

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter

May 2017

Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

Events

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May 26, 2017 – Jun 10, 2017

[RYLA Camp 2017](#)
Luccock Park Camp
Jul 11, 2017 1:00 PM –
Jul 15, 2017 12:00 PM

[DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2017](#)
Montana Tech Campus
Aug 04, 2017 – Aug 05, 2017

[PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY 2017](#)
Waterton Park
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Mar 02, 2018 8:00 AM –
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May focuses on Youth Services in the Rotary calendar. In Montana we have many extremely capable high school students, who participate in multiple activities and win awards at many events, from sports to speech and debate and music. At the recent District Conference, we highlighted many youth in our communities around Montana. A highly motivated Rotaractor from Missoula gave a presentation on “Our Rotary”. The Lone Peak High School Interact club was featured talking about their recent service trip to Nepal. We had two Kalispell area Speech & Debate members present a memorized address. There were many music students participating, from local high schools as well as Crown of the Continent Workshop & Festival participants. And we had our District Youth Exchange students in attendance – both the 5 inbound students for this year and the 8 outbound for next year. All this youth added much energy and vitality to the event and if you had a chance to visit with any of them, I’m sure you would agree their potential is unlimited. It’s extremely invigorating to me to talk to and work with such great self-motivated and capable young people.



*Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016–2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen*

Many of our clubs have multiple avenues where we work with youth in the community. Rotaract, Interact, School Backpack programs, District Literacy program, helping elementary students learn to read, mentoring youth, providing scholarships to seniors to only to mention a few of the ways we are and should be supporting youth.

If your club isn’t actively working with youth in your community, I highly recommend that you do so, for we need to empower youth as future leaders in their world for they are the Future of Rotary! If your club needs ideas, help or guidance to get started with youth programs, don’t hesitate to contact District leadership or another Rotary club in your area that you know is working with youth.

Rotary Club News

Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club

Rotarians are getting excited to host the 8th Annual free Kids Fishing Day May 20. Bozeman Sunrise club members took a Saturday morning out of their busy schedules on May 6 to perform work on their park infrastructure, getting it ready for summer guests and their annual FREE Kids Fishing Day held on May 20. Upwards of 30+ members and friends came to refresh park features. Examples of the upgrades include re-building the fence around the lake, to adding a sunshade over the patio; from trimming weeds and high grass; to staining shelters; and filling in gopher holes, we'll all be ready.



East Gallatin Park is their signature community service effort, which in partnership with Bozeman Recreation and Parks district, hosts dozens of thousands of guests and dozens of community events each year.



Deer Lodge Rotary 57th Annual Rotary Talent Show

The Rialto Theater stage witnessed an all-star lineup of some of the best young talent in Powell County. Children ranging from kindergarten age through high school select their talent and compete for prizes in four mixed age groups as well as a first, second, and third place overall title. All participants get a printed certificate with their name. More than two dozen students showed up for the Try Outs. This is one of the few nights every year that fill the downstairs and balcony of the Rialto Theater. Rotarians show up in force to coordinate this event. Some members sell tickets, greet attendees, and hand out programs. Other members coordinate the talent making sure they are ready for their performance and line up on stage at the appropriate time. Rotarians even serve as the stage crew working with the talent to get microphones, move pianos, and lay down mats for tumbling. This is a huge team effort and a positive event in the community. Every year students look forward to either performing or coming to the theater to cheer on their classmates.



Rotary Centennial Grant Provides a Fun and Educational Experience

On April 19th the Rotary Club of Helena used its Centennial Grant to sponsor a free taco dinner and evening at Exploration Works. The Children's Science Center in Helena was open to Helena Middle School (HMS) students and their families. HMS was the only Helena Title I school that had not been sponsored by any organization to enjoy a free night at Exploration Works.

About 70 HMS students and family members enjoyed a dinner cooked and served by Rotarians with the generous assistance of the Silver Star restaurant. Rotarian "scientists for a night" also led four stations for activities related to the solar system. All students who participated in the four activities entered a prize drawing for fabulous Science Technology STEM related prizes. Three students went home with 3D Pens with extra filament to allow creating many cool doodles and designs. Three students won Makey Makey invention kits that only a scientist could explain. Two families won annual memberships to ExplorationWorks. And the grand prize winner won a Sphero Star Wars Robot.

The twelve Rotarians who participated in hosting the event, the staff of ExplorationWorks, and our guests all had a great time. Several of the

families had never been to the science center before and the evening gave center staff the opportunity to encourage students and their families to request scholarships to summer science camps if needed to allow students to participate.

A bonus from the event was that we had enough leftover food to provide at least one meal to God's Love, Helena's homeless shelter.



Rotary Club of Twin Bridges

Twin Bridges Rotary Club finalized plans at their May 8th meeting for the purchase of supplies for the wildlife cage to encase the Lions and Bear of the Seidensticker Wildlife Exhibit to be housed at the Twin Bridges Public Library. We realize this District Grant project must be completed and all funds distributed by June 30th so we are pleased with the progress.

Also, the club has scheduled a June 28th End of the Year/RYLEA Celebration with a barbecue to be held at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Current members and guests, members from surrounding clubs, District officers, and RYLEA students and their parents who attending RYLEA this year as well as past years are all invited to attend.

Having Fun in Rotary!

Phillipsburg Rotary Club Donates \$20,00 to CT Scanner Project

Phillipsburg Mail, May 4, 2017

“There was quite a discussion,” Rotary President Steve Immenschuh admitted. For good reason. At last Thursday’s weekly meeting of the Phillipsburg Rotary Club, someone brought up the idea of donating money to help pay for the hospital’s new CT Scanner. As reported last month by the *Mail*, Granite County Medical Center and Hospital District has been awarded a \$510,000 grant for a new 32-slice CT scanner. And while that’s a lot of money, Immenschuh told the *Mail* that the hospital needs an additional \$110,000 for training and two years of staffing, in lieu of which the community could lose its grant money.

The Rotary Club eyed the amount of money the Hospital’s own Foundation had donated to project: \$20 thousand. “We decided that it serves a very worthwhile project and so we decided to match the Foundation’s pledge,” he said just hours after the vote. Rotarian Dave Pugh was having afternoon coffee with Immenschuh and weighed-in on the project. “You know they need something like an extra \$250,000 to build an addition to the hospital to house the cat-scan and it all has to be done within two years.” “And here’s the Caveat,” Immenschuh noted, “potentially, this will benefit the whole community and it would be wonderful if other organizations in town could contribute.” “It’s a big deal having good emergency medical equipment and care,” Pugh argued, “are people going to drive to Anaconda or Missoula for these things when they can just go here?” The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust’s Rural Healthcare Program awarded the \$510,000 grant to pay for the equipment which provides diagnostic images of structures inside the body.

“Our goal is to ensure that people who live in rural America have access to quality healthcare as close to home as possible,” said Walter Panzirer, a trustee of the Helmsley Charitable Trust. “To achieve this, rural hospitals need to be viable and they need to have up-to-date equipment, so patients can receive essential healthcare services locally. This initiative is one of many that aims to improve healthcare access and health outcomes across the upper Midwest.”

Rotarians in the News

The Big Sister of the Year: Britta Clarke

Britta Clarke has shown great communication to program staff, meeting all assessment deadlines, but also showing admirable consistency and commitment to her little. Britta and her little enjoy playing games, cooking, crafting, pedicures, and doing homework together. They have even created a wish list of activities they would like to do together. Her little enjoys every moment with Britta and each week she looks forward to the day Britta spends time with her. Britta coming from Oregon and now residing in Butte she has made a tremendous impact on Big Brothers Big Sisters by setting an amazing example of what a Big Sister looks like for us all. She is a member of the Butte Rotary Club.



District 5390 News

Sandy Wong Named District Governor Nominee

The District Governor Nominating Committee selected Sandy Wong of the Rotary Club of Billings as the District Governor Nominee. Sandy will be District Governor for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year.

Sandy joined the Rotary Club of Billings in 1998, and served as President during the Club's Centennial Year in 2015-2016. She is currently serving the District as our Membership Chair and organized three "Membership Matters" seminars this past year. Sandy is in her 31st year as a Mortgage Lender, and celebrated eleven years at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in May. She was recently recognized by Wells Fargo as someone who is making a difference in her community. Jay Morton, Regional Sales Manager, said, "It was also great learning more about organizations that are important to you, like End Polio Now through Rotary International. Wells Fargo has made a modest \$100 donation this week in your name to this organization. We are all so proud of you Sandy!" She has served on several non-profit boards, including the YWCA of Billings, MSU-Billings Foundation, and the Billings' Ronald McDonald House. In 2011, Sandy married her grade school sweetheart, Scott Wilm, and they have seven children and 14 grandchildren in their blended family.



Youth Exchange News

Camyrn's Youth Exchange Highlights: Throughout my year as a rebound, I find myself thinking back on what I was doing exactly a year ago on my exchange. These last few weeks, I've been reminiscing about Eurotour. In May, the Austrian Rotary took all of the exchange students on a two week tour around Croatia, Italy, France, and Germany. We even made a stop in Monaco! I learned a lot on Eurotour: how to say please and thank you in three more languages, the best ways to avoid overpaying for dinner in a touristy city, and plenty about the history of all the beautiful places we visited. We were seeing a new culture almost every day, and I got to spend that time with kids from all over the world. I'll never forget my time with my best friends, learning and seeing more than I ever expected to in such a short amount of time. It was certainly the highlight of my exchange.

Clara's Youth Exchange Highlights: My exchange had a great impact on my life. It coaxed me out of my shell and helped turn me into the strong, confident person I am today. I went to Taiwan for the 2015-16 school year. My experience was amazing, and I wouldn't trade it for the world. I made friends from all over the globe and learned Mandarin Chinese all in the span of a year. The skills I picked up in Taiwan have served me well so far, and will hopefully continue to do so for years to come.

Meet Joe McBride

You may be wondering, “Who is Joe McBride, our District Governor for 2017-2018?” Joe was born in Butte, Montana on February 28th, 1942. He graduated from Butte Central in 1960, and received a BA from the University of Notre Dame in 1964.

After college, Joe was a salesman for small chemical firm in Chicago from 1965 to 1971. He then became an Investment Consultant and worked 39 years for company that changed names several times eventually merging with the Royal Bank of Canada - a Canadian flag has an honored place in his office. Joe wore two hats for twenty years in Rochester, MN - manager and investment consultant.

Joe has been married to Libby for twenty-five years. They met on a blind date. According to Joe, “I was dazzled!” They have two sons. “Dr. Joe,” his wife Mary and daughter Molly (13) live in Omaha. Scott, his wife Katarinna, and sons Brady (11) and Henry (9) live in Chicago.



Joe and Libby moved back to Butte six years ago to help raise money for Butte Central and continue his passion for Rotary. Rotary experience includes hosting three exchange students, Agnes from Indonesia, Priya from India and Chris from South Africa. He has served as International Chair, Club President and Assistant Governor.

Joe has set his goals for his year as District Governor. These are:

To help each club to be the best they can be - to help provide any needs each club wants.

To strengthen all that we do for students and encourage RYLA, Interact and Roteract membership and programs.

To introduce a new program called STRIVE - a mentoring program for students who have faced academic challenges.

In addition he has a few other ideas which he will discuss later. Joe says, “Look for my monthly column ‘*Joe Bear’s Broadcasts*’ starting in July. I am looking forward to a riveting Rotary year. Thanks to all of you for all you do. Please [email me](#) or call me at (406)498-6239 with any ideas or suggestions.”

Turn Rotary Club Speakers into Members

By Mike Banville, District Membership Committee
Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club

Starting about 4 years ago, our membership committee noticed how many of the speakers who we invited to address our meetings then expressed interest in joining our club. They felt the energy within our group when they spoke to us, and wanted to be part of us.

Mike joined Rotary in 1991 in Jackson Hole, WY, where he served as Club President 1996-1997. He joined the Bozeman Sunrise Club in 2003 and served as Club President 2008-2009. He is currently Club Youth Exchange Chair and serves on their membership and public image committees. Mike is a member of the newly formed District Membership Committee.

Now, during our new member orientations, we encourage new members to seek speakers and topics that are unique and would be in new classifications not currently filled. The strategy continues to yield great presentations, and many newer and younger members.

Action Item for All Clubs - have an after-hours brainstorming session, asking members within all age classes in your club to suggest possible speaking topics and speakers who they feel would be honored to address your club on their expertise. Then, after the talk, send a nice thank you note, and follow-up to see what they thought of your club, and whether that would lead to their interest in being a member. Showing off our organization to them, with them as the spotlight, will go a long way to building the quality of our Rotary brand, and your professionalism as a group of dynamic individuals gathering each week for the common good.

Meet our District Membership Committee Cadre!

These Rotarians will be reaching out to identify each Club's Membership Chair and committee members, to create networking and resource opportunities. Look for a dynamic presentation from the Cadre at the District Assembly August 4-5!



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The Rotary Foundation News

District Foundation News

by Sue Carstens, Rotary Club of Whitefish

District 5390 Foundation Chair (2017-2020)

I am honored to be selected to serve as your District Foundation Chair. My 12 plus years in Rotary have been a source of personal and professional growth. I attended the Rotary Leadership Academy in 2010-11 and learned about all of the ways a Rotarian can be a contributing member to further the Vision of Humanitarian Service towards Peace Worldwide. Starting with being the Rotary Club of Whitefish president in 2011-12, I worked with our club to complete a Global Grant to put 3 stage AG600 water purifiers in 24 schools in India. We worked with an E-Club and identified schools in the areas where these E-Club Rotarians lived.

In 2013, I became an Assistant District Governor and enjoyed working with clubs to empower them to achieve all of their club goals. In 2014 I joined the District Grant Selection Sub-Committee and learned about the New Vision Grant Model which changed the way The Rotary Foundation (TRF) funded Global and District Grants. Becoming the District Grant Selection Sub-Committee Chair in 2016, our District awarded 9 grants for a total of \$33,235 from TRF for the 2016-17 Grant Year. That grant year we also awarded \$26,000 in Centennial Grants from District Foundation Funds for 23 Club Projects. The District Grants Sub-Committee just completed its review of 2017-18 Grant Applications and recommended awarding 10 grants for about \$31,890 from TRF. A list of these grants will be published on the District website in the next few weeks.

Reminder: Clubs that collect contributions from members need to send in their Paul Harris Sustaining Member and Every Rotarian Every Year money to the Rotary Foundation before June 30th.

I am proud of all the clubs and Rotarians who work tirelessly on achieving TRF Vision by using grant funds to improve both the Communities we live in and those internationally.

Speaking of Internationally, in 2016 our District completed a Global Grant in Guatemala totaling \$69,577. The Rotary Club of Kootenai Valley worked with the Rotary Club of Mazatenango to bring clean drinking water to the community of San Juan Maza and to La Asuncion School. The Rotary Club of Kootenai Valley is currently working on a new Global Grant application titled El Progreso Water and Sanitation Project in Guatemala. This time they will be working with Engineers Without Borders and again with the Rotary Club of Mazatenango. The project is proposing to bring clean water to El Progreso and to develop sanitation facilities and a leveled exercise (playground) area at the school site for the school children. The total proposed budget is \$67,114.

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Rotary Foundation Reminders

May is an exciting time. You may be preparing to attend The Rotary International Convention in Atlanta next month or maybe you're celebrating our Foundation's centennial with a special dinner or event.

Just think - we are one month away from ending our centennial year, one month away from closing our books, and one month away from beginning our Foundation's second century of service. How do you want this year to end? With your help, we are on track to achieve record breaking giving during our centennial year. But we are still \$50 million away from reaching our goal. We need your help now more than ever.

Use Foundation Reports to thank and follow-up with donors: Reports like the Club Foundation Banner Report, the Paul Harris Society Report, and the Club Recognition Summary are a great way to identify donors who have already made gifts and provide friendly reminders for those that have yet to make their gift. Clubs are encouraged to reach 100% participation and celebrate their achievement.

Another great option is to ask donors to have their company match their gifts – more than 15,000 companies have matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. See if your employer (<http://www1.matchinggifts.com/rotary/>) offers this option.

Share Foundation stories: The best way to get others engaged in the Foundation is to share our impact. As of May 9th there have been 459 district grants and 1,014 global grants approved. Talk about the projects your club is doing and share information about these 20 noteworthy global grants (<https://www.rotary.org/en/top-global-grant-projects>) done around the world.

Rotary Year-End Deadlines: To be credited to The Foundation for the Rotary year ending 30 June 2017 checks must be postmarked on or before June 30th and must be received by July 7th. Credit card payments must be authorized by midnight CST on June 30th.

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I look forward to seeing you at our Training Assembly Aug 4-5th where I will be reviewing our District Grant Application process and introducing some new changes to improve the process.

In closing, our District Foundation would not be where we are were it not for the dedication and leadership of our past District Foundation Chair PDG David Kinsey. He has been a support to me in this transition. I thank him for his past service and am most grateful for sharing his passion for Rotary. Best Wishes Dave!



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

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

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Montana Rotary District 5390 Friendship Exchange with Tasmania District 9830

by Rick Moore, District Friendship Exchange Coordinator

Get members involved in Rotary beyond their clubs and national borders by observing Rotary Fellowships Month in June.

Members interested in vocational service, recreational activities, or visiting Rotarians around the world can connect through programs like [Rotary Fellowships](#) and [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) . Get connected to help members build twin-club relationships or find service project partners.

And how appropriate is it that our Friendship Exchange Team from Tasmania is arriving in Kalispell on 26th? During their two week stay in Montana, they will be visiting Rotarians in Kalispell, Polson, Deer Lodge, Helena, Townsend, Big Sky, and Red Lodge. You can see their schedule of activities by clicking on the link under Events on the [District Web Page](#) or following them on Facebook at [Montana Rotary District 5390 Friendship Exchange](#).

*June is
Rotary Fellowship Month*