlight Mine is planned for April 28th and other clubs from Butte and Townsend will be escorting them during the week to take in various sights in Southwest Montana. What a privilege this is for our club. The Whitehall Club also has the honor of being one of the host clubs for the 78th Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly in Many Glacier September 10, 11, and 12th; the other host clubs are the Helena Clubs and Townsend. Everyone please remember to register; the link is on our District website @ www.montanarotary.org.

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3. Members transferring from another club can only be admitted to the new club when this club has received a certificate from the "old" club confirming previous membership.
4. The addition of a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations (meaning Youth Service; this in addition to Club-, Vocational-, Community-, and International Service); tight vote: 263 for, 250 against.

Policy changes voted against:

1. To create a category of corporate membership
2. To create associate memberships (dues 50% of regular dues, no voting rights)
3. To establish additional per capita dues of US\$3 to support the annual RI Convention (would reduce registration fees from \$300 to \$100 – thought unfair to ask 98% of Rotarians to subsidize the cost for the less than 2% attending the convention)
4. To reduce per capita dues for members under 40
5. To extend the term of District Governors to two years

Dear Rotarian,

Thank you for contacting Rotary International's Public Relations Division regarding the Wall Street Journal article, "Gates rethinks war on polio." On Friday, International PolioPlus Chair Robert Scott submitted this letter to the editor in response.

While not inaccurate per se, the article does take a critical look at the complexities and challenges facing the polio eradication program by focusing on the perspective of Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a key donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, launched by Rotary and its partners in 1988.

To begin with, "to rethink" one's decisions is to apply solid business principles to a complicated problem. --- Rotary's 1.2 million professionals understand that in business you do that every day.

That is why Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative regularly review the program, identifying strengths and areas for improvement, for example the recent addition of a new, bivalent vaccine to target type 1 and type 3 polio in a single dose.

Recently, tremendous progress has been made, much of which is not included in the Wall Street Journal story. In the past 12 months, polio cases have dropped by more than 75% in the remaining four polio-endemic countries compared with the same time last year. India and Nigeria, in particular, are reporting their lowest number of cases ever.

Nigeria is where we have seen some of the most hopeful progress. In 2010, only two polio cases have been reported, compared to 193 cases at this time in 2009.

In addition to Mr. Gates' advocacy visit to Nigeria, Rotarians there have worked tirelessly to turn the tide on this disease. Rotarians have worked with local government, religious, and traditional leaders to step up their support for polio eradication.

In January, Rotary made a major contribution of \$30 million to ensure that polio eradication activities across west and central Africa could be carried out to stop the virus from spreading. Another synchronized campaign across 16 countries in west and central Africa started on April 24th to immunize 77 million children.

Since Rotary began its fight against polio in 1985, we have contributed more than \$900 million and countless volunteer hours toward this effort. We were joined by the WHO, CDC, and UNICEF in 1988. And more recently, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation challenged our members to raise an additional \$200 million, toward a \$355 million challenge grant from their foundation. Like Rotary and its partners, the Gates Foundation remains firmly committed to polio eradication. And the program will yield benefits beyond the eradication of polio.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has been criticized as a vertical only program but it has also trained thousands of epidemiologists and health workers, created a network of laboratories and a comprehensive surveillance system, and convened unprecedented interagency committees, all of which will remain in place when polio is eradicated, and make it easier to tackle other health concerns. In addition, during National Immunization Days, many other health issues have been addressed particularly in Nigeria. For example, measles vaccine has been given along with polio vaccine, as well as the administration of Vitamin A and the distribution of anti malarial bed nets

To combat the most recent outbreak of cases in Tajikistan—which borders polio-endemic Afghanistan-- Rotary was the first to mobilize, providing a total of \$500,000 in emergency response funding to UNICEF and WHO for immunization activities to quell the outbreak.

Outbreaks like those mentioned in the Wall Street Journal underscore the importance of remaining tenacious in our fight against polio. The disease doesn't respect borders and until we can stop its transmission of polio in the endemic countries, outbreaks remain a serious risk.

Rotary remains committed to ending this disease once and for all. We support the new strategic plan for polio eradication-- this aggressive approach gives us the best opportunity yet to take advantage of the current epidemiological situation, and stop the disease for good.

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From: Sean Allen [Sean.Allen@rotary.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 2:21 PM
Subject: FW: WSJ article on Bill Gates & polio eradication

Dear Rotary Leaders,

Many of you have approached me about the 4/23/10 Wall Street Journal article on Bill Gates and polio eradication, "Gates Rethinks His War on Polio," so I thought I'd send some resources that might answer your questions. Attached please find the official RI response produced by our PR department, a link to International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott's letter to the Wall Street Journal editor, and some statements released by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Friday, re-stating their total support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The GPEI is the polio eradication effort of which Rotary is a member along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the CDC.

Is Bill Gates rethinking his strategy on polio eradication?

Contrary to the way the headline sounds, Bill Gates is not rethinking his commitment to polio eradication. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation remains fully committed to working with the GPEI to eradicate polio from the planet.

Horizontal vs. Vertical Programs

The GPEI constantly reviews its strategies, evaluates results and makes adjustments as needed. The references in the WSJ article to horizontal and vertical strategies are not new as these two strategies are often debated in public health circles. The new Strategic Plan for the GPEI increases focus on sanitation and health worker training as additional opportunities to achieve polio eradication. The priority remains immunization against polio. This discussion is ongoing and does not reflect any sudden or drastic changes in approach.

Funding questions

The article also makes reference to a US\$1.4 billion shortfall in funding for the global polio eradication budget for 2010-2012. Such challenges are also part of the process of sustaining a project of this magnitude. Polio advocates include Rotarians, government leaders, international celebrities and spokespeople for the WHO, Rotary, UNICEF and the CDC. These advocates constantly work to fill the funding gap with contributions from donor and polio-affected countries, private organizations, and individuals. Studies have shown that the short term cost of eradicating polio is significantly less than long term control, in both finances and human suffering. It is important for Rotary to maintain its commitment to raise US\$200 million to demonstrate to others our firm belief in the feasibility of polio eradication.

What did Rotary do about the article?

Rotary has a public relations staff dedicated to disseminating the message of PolioPlus. They contacted The Wall Street Journal immediately and have briefed them on Rotary's huge achievements in polio eradication.

What's the good news in PolioPlus?

The good news that the article left out is that Nigeria's and India's polio case counts are down and that global polio case numbers are 78% lower in 2010 than in 2009 for the period between 1 January and 14 April. All polio-endemic countries are on track to complete polio eradication, commitment from political leaders across the world is high and we are close to wiping out polio. I can send you the detailed statistics to back this up, so please ask me if you want them. Polio eradication was never going to be a straight line without challenges and as we get down to the end of it, we will continue to evaluate and adjust our strategy as necessary.

If you have further questions about any of this at all, please contact me at any time.

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DISTRICT 5390 HITS TWO HOME RUNS AT THE COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

By Don Gatzke

District 5390 hit two “home runs” and is on “first base” with its third proposal to the 2010 Council on Legislation.

As many of the Members of District 5390 remember, Past District Governor, Don Gatzke started working with the proposals immediately after the 2007 Council on Legislation adjourned. He helped the Clubs submit the first two proposals in the world for the 2010 Council on Legislation (COL). By having the proposals ready before the 2007 District Conference, the District was able to endorse and submit the proposals before anyone else in the world! As a result, the proposals carried “#1” and were the first to be viewed by anyone reviewing the proposed legislation. Gatzke said he was in Rotary about 15 years before he ever remembered even hearing about the COL. Basically, the COL is the legislative body for Rotary. Every policy in Rotary at one time came out of the COL. Everything from the number of members to start a new club, attendance requirements, the admission of women into Rotary, and Rotary International dues all came out of previous COLs. The COL meets every three years in Chicago for five days, of up to 11 hours a day, “legislating.” The Council members come from every District in the World. At this COL there were 527 of the 531 possible Districts represented. To avoid the volcanic ash from Iceland, some Representatives from Europe had to get to Chicago by flying through San Paulo, Brazil!

There are two types of legislation. The one is a Resolution, which one learns is nothing more than a “suggestion” to the Board to consider some administrative action and the other is an Enactment. An Enactment either changes the Bylaws of RI (requires a majority vote or the Constitution of RI (requires a 2/3 vote of the body). In reality, one learns that it is probably better for a Club or District to write a Memorial to the RI Board than to go through all the work of a Resolution. Memorials are considered at every RI Board Meeting (at least twice a year); whereas, the Resolutions are only considered every three years.

PDG Gatzke was able to build a coalition in which both the District 5390’s Enactments were passed. These were put forth by the Rotary Clubs of Bozeman, Bozeman Sunrise, Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Evergreen, Kalispell, Kalispell Daybreak, and Missoula. He also assisted in the passage of a Resolution providing for Rotary’s hearing disabled members. This was a “last minute” coalition to assist Taiwanese Rotarians to pass their Resolution regarding assuring that the hearing impaired members would be served. PDG Gatzke said he “Had to help with that one in honor of all the work Darrell Micken and Dudley Anderson had done on hearing legislation these past 12 years!”

The final count of the proposals has not yet been made official; however, about 17 Resolutions passed, 3 Resolutions were forwarded on for possible consideration, 46 Resolutions failed, 27 Resolutions were withdrawn, 46 Enactments passed, 55 Enactments failed, and 23 Enactments were withdrawn, some in less than a minute before they were to be presented.

Overall, District 5390 was very successful. All but the one Resolution did not receive the needed votes; however, it has already been re-written as a Memorial and will be acted upon at the next RI Board Meeting.

DISTRICT EVENTS*Continued from page 5*

May 07, 2010 - May 08, 2010
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 2010 - GREAT FALLS**

Jul 06, 2010 - Jul 10, 2010
RYLA 2010

Aug 06, 2010 - Aug 06, 2010
**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
 2010- Red Lodge**

Aug 07, 2010
**MILES CITY - Great
 Western Trail Marker
 Dedication**

Aug 14, 2010
**Bozeman Sunrise GOLF
 IN THE DARK**

Aug 22, 2010
**PHILIPSBURG -
 Winninghoff Park
 Inauguration**

Sep 10, 2010 - Sep 12, 2010
**78th PEACE PARK
 ASSEMBLY**

Nov 01, 2010
**POLIO - NID in INDIA -
 DATE CHANGE**

Apr 29, 2011 - May 01, 2011
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 2011 - MISSOULA**

Apr 27, 2012 - Apr 29, 2012
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 2012- BUTTE**

While some may see the Wall Street Journal story as negative, it also provides us with an opportunity to emphasize Rotary's role in the fight to end polio. Please feel free to use the points below to inform any comments you may post in response to the online version of the story.

As Bill Gates said in a speech to Rotarians in San Diego last January, "We don't let children die because it's fatiguing to save them." Rotary and its partners are in the fight to end polio for the long run, and remain focused on our goal: a polio-free world.

Thank you for your message and for your work in sharing the Rotary story.

Best regards,
 Petina Dixon,
 Lead Media Relations Specialist: PolioPlus
 Rotary International

- Rotary, a humanitarian service organization with 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic regions, made polio eradication its top priority in 1985.
- Rotary's vision of a polio-free world inspired the creation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, UNICEF and the CDC.
- As the volunteer arm and lead private sector contributor, Rotary has contributed more than US\$900 million, and its members have logged countless volunteer hours to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.
- Despite progress, the polio eradication effort faces challenges, including funding shortages. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US\$200 million in response to a US\$355 million challenge grant from the Gates Foundation, raising a much needed US\$555 million, all of it dedicated to polio eradication activities.
- As a result of these unique partnerships, polio cases worldwide have been slashed by 99 percent; five million cases of paralysis have been prevented; and 250,000 pediatric deaths from polio have been averted.
- Learn more by visiting www.rotary.org/endpolio.

Statements released by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Friday, 23 April 2010:

- The Gates Foundation remains firmly committed to polio eradication and working closely with our partners at GPEI to finish the job.
- The WSJ story provides a window into the complexities of the polio program and raises some important questions as we seek to ensure the underlying health systems in the poorest countries in the world are able to ensure they get rid of polio over the long-term.
- We are encouraged by the robust new strategic plan, and feel that we have our best opportunity yet to stop transmission in the next 3 years.