

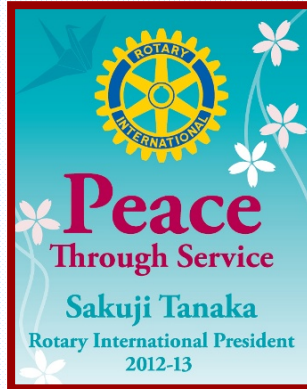
District Focus

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District Governor 2012-13
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Rotary Club of Livingston



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DISTRICT AWARDS

The following awards were presented during the 2013 District Conference. Congratulations to all the clubs and individuals who provided exceptional service through Rotary.

CLUBS OF THE YEAR

Small—Big Sky with Honorable
Mention to Glendive
Medium—Bozeman Noon
Large—Kalispell

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Small—Big Sky
Medium—Bozeman Noon
Large—Billings Downtown

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Billings

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS (RI)

Bozeman Noon, Bozeman Sunrise,
Big Sky, Billings Downtown, Big
Fork, Kalispell, Livingston, Missoula
Sunrise, Whitefish

LARGEST % MEMBER GROWTH

Big Sky

MOST NEW MEMBERS

Great Falls

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GRADUATING TO A NEW ROTARY YEAR

The 2012-2013 Rotary year is winding down and I think this has been a great year. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your District Governor. It has truly been a rewarding experience. I have been amazed by the many incredible programs and projects I learned about during my visits to your clubs. In Montana, Rotary truly excels in making our communities, our state and the world a better place. At the start of the year, I thought I was fairly well aware of the many things that our Rotary clubs in District 5390 accomplish; but, I found so many wonderful things I knew nothing about. I found a club that raised over \$100,000 for a swimming project; clubs that clothe children and feed the hungry; rock climbing boulders and water parks being built to give our children safe places to play; and, beautiful parks and bridges constructed by clubs and even a mountain side crossed with walking trails. There are so many great projects being accomplished around the state it is hard to remember them all. I have been honored to have inducted several new members and to have given many Paul Harris Fellow awards to deserving members. I have watched as new Interact clubs have been formed and have also seen one Rotaract club begin the charter process. I have been honored to spend time with our Rotary Youth Exchange Students. I will always remember this year as the most humbling and rewarding year in my life. I can proudly say that you have created PEACE THROUGH YOUR ROTARY SERVICE.

I have been very fortunate to have worked with a great group of club presidents and it is no wonder why we have had such a successful year. I have also had the opportunity to meet most of next year's Presidents and with John Stewart as the District Governor, I have complete faith that this transition year to the New Grant Model will be an overwhelming success. John and DRFC Dave Kinsey have worked very hard to insure that this transition will not slow us down.

There are so many people that I need to thank for their efforts and I am sure I will miss some of them. So rather than take that chance let me simply say THANK YOU to everyone.

DARYL HANSEN, DG

WHY WE MUST MAKE THE FINAL BLOW TO POLIO—It Still Haunts our Friends and Neighbors

Those of us old enough to remember lining up in grade school for a sugar cube laced with vaccine to keep us from getting that crippling disease called polio, know how critical the goal of ending this disease once and for all is for the future of children all over the planet. Beyond that, polio is increasing health costs here and around the world as many adults who contracted polio when young are now succumbing to post-polio syndrome. Many of you reading this article know someone who is battling this slowly progressive destroyer. People with post-polio syndrome often experience progressive muscle and joint weakness and pain, general fatigue and exhaustion with minimal activity, muscle atrophy, breathing or swallowing problems, sleep related breathing disorders, and decreased tolerance of cold temperatures.

So far in 2013, 26 new polio cases have been reported world-wide compared to 53 at this time last year. Two new cases appeared in Nigeria this month and 1 in Pakistan. Rotarians and others are risking their lives in these countries to make sure children receive the two drops of potentially life changing vaccine. Funding is still needed to make sure the virus disappears forever and Rotarians are one of the key resources in the eradication effort. For more information on the polio program, visit www.polioeradication.org. Once on this web page, you can learn about National Immunization Days (NIDs) by clicking on the tab INFECTED COUNTRIES for a link to the NID calendar. Ω

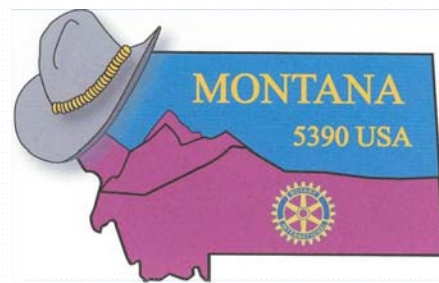
HELENA ROTARIAN REMEMBERED

Helena Rotarian and former Attorney General for the State of Montana, Joe Mazurek passed away in August 2012 and will now be remembered for his service to Montana with the help of Senate Bill 258. Montana Governor Steve Bullock signed the bill which re-names the Justice Building in Helena, Montana as the Joe Mazurek Building. As Governor Bullock stated, "This will be a fitting tribute to Joe—to his dedication, his high ethical standards and his boundless enthusiasm for life and for serving the people and the state he loved." Senate Bill 258 also authorizes the installation of a three-level water feature and artwork in the garden area that will commemorate Mazurek. The addition and its maintenance will be privately funded. The Helena Rotary Club, where Joe was a long-time member, has agreed to undertake the accounting for the fundraising group. Anyone wishing to contribute to the memorial can send a donation to: Joe Mazurek Memorial Fund, Helena Rotary Foundation, PO Box 333, Helena, MT 59604. Donations are tax deductible.

Joe was a key player in the development of the District 5390 Rotary License Plate program that still supports our District Foundation. In his professional life, Joe served 12 years in the Montana Senate and eight years as Montana's Attorney General. He was widely recognized for his ability to bring opposing parties together and his deeply held belief that serving the people of Montana was a great honor. Ω



Corvallis High Interactors held a Parents' Spring Appreciation Potluck dinner on May 6th. There are currently 54 student members of the Interact club.



INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AWARDS

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Marilyn Morris, Hamilton for her work on the Jerry Traylor tour.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SERVICE AWARDS

Jerry Jimmison, Glendive
Lois Smith-Lehwalder, Twin Bridges
Karen Grosz, Billings

DISTRICT ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Dale Palmer, Big Sky

Those clubs that have qualified for the District Governor's Citation will be announced in the June newsletter.

NEW DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

A new district scholarship grant will be available for the 2013-14 Rotary year. For the first year, two \$3000.00 scholarships may be awarded, based on qualified applicants submitting the required information. All applicants must be a graduate of a Montana high school and attending an accredited vocational branch of a University System or a Junior or higher in college. One scholarship will be awarded for study within Montana and one for a person pursuing education outside of Montana. For a copy of the scholarship application, visit the district web site and look under District News. Application deadline is July 1st.

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MONTANA ROTARY CLUBS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD

The **Rotary Club of Roundup** held a special recognition dinner for area World War II veterans and their spouses at the Busy Bee Café. A DVD presentation depicted taking back the Aleutian Islands from



the Japanese. Afterward, each veteran had the opportunity to talk about where they served during the war and share some of their stories.

This is a great time of the year to enjoy some outdoor time picking up the trash left along our highways by others. (Think about how much trash there would be without Rotarians and other groups adopting sections of our roadways!)

Hamilton and Whitehall are two of the clubs who have recently completed this community service project by cleaning up a two mile stretch of highway near their communities. Nearly all of our clubs in District 5390 complete a highway cleanup twice each year—that is over 70 miles of Montana roadways cleaned each spring and fall.



PDG Erv Hedegaard and Whitehall Club President Hank King prepare to bag some garbage.



Hamilton Rotarians look relaxed before heading out to find trash and treasures along a local stretch of Montana highway.

MAY 19TH DEDICATION AT CAMP ROTARY

Camp Rotary has been providing summer fun for kids and adults since early in the 20th century. Several years ago, a new bath house brought reliable showers and a much needed upgrade to the camp's sanitary facilities. A pavilion addition prior to that provided expanded meeting place options. On May 19th at 3:00 PM, Great Falls Rotarians will celebrate the dedication of the new Davidson Lodge. Construction was made possible from a generous donation by longtime Rotarian Ian Davidson and his wife.

Camp Rotary is located just off of US Highway 89, about 60 miles southeast of Great Falls.

2012 RYLA student counselor Sammy Elliot from Billings has been named the female athlete of the year by the Billings Midland Round-table. (See Billings Gazette, May 9, 2013.)

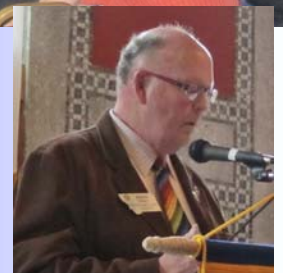
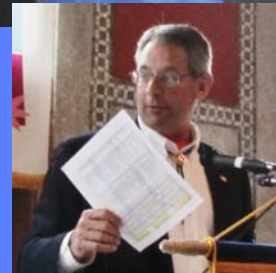
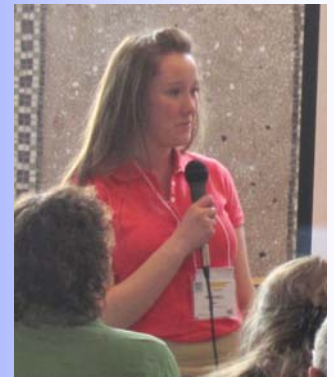
HELENA ROTARIANS PARTNER WITH COLLEGE



The Rotary Club of Helena created a joint venture with students at Helena College to provide bike racks around Helena for the many people who prefer a bike pedal to one that controls the gas on a car. The City of Helena and Bike Walk Montana are also part of the program. Once Rotary members recognized that there was a lack of places for cyclists to safely leave their bikes, the club started working on a way to fill this need.

So far, 13 bike racks have been sold to local businesses and organizations at a price of \$150 each. Each rack includes the name of the business/organization along with Helena College and Rotary. Proceeds pay for the building materials and create scholarships for Helena College welding students and help with other student needs. Between Rotary and Helena College, another 15 racks are planned for construction and installation. A Rotary International grant is helping to fund the next stage. Ω

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2013



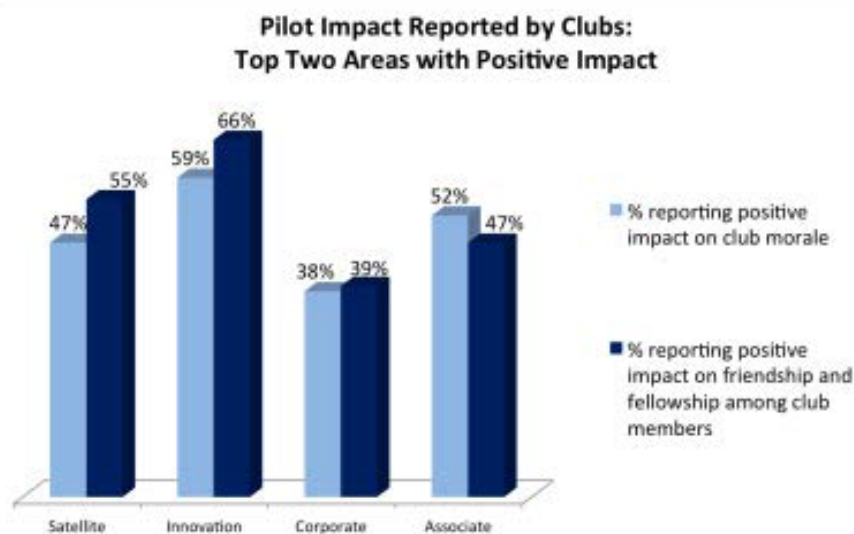
MONTANA ROTARIANS INVITED TO JOIN THE MONTANA SMP PROGRAM

The Montana Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program, is offered statewide and designed to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries avoid, detect, and prevent health care fraud. Program volunteers not only protect older persons, they help preserve the integrity of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Volunteers perform much of their work in face-to-face contact. SMPs nationwide recruit and teach nearly 5,700 volunteers each year to help in this effort. Most SMP volunteers are both retired and Medicare beneficiaries. This makes them well-positioned to assist their peers. The Montana SMP is currently looking for skilled volunteers across the state to advocate for Medicare clients in their communities. Our Rotary District has been approached to advertise the need for volunteers and help educate members about the programs in their areas. Clubs that are interested can receive materials that outline the SMP program and describe how interested members can become involved. For more information, clubs can contact Megan Hill, Volunteer Coordinator, Missoula Aging Services, 337 Stephens Ave., Missoula, MT 59801 or at mhill@missoulaagingservices.org. Her phone number is 406-728-7682.

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PILOT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM PRODUCES IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF CLUBS

Taken from the March 2013 Rotary Leader newsletter. Find it at www.rotary.org/RotaryLeader



While the object of Rotary has not changed, each new generation of members has and to attract new members from the current younger business professionals, clubs are testing the freedom to determine meeting frequency, membership types, and operations. In the first year of a pilot program to test four new types of membership, great potential has been seen in growing membership and strengthening clubs.

The more than 700 participating clubs reporting improved morale, membership growth and diversity. The most positive programs reported were the **Associate Membership** and **Satellite Club**. Associate Membership offers a trial membership without the full rights and responsibilities of active members. A Satellite Club allows clubs to conduct multiple meetings during a week, each taking place at a different location, day, or time. This can be a great option for medium to larger clubs.

Corporate Membership gives companies the opportunity to become partners of their community's Rotary club and appoint up to four employees as active members. The **Innovation and Flexibility** program provides freedom to create a club that better fits its members' and the community needs.

At the October RI Board of Directors meeting, progress reports were given and nearly all of the pilot clubs said participation has had a positive impact, especially on club morale and friendship.

Attracting and keeping members has been a positive outcome and the number of female and members under the age of 50 increased across all pilot types. The pilot programs will continue through the 2013-14 Rotary year.

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Hamilton Rotarian Chris Edwards has a nose for service. He was chosen by his fellow club members to help with an Interact fundraiser on April 17th. All he had to do was smooch a pig on its nose.

April 2012, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report (as reported on May 12th) & Foundation Giving as of March 30, 2013. Foundation giving will be updated for the June Newsletter.

Club	Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	YES	20	71	5	\$1100	34%
Big Sandy	YES	17	48	?	0	0
Big Sky	NR				\$2375	22%
Bigfork	YES	33	58	4	\$3500	3%
Billings Noon	YES	205	54	4	\$20,500	79%
Billings West	NR				\$8000	94%
Bozeman Noon	NR				\$7000	37%
Bozeman Sunrise	NR				\$9600	68%
Butte	NR				0	\$250 given
Columbia Falls	YES	17	47	4	\$1900	74%
Deer Lodge	NR				\$250	84%
Dillon	YES	17	56	4	\$1500	9%
Evergreen	YES	17	86	5	\$2000	98%
Glendive	YES	28	57	4	\$1950	100%
Great Falls	YES	119	49	5	\$7875	109%
Hamilton	YES	31	68	5	\$3000	19%
Havre	YES	28	42	4	0	0
Helena	YES	65	46	4	\$1950	119%
Helena Sunrise	NR				0	0
Kalispell	YES	117	78	4	\$13,000	67%
Kalispell Daybreak	NR				\$4500	172%
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	NR				\$4500	48%
Laurel	NR				\$2400	0
Lewistown	NR				\$2500	0
Livingston	YES	31	59	5	\$3000	44%
Malta	NR				\$350	0
Manhattan	YES	22	53	4	\$1150	28%
Miles City	NR				\$2400	58%
Missoula	YES	132	41	4	\$13,900	48%
Missoula Centennial	NR				\$1500	127%
Missoula Sunrise	YES	43	66	4	\$4700	45%
Philipsburg	NR				\$600	50%
Polson	NR				\$7000	18%
Red Lodge	NR				\$3200	46%
Roundup	NR				0	0
Townsend	NR				\$3080	33%
Twin Bridges	NR				\$500	80%
White Sulphur Springs	NR				0	0
Whitefish	YES	60	44	5	\$7700	28%
Whitehall	YES	20	83	4	\$2000	24%



Upcoming Events

RYLA CAMP 2013

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

DISTRICT TRAINING 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. An important review of the new grant model will be given. Remember that in order to participate in the new grant program, clubs must recertify each year.

PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING 2014

CLUBS—make sure your president-elect (club president on July 1, 2014) has scheduled time to attend the 2014 PETS. The new location - Denver Renaissance Hotel—has a free shuttle from the Denver airport. **Those attending need to be available to start our district meetings at 8:00 AM on Friday, February 28, 2014 and stay until at least noon on Sunday, March 2nd.** President-elect nominees are encouraged to attend when club (or personal) budgets allow. Further information is available on the district web site and on the High Country PETS web site at www.highcountrypets.org.

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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Did you know that
Interact has a You Tube
Channel? Go on-line
and check it out!



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