

DISTRICT ROUNDUP

ROYS ROTARY

MAY—Springtime in Montana

I don't know about your neck of Montana but here in the Northwest Corner of our great State, it is definitely springtime! We have been experiencing some beautiful spring weather, only downside is we could use some moisture or most likely will pay for this later in the summer and fall.

If you missed the District Conference in Kalispell, you missed a great opportunity for Rotary Fellowship. Both Friday and Saturday nights, first in a hospitality room and then dancing to Billy Angel, I witnessed Rotarians doing what they do best - having FUN! Whether it was being inspired by a young RYLA student, Zoi Johns, or learning a new way to open a champagne bottle with a saber, the only regret I have is not having more Rotarians share in the experience.

Every club should make an effort to support their District by sending representatives to the District Assembly and District Conference. Remind your members that these events are not just for club leaders but for ALL Rotarians and a great way to learn about Rotary and share Rotary Fellowship. Congratulations to all the clubs and individuals that were honored throughout the Conference, we had many that lived up to this year's theme - "Light Up Rotary!" Congratulations to Patrick Plantenberg, of the Rotary Club of Townsend for receiving the District Rotarian of the Year award - what a great cheerleader for Rotary in our District. Helena Sunrise received the District Award for Small Club of the Year, Townsend for Medium size and Bozeman Sunrise for Best Large Club of the Year. Rotary Club of Red Lodge had the District's largest percentage gain in membership - a 26% increase - way to go!

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It Happens in May

- 8th—National Coconut Cream Pie Day
- 15th—Bike to Work Day
- 16th—Armed Forces Day
- 28th—International Day of Action for Women's Health
- 31st—Save Your Hearing Day



A CENTURY OF SERVICE IN THE BIG SKY STATE



DG Roy and Terry receive thank gifts during the April District Conference

Townsend Club Recognized

For those of you who did not attend the 2015 District Conference in Kalispell, you missed a great time, including meeting (and hearing) the District 5390 Rotarian of the Year, Patrick Plantenberg. He is anything but shy in his enthusiasm for Rotary, especially improving membership.

His home club of Townsend also received a special award as the best medium sized club in the district—considering they are from a small town of about 2000. A little more than 2% of Townsend residents belong to their Rotary club.

Membership & Fellowship

Rotary clubs meet weekly and it is through meetings that members get to know each other in a professional and personal way. It also enables members to discuss and further the Club's service goals. Furthermore, let us not forget about our outstanding speakers and programs.

Your attendance each week provides the maximum benefit to you and other members. However, if you are unable to attend a weekly meeting for some reason, there are ways to "make up" a meeting for attendance purposes. These "make ups" really add to your total Rotary experience.

Make Up a Meeting Instead of an Excuse

To do a "make up" all you need to do is visit another Rotary Club within 14 days before or after you miss your regular meeting. You can go to www.rotary.org and check the Club Locator. The locator can be downloaded to your computer or as an App for your phone. The site lists every Rotary club in the world and indicates where and when they meet.

Out of the Country But Not Out of Rotary

Visiting an international club is quite an experience. It gives you the opportunity to see the worldwide nature of Rotary. You are welcomed at every Rotary Club meeting anywhere around the world. Take an hour when traveling and do a make up meeting when you travel.

Don't forget to ask for a couple of club banners so you can do an exchange during the make up.

Submitted by Dale Palmer, District Membership Chair



Patrick Plantenberg, Townsend



Bigfork Rotarians remember Carolyn Hummel who generously left a large portion of her estate to Rotary.

HELPING IN NEPAL

We express our profound sadness and extend our sympathies to all those affected by the devastation resulting from the 25 April deadly earthquake in Nepal. Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal for the 8 million people impacted by the massive 7.8 magnitude quake.

As we mourn the thousands of lost lives, Rotary joins many international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Rotary's service partner ShelterBox is working closely with Nepali Rotarians to coordinate immediate relief efforts. On Monday, April 27th and Wednesday, April 29th, Rotarians greeted ShelterBox response teams in Nepal who will mobilize temporary housing and relief efforts. An initial 1,000 housing tents and 1,000 shelter kits were distributed.

Here in District 5390, Whitehall, Big Sky, Kootanai Valley and others have started their own ShelterBox relief work and already have sent funds for this effort. Two more ShelterBox relief teams and additional kits are ready to be deployed once further assessments are complete. Monitor the announcements section of My Rotary for more information as it becomes available and do not hesitate to contact relief@rotary.org with any questions. Big Sky has a Rotarian on the ground in Nepal, Pete Schmeiding, contact the Big Sky Club to see how you can help. (from Roy Beekman, DG)



ROTARIANS & INTERACTORS CLEAN UP MONTANA BY-WAYS



Butte Interactors received their official club charter in April

Great District Conference

Yes, there were the standard speeches, awards, dinners, and displays and more importantly, there was Rotary fellowship, an opportunity to learn, to exchange ideas, meet new people, be inspired, help out on a project, and get re-energized about all that we do and can do as Rotarians. The conference photos featured throughout this month's newsletter can only show a split second in time—you can not feel the energy in the room at the time the photos were taken. Attending is the only way to prove to yourself how much fun a conference can be.

Next Rotary Sharing Opportunities are Coming

The District Training Assembly will be held in Butte on August 7th and 8th. This is not just a learning experience for club officers—any Rotary member can benefit and all are welcome.

The next District Conference will be held at Fairmont Hot Springs near Butte, on April 22 & 23, 2016.



Zoi Johns from Colorado was a keynote speaker at the district conference in April. She explained how attending Young RYLA changed her life. Her enthusiasm was catching .

Shelter Box Display Ready

The District's Shelter Box display package is once again available for loan to Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs when doing educational or fundraising activities. The schedule is posted on the home page of the district web site. The box will be stored either in Whitehall or Butte and it is the responsibility of the borrowing club to arrange pick-up and return. The tent and all the supplies come in a large plastic tote and a large duffle bag.



Ed Handl, Whitehall PE, in front of the Shelter Box display at the April 28th Whitehall Safety Day. The display helped to educate grade school students about Rotary and how people in Nepal can be helped by receiving a Shelter Box.

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We awarded Rotary Leadership Institute Graduates with certificates and pins, individuals with Club Builder awards, and TRF Service Awards to several others, but possibly the most moving was the announcement of a sizeable donation from Carolyn Hummel's estate to The Rotary Foundation and our own District Foundation. Only a Rotarian for a short amount of time, it is a testament to the Bigfork club members that they positively influenced her to make this bequest.

My, how fast this year is going - don't forget to log into My Rotary and enter your club's information for this past year. Update club member information, club officers for next year and club goals. This is the vehicle that Rotary is going to use from now on for gathering and dispersing information, but as with many websites, it is only as relevant as the information we feed it. Every Rotarian should be versed in this process and shown what great information is at their fingertips.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RYLA Camp - Luccock Park - July 14th -18th

District Assembly and Training - Butte, MT - August 7th & 8th

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly - Waterton Lakes, AB - Sept. 11th -13th

Enjoy the sunshine and longer days.

Roy Beekman, District Governor

FOUNDATION GIVING AND MEMBERSHIP FOR APRIL 2015 (\$102,918 total given to APF)

Club (Apr– 20% of clubs reported ☹)	No. Members	% Attnd	# of Mtng	Found. Goal	\$ Given APF
Anaconda	23			\$1200	0
Bigfork	35	49	5	\$4500	\$3600
Big Sandy	19			0	\$50
Big Sky	20			\$2000	\$75
Billings	177	62	4	0	\$13,283
Billings West	76			\$9500	\$4350
Bozeman	NR			\$10,475	\$8186
Bozeman Sunrise	NR			\$10600	\$17360
Butte	NR			\$2200	\$6250
Columbia Falls	16			0	\$124
Deer Lodge	NR			0	\$270
Dillon	16			\$1700	
Evergreen	15			\$1600	\$1425
Glendive	23			0	\$500
Great Falls	98	44	4	\$5300	\$2193
Hamilton	28	65	4	\$2800	\$1200
Havre	NR			0	0
Helena	68			\$4250	\$2900
Helena Sunrise	14			0	\$275
Kalispell	115			\$14000	\$4850
Kalispell Daybreak	71			0	\$7475
Kootenai Valley (Libby/Troy)	35			\$4250	\$6265
Laurel	28			0	0
Lewistown	34			0	\$100
Livingston	30			0	\$2125
Malta	NR			0	\$350
Manhattan	23			0	\$100
Miles City	34			\$1900	\$1590
Missoula	111			0	\$7354
Missoula Centennial	7			\$2000	\$1680
Missoula Sunrise	42	68	5	\$7150	\$200
Philipsburg	NR			0	\$200
Polson	75	35	4	0	\$3500
Red Lodge	44	61	5	0	\$1500
Roundup	NR			0	0
Townsend	58			0	0
Twin Bridges	16			\$500	\$1000
Whitefish	56			\$8200	\$1913
Whitehall	16	75	4	\$2125	\$675
White Sulphur Springs	NR			0	0

Polio—May Starts With Zero

It is not often that a week goes by without a report of a child, somewhere, contracting polio. The first week of May was different—No New Cases. None in Pakistan, none in Afghanistan, and Nigeria continues with zero for 2015.

Year-to-date, there have been 23 polio cases recorded worldwide. Last year at this time there were 77 and for all of 2014 there was a total of 359. Pakistan Rotarians continue to work hard to further reduce polio by improving immunization efforts. A new immunization center has been established by Rotarians in Karachi at the train station to reach families that would be missed otherwise. Pakistan has recorded 22 of the 23 cases for this year.

“This Close” is Not Close Enough

The Gates Foundation is continuing to support Rotary’s effort to complete the polio eradication program. It will match \$2 for each \$1 given from Rotary, up to \$35 million per year for 3 years

It is estimated that 13,800,000 children have been saved from polio paralysis since 1988. They have also been spared the painful and debilitating complications that can occur later in life from Post-polio Syndrome.

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Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to All Concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned



RI President Rep Bo Porter



2014-15 in-bound
Youth Exchange students



DGE Bill Spath sings a
duet with entertainer
Billy Angel.

