



ROTARY DISTRICT 5390

MAY 2014

2013-14 District Governor
John Stewart and Susan



Rotary

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

G'Day, Montana Rotarians

Thank you to all who helped out and attended The District Conference. Susan and I hope you were welcomed to the Billings area, and had a great time relaxing away from the weekend business of Rotary. Each entertainer and speaker seemed to add onto the previous one. Those of you who missed the weekend missed out..

All Montana Rotarians are winners in your own special ways. Congratulations to the award winners who were recognized for their special service.

I do hope that we all have **Engaged Rotary** in such a way that we have been able to **Change Lives** this year, and hope that some meaningful bits of information and new ideas were obtained by attendees for use back home.

I am driving Jerry Traylor around in the Montana spring snow storms to talk to area high schools. Now that you have heard the message, if you are interested in having him present to your club and community organization, drop me an e-mail. Some local corporations and trade groups are looking to coordinate mutual timing to save travel expenses and bring him back.

Now, we are off to meet at the Rotary International Convention where **All the tall poppies will bring their rellies to climb the coathanger, hug the Joeys, and grab a feed of fresh yabbies at the big smoke in Sydney 1-4 June 2014.**

Sydney. It's where you wallaby. (For translation, read your Rotarian Magazine.)

Yours in Rotary,

John Stewart

DG 2013-14

Special points of interest

- District Conference Highlights
- Club Activities

For information about key District Events, visit
www.montanarotary.org

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY
Butte, August 1-2

PEACE PARK 82ND ASSEMBLY
Kalispell, September 18-21

2014 DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

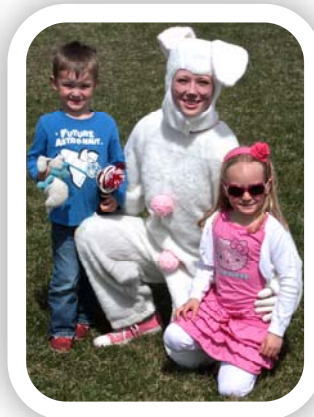
DG John Stewart presented numerous awards during the Saturday evening banquet. PDG Daryl Hansen received special recognition as Rotarian of the Year. The Rotary International President's Representative was PDG Richard Elixman from Tigard, Oregon. The conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Billings.





CORVALLIS HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT MEMBERS PROVIDE EASTER EVENT FOR THE HAMILTON S.A.F.E. HOUSE

Members of the Corvallis Interact Club volunteered to set up an Easter Egg Hunt for children at the Hamilton S.A.F.E. House on April 20th. S.A.F.E. is a shelter for mothers and their children who need a safe place to stay. At the time of the egg hunt, about 25 mothers and children were residing there. The children in the photo below are not any of those staying at the shelter. Ω



BITS AND PIECES

Great Falls Rotarians volunteered at the annual Cruisin' the Drag on May 3rd in Great Falls. Classic cars draw a lot of spectators and unfortunately a lot of garbage. But, the Rotarians make sure that it is picked up and properly disposed of.

During the district conference, we had the opportunity to hear about some of the international projects Montana clubs have been involved with during this Rotary year. Kootenai Valley provided an update on their Guatemala sanitation project; Billings showed photos from their recent water project (featured in the April newsletter) in Africa as well as a mosquito net project in Africa that helps protect people from being bitten by mosquitos carrying malaria; Bozeman showed photos from a recent trip to Chihuahua, Mexico to help with education of the Tarahumara children. The Tarahumara are indigenous to the Copper Canyon area. Most are quite poor and young girls

can be seen weaving intricate baskets from the very long pine needles of the area trees. Younger children and women are often seen at train stops made by El Chepe as it traverses from Los Mochas to Chihuahau each day.



Tarahumara children play on the tracks while their mother is busy nearby selling her hand woven baskets.

RYLA CAMP IS FULL

Reservations from 34 of our 40 clubs have reached the maximum of 110 campers from across the state. Camper numbers are limited based on available sleeping spaces. There are an additional 12 junior counselors, 4 senior counselors, and approximately 15 adult staff.

The fee paid for each camper covers the daily room and board and a lot more. Approximately \$80 of the total goes toward speaker costs, materials for camp and the cost of room and board for the counselors and adult staff.

The kitchen improvements for the camp are planned to take place during May. The campers will be given the opportunity to do simple service projects while at camp. Last summer each camper had the opportunity to help paint a mural in the hallway between the dining and meetings halls.



Children selling handmade items at the Creel train station in the Copper Canyon area. (Photos are not from the Bozeman group's grant trip.)

APRIL CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND

FOUNDATION GIVING (from April reports). Foundation \$ is for APF giving only. Total to date: \$100,679.62

Club (April —37.5% reported)	No. Members	% Attendance	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23	74	\$1200	0
Bigfork	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$3300
Big Sandy	20	64	Not Listed	\$1146
Big Sky	NR	NR	\$4600	\$2300
Billings	NR	NR	\$20,800	\$8880
Billings West	81	53	Not Listed	\$2317
Bozeman	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$6848
Bozeman Sunrise	NR	NR	\$11750	\$6271
Butte	NR	NR	\$775	\$3150
Columbia Falls	18	46	Not Listed	0
Deer Lodge	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$375
Dillon	NR	NR	\$680	0
Evergreen	17	84	\$2000	\$1600
Glendive	NR	NR	\$7600	\$895
Great Falls	114	45	\$4600	\$4950
Hamilton	26	70	\$2700	\$1000
Havre	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Helena	75	37	Not Listed	\$3025
Helena Sunrise	15	71	Not listed	\$100
Kalispell	NR	NR	\$13500	\$10570
Kalispell Daybreak	NR	NR	\$8800	\$9152
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	NR	NR	\$6000	\$5225
Laurel	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Lewistown	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Livingston	32	46	\$2500	\$1835
Malta	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Manhattan	NR	NR	\$300	\$250
Miles City	NR	NR	\$1980	\$1250
Missoula	125	36	\$6500	\$7049
Missoula Centennial	7	61	\$2000	\$1835
Missoula Sunrise	42	63	\$4600	\$3000
Philipsburg	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$100
Polson	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$1600
Red Lodge	38	58	Not Listed	\$318
Roundup	NR	NR	Not Listed	0
Townsend	NR	NR	Not Listed	\$1098
Twin Bridges	NR	NR	\$750	0
Whitefish	57	53	\$5000	\$3485
Whitehall	NR	NR	\$1900	\$755
White Sulphur Springs	NR	NR	Not listed	0

UNDERSTANDING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DUES

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say,
or do (everyday):

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL
and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

(From the April 30th *Membership Minute* newsletter)

Currently, RI dues are \$53. Depending on where you are in the world, that equates to about 4 to 14 percent of your total membership dues. The rest primarily covers club and district expenses, meals, and a subscription to *The Rotarian* or your regional magazine. A breakdown of the 2012-13 RI dues is shown below.



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014 IN BILLINGS

