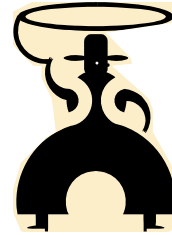


# The 5390 Roundup



Rotary Year 2009-10

November, 2009

The Rotary Foundation Month



## Rotary District 5390

### DG MUSINGS FROM THE ROTARY TRAIL

#### Special points of interest:

- New District-wide Service Project being planned
- District Cookbook ready for recipe submission
- GSE Applications due in December



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Hi Rotary Members, one and all:

November is foundation month for Rotary International and is also a time for us to be very thankful. We all have so much to be thankful for once you stop and think about it. First off we live a great state and a great country. We really have the best "deal" world wide. Would you really live any were else in the world?? We often wonder and question; but, funny how it is that we all still live in this great place. Looking around the world, we see great



District Governor  
Mark Finnicum  
Rotary Club of  
Great Falls

needs. There is still polio and extreme poverty out there. Here I am sipping on coffee and turning up the thermostat. I know a lot of polio fundraising is taking place. Keep up the great work.

Our PR grant will help put Rotary on the TV airwaves. Watch for our an-

nouncements and spread the word. Rotary is half way to our goal of raising \$200 million dollars for polio eradication. So, we can't stop yet. We must do our part. THANKS to all. This is also a super time to be thinking about your year end giving. Please, Please, Please give to our Rotary Foundation. All of the dollars given goes to help people around the world. We do so much good that it is impossible to list every thing. During my club visits I found so much that you all are doing, that (cont. p. 7)

### DISTRICT WIDE SERVICE PROJECT ANNOUNCED

You may have read about a Rotary Club project helping children somewhere in the world where Rotarians travel to a village and help children in some way— school supplies, fresh water, clothing, lights for reading at night. The list could go on and on. You may have thought how great it would be to have the time and perhaps the money to travel to another place

and get involved, hands on, in a great project that helps someone you may only see that one time. Now, every Rotarian in Montana who wants to help a child feel a little better about themselves and their situation will have the chance to participate in some way. This is Big Sky Country and starting next summer, we can (cont. p. 4)



Highway cleanup is a “bunch of garbage”; but, these Corvallis Interactors don’t seem to mind. Twenty-one students helped with the cleanup.

### DISTRICT TRIVIA

Which club in our district is the “Middle Child?”  
In other words, which club was number 21 to charter?



All smiles in Livingston after receiving their winter coats from Rotarians during the Cool Coat Day.

## HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

*NOTE: If your club just completed a great project or is working on one, etc. and it has not appeared in the newsletter, ask if anyone sent in information and/or photos to the editor.*

**The Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise** would like to invite you to their Christmas Party on December 10th. It will begin at 5:47 PM at the Gran Tree in Bozeman. Besides great food, there will be auctions items, including

trips, fishing, kayaking, and more to bid on. Contact Cathy Simonson for more information.

**The Rotary Club of Big Sky** has scheduled their Annual Gold Raffle and Auction for January 30, 2010 at Buck’s T-4 Lodge. For the \$100 ticket, you receive two dinners and one entry into the gold drawing. There will also be live and silent auctions.

Have you looked at the price of gold lately?

**The Rotary Club of Billings** really stuck it to their members on October 26th. Club members met at MSU-Billings and received their seasonal flu shots. Now that was nothing to sneeze at this time of year.

**The Rotary Club of Livingston** scared the \*%!# out (cont. p. 7)

## GSE TEAM APPLICATIONS DUE IN DECEMBER

Group Study Exchange—It is time to select and prepare another team for an experience of a lifetime. Applications are due on December 3, 2009 and interviews will be conducted on December 11 and 12 at Fairmont. The team will then have until the end of April to prepare for a month-long visit to Rotary District 4310 in the Sao Paulo, Brazil area. That may sound familiar. We had a team visit another district in Sao Paulo just a few years ago.

Before our team leaves, they will

need to learn a little Portuguese, prepare their “show and tell” about our District and themselves, and make an appearance at the District Conference in May. Then, their bags need to be packed and ready to head south on May 13th. The team from Brazil is scheduled to arrive in Montana on April 15th.

For more information on the exchange, applications forms and a link to District 4310, visit our District web page and open one of two GSE pages.

## 5390 Young’ns—YOUTH EXCHANGE LETTER HOME

*(Our District has many students spending time overseas on Youth Exchange. If you have an outbound student letter and/or photos, remember to send this information to the District Newsletter editor so everyone can learn more about what our students experience on this great adventure.)*

Nolan Schmidt, Boze-

man, is spending his exchange year in Austria. Here is part of his recent blog to everyone back home.

“On Halloween I went to Venice for the day with my host-parents . . . I was amazed by it! It’s the most beautiful city I’ve ever seen! At some places in Venice you

can pay 20 Euros for a cappuccino! Luckily we went to a cheap place.

The day after, on Sunday, was All Saints Day, a very important Catholic holiday. We had to go to the church in my host-dad’s home town of Kolbnitz and go to his family’s grave. (continued, p. 4)

## ROTARY PEACE SCHOLAR REPORTS ON WORK IN IRAQ

*(Rotary Peace Scholar, Martha McManus from Calgary, Alberta was a guest speaker at the International Peace Park Assembly at Waterton in September. This is a message she sent to RI headquarters about a project she is involved with in Baghdad)*

I am writing to you from Baghdad where I am working on a project housed in International Medical Corps (IMC) offices with funding from UNICEF. The project focuses on Justice for Children with three parts to the program:

1. Preventative programs for schools, youth centers, and reaching street youth. We are providing training for trainers in the end of November (more than 130 people- teach-

ers, parents, youth workers) and we are have a children's conference too!

2. Restorative Justice programs for youth in detention centers.

3. Diversion programs meant to provide training and skills for reintegration

We are honored to have the support of the ministries in our work, and the Iraqi team of lawyers, social workers, teachers and committed staff bring a passion and urgency to the work.

I have a hard time finding the words to thank Rotary for the opportunities you have given me to broaden and deepen my peacemaking and conflict transformation work, and bring the *(continued, p. 6)*



Livingston area visitors getting "spooked" in the Haunted House put on by the Rotary Club of Livingston.

## RI PRESIDENT ELECT TO ATTEND AUGUST DEDICATION

You may recall some past articles on the efforts of Rotarians from Texas to Canada focusing on marking the Great Western Trail. This was once the main route for cattle drives and is an important part of our western history. Part of that trail

cut through eastern Montana.

On August 7, 2010, RIPE Ray Klinginsmith will visit Miles City for the dedication ceremony. This is a rare and great honor to have a sitting Rotary International President visit Montana.

Miles City Rotarians are working on the ceremony and we have had the form to cast the Montana trail marker for quite some time.

Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the dedication event.

### IN MEMORY

Bozeman Noon Rotarian Gerald Erickson passed away on October 28th.

### IN OUR THOUGHTS

PDG Clara Gillard has been in the hospital in Spokane, WA after having a heart attack on October 30th. Her husband Lyle passed away on October 29th.

## COOKING UP A CLUB MONEY MAKER

How many cookbooks are in your cupboard and those of your friends and family? Is there room for one more? OF COURSE!!

Our District Cookbook project has all the right ingredients and we are warming up the production oven. All Montana Rotarians have

to do in put their recipe in the mix so we can create a must have Montana Made cookbook. Here are some helpful Questions and Answers:

**\*My club is not participating. Can I still enter recipes?** YES. Any Rotarian in District 5390 can enter up to 5

of their favorite recipes for the book. Your name and club can also be listed.

**\*My club is not participating. Can I still get one of the books?** YES. You can buy a book from the District or a participating club for the suggested retail price. Profits from *(cont. p. 6)*



The Rotary Club of Whitehall held an appreciation dinner on Oct. 26th for Interactors and their parents. Although many of the 51 members could not make it due to flu, there was still a great crowd. 28% of the Whitehall High students belong to Interact.



## BEING A GOOD ROTARIAN—LESSONS FROM AN AARP CONVENTION



Roundup Rotarians handed out 41 dictionaries to local third graders. One class only had one dictionary before Stan Pisle (president), John Legget (the “oldest” Rotarian), and Chad Sealey (the newest Rotarian) gave one to each child.

While I missed being at the District Assembly, it was worthwhile being in Las Vegas at the AARP National Convention. Being among the youngest in a group of around 20,000 made me feel a little more youthful. But, I saw people my age who were quite old and people in their late 70s and 80s were very young. Far too many were considerably overweight and a few were way too thin. Most of us were about right. Many had handicaps of one sort or another; but, it did

not seem to slow most people down—there was always someone close by offering a helping hand. So how does this relate to being a Rotarian? A few things came to mind as I observed and listened to those around me.

Eat way less sugar—be a little sweeter to everyone; put a little pep in your step—take time to stop and enjoy life; don’t hesitate to talk to strangers who are in your “group” - carrying an AARP bag, like wearing a Rotary pin, can make you

more approachable; let yourself be continually amazed at the beauty of a star bright night; lift weights on a regular basis—lift someone else’s weight, you will both feel better; eat a little less—give a little more; and in the words of Maya Angelou (one of many great speakers), “I will be the Rainbow in someone’s cloud.” As Rotarians, we have the opportunity everyday to be a Rainbow for those who may feel eternally covered by clouds.

*Arlene Weber, DGN*



One of the nice things about the Dictionary Project is the opportunity to serve beyond our communities. Missoula Sunrise (above) visited 3rd graders in Charlo and Whitehall Rotarians made sure that Harrison kids (below) received their dictionaries.



## District Service Project, Continued from page 1

start to share our Big Hearts. We will be treating the sons and daughters of our military service men and women to a little bit of Montana with camping, fishing, hiking, rafting, etc. right here at home. A planning committee has been formed and a chair will be selected soon. Favorable contacts have already been made with guides and outfitters, the Adjutant General of the Montana National Guard and other key people. Why are

we doing this? To serve those who serve us. On the November 15 Sunday Morning show a soldier said that deployment is tough on their kids. Some act out in school or at home—they miss their mom and/or dad. This project will help them see how much we support their military parents and show them the joy of caring for someone you have never met before. Big Hearts in the Big Sky Country.

## Youth Exchange Letter Home, continued from page 2

All the other families of the entire village were there, too, remembering their loved ones. It was hard being there knowing a lot of the people there were killed by Americans in the World Wars. I felt really out of place.

I got to see the house where my host-dad was born which is now a hotel owned by his brother. This house was built in the 12th century and has been in his family’s possession the entire time.

Some people still do not think I understand much and I overheard one lady saying how I was very polite compared to every other American. I thought it was really funny.

*Nolan Schmidt*

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION GIVING



OCTOBER 2009

# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
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AREA 1 Nancy Manning

Kalispell Daybreak	71			71	NR	NR
Kalispell	124	0	1	123	5	82
Libby	46	0	0	46	4	47
Whitefish	66	0	0	66	4	53

AREA 2 Joanne Knutson

Bigfork	41	0	0	41	4	67
Columbia Falls	15			15	NR	NR
Evergreen	17	0	0	17	4	91
Polson	76			76	NR	NR

AREA 3 - Marilyn Morris

Hamilton	38	1	1	38	4	65
Missoula	178	0	2	176	4	40
Missoula Centennial	11	0	0	11	3	39
Missoula Sunrise	73	2	3	72	4	65
Philipsburg	38			38	NR	NR

AREA 4 - Ed Shaw

Anaconda	20	0	0	20	4	73
Butte	39	0	1	38	5	52
Dillon	26			26	NR	NR
Twin Bridges	19	0	0	19	4	82
Whitehall	25	0	0	25	3	61

AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns

Deer Lodge	36	0	0	36	4	68
Helena	76	1	0	77	4	44
Helena Sunrise	19	2	0	21	4	62
Townsend	39	0	1	38	4	53
White Sulphur Springs	18			18	NR	NR

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AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen

Big Sky	20	0	0	20	5	50
Bozeman	116			116	NR	NR
Bozeman Sunrise	81	0	0	81	4	79
Livingston	53	0	0	53	4	56.5
Manhattan	24			24	NR	NR

AREA 7 - John Stewart

Laurel	24	0	0	24	4	81
Red Lodge	45	0	0	45	5	56
Billings	231	2	0	233	3	48
Billings Sunrise	5	0	0	5	4	60
Billings West	78			78	NR	NR

AREA 8 - Rick Evans

Big Sandy	19			19	NR	NR
Chester	5			5	NR	NR
Great Falls	87			87	NR	NR
Great Falls Morning	10			10	NR	NR
Havre	31			31	NR	NR

AREA 9 - Tom Reynolds

Lewistown	53			53	NR	NR
Malta	11	0	0	11	5	73
Roundup	9			9	NR	NR

AREA 10-Carl Ernst

Miles City	25			25	NR	NR
Glendive	19	0	0	19	4	82

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TOTALS

60% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR OCTOBER, DOWN FROM 65% IN SEPTEMBER

### FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-10, as of October 31, 2009

Goal \$117,800 Received \$21,386.72 % Achieved 18  
Clubs Pledged 26 2009-10 Restricted Giving \$63,465.56

Total District Contributions: \$84,852.18

Goal 2008-09 \$144,735 with 39 clubs pledging

Clubs Below Goal 24

Clubs at or Exceeding Goal 2

## Cookbook Project, continued from page 3



"Singing" the praises of Rotary during the District Assembly in Great Falls on October 24th.

### ROTARY YOUTH

#### EXCHANGE

Did you know there is a pile of information on our District web site about RYE? Look in the column on the left side of the home page and click on Youth Exchange.



Kalispell President Frank Garner pleads his case for new members; but, Rotarian Don Counsell made the best argument and won a month of free meals.

books sold by the District will be donated to Polio Plus.

**\*Is there a minimum number of books a club must order?** NO. Participation by each club is voluntary. The District must order a minimum of 200 books. At press time, the total order for participating clubs is over 900 copies.

**\*How much money must the clubs give to the District for the cookbooks?**

Clubs will pay only the cost of the books, plus shipping if the books can not be delivered or picked up. Profit made by participating clubs stays with the club.

**\*Can clubs re-order more books?** YES; BUT, the minimum district-wide re-order is 200 books. This can come from one club or a combined order of several clubs. The District itself will only be ordering about 50 books so clubs need to

buy enough for their initial sales. .

**\*My club changed its mind and now wants to participate but the order deadline was in early November. Are we out of luck?** NO We can add books to the order up to December 19th. After that, the order can not be changed for the initial printing.

**\*How do I enter my recipes for the cookbook?**

Just go to the District Web site and look in the column for District Events. Find the Cookbook event and click on it. Instructions are listed and there is a link to the recipe entry web page. If you can not access the internet see if someone in your club can do it for you or contact Arlene Weber. You can enter up to 5 if you are a Rotarian and one or two if you are an Interactor or an Exchange Student; but, two or three per

Rotarian will allow more people to participate.

*The deadline to enter recipes is December 19th.*

**\* How many recipes will be in the book?**

We need a minimum of 150 and there can be up to 800. We would like to keep the number between 350 and 400. This will make a nice size book and keep the price reasonable.

**\* What is the title of the cookbook?**

Two ideas have been submitted: 1.Home on the Range or 2. Big Sky Cuisine. You can help choose. E-mail Arlene no later than November 21st to vote on one of these or submit a different suggestion.

If you have questions about the Recipe Book project, please contact Arlene Weber at DG5390.2011@msn.com or by phone at 406-287-3866.

## Peace Scholar, continued from page 3

work to people who invite me to work with them.

In the midst of the news of bombings, I want you to imagine the faces of committed people, just like you and me, who share a vision of a community, city, and country where it is safe for children to play in the parks and families walk to the neighbor store for an ice cream. Peo-

ple whose faces shine as they speak of a new vision for their home. There are many people here who have lost hope, but it is not all gone. Perhaps it is an ember, and the gentle blowing can once again ignite the flame of passion of a strong and capable people who will reclaim their country and restore it to the best it can be. I am honored to be a part of this work.



## Club News, Continued from page 2

of people in Livingston with their Haunted House. About 1000 people from the area made their way through the hall of horrors. Rotarians also helped a lot of area children stay warm by distributing winter coats during their Cool Coat Day.

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** had a very successful Harvest Howl. The event attracted close to 1000 people and raised over \$30,000 for Camp Rotary improvements.

The **Rotary Club of Missoula** is facilitating a program with area schools to help reduce the dropout rate of nearly 20%. Rotarian

and Superintendant of Missoula County Public Schools, Dr. Alex Apostle is working with the club's Rotary World of Service committee. Rotary will coordinate their efforts with numerous other community leaders and businesses. The program will begin in January 2010.

The **District Dictionary Project** is well underway again this fall. Clubs from all around the district have been busy putting dictionaries in the hands of third graders. Billings will distribute books to 13 schools. Missoula, Roundup, Whitehall, Great Falls, and Red Lodge, to name a few, have brought smiles to

hundreds of little Montana faces.

The **Iron Lungs** are being used on a steady basis. Red Lodge used the east unit during a spooky Halloween fundraiser at the Polard Hotel and will use it again during their community's Christmas Stroll in December. Livingston made good use of it the next weekend and now it is in Butte for several weeks where Rotarians have arranged to have it on display at businesses around town. The west unit will be in Whitefish for awhile. If you want to schedule one of the iron lungs, check the calendar on the District web site.



Great Falls Rotarians had a great time putting on their annual Harvest Howl for Camp Rotary.

### POLIO DONATIONS

Would you or someone you know like to make a donation to Polio Eradication? It is easy. Just go to the district web page, look on the right side under District Events and click on the Polio event. There is a donation button that takes you to a PayPal link or follow the instructions to donate by check.

## DG Message, Continued from page 1

it is totally awesome. I want us to make sure that we continue to have our good works in place for generations to come. We have two foundation dinners on the calendar and more details will follow, but keep these dates open: April 9th and 10th of 2010. You will see more information about our super speaker coming to Montana. I love his message and "da man",

Rotary International Director Noel Bajat. You will be impressed, so don't miss it and, also, bring your checkbook.

We had a super district assembly in Great Falls with excellent attendance. Thank you all and I have heard that the information received was very abundant as was the fun. If you missed it, please do not forget to plug into the district as we

have so much to offer everyone. Thanks to both of the Great Falls clubs for the work that goes into putting these functions on. Please have the PETS and Conference dates on your calendars. PETS is Feb 25 to 28 and the conference is May 7th to the 9th. I am proud to serve as your District Governor.

*Mark Finnicum*



Livingston Rotarians used the Iron Lung during the Livingston Health Fair to help educate people about polio and Rotary's work to help eradicate it.



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## THE FOUR-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?

### *District Officers, 2009-10*

District Governor: Mark Finnicum, Great Falls  
District Governor Elect: Dave Kinsey, Missoula  
District Governor Nominee: Arlene Weber, Whitehall  
District Governor Nominee Designee: Daryl Hansen, Livingston  
District Foundation Chair: Mark Frisby, IPDG, Bozeman  
District Secretary/Treasurer: Ellen Robison, Billings  
Web, Newsletter: Arlene Weber

**Remember to submit items  
for the District Newsletter  
to the Editor by the 10th of  
each month.**

More information is available  
at [montanarotary.org](http://montanarotary.org) or at  
[rotary.org](http://rotary.org).

## District/Club Event Corral



### DECEMBER

- 3 **GSE** Team Leader & Member applications due
- 10 **Bozeman Sunrise** Christmas Party & Auction

### JANUARY 2010

- 22 **Whitehall** Annual Casino Night
- 30 **Big Sky** Annual Gold Raffle & Auction

### FEBRUARY 2010

- 25-28 **PETS** in Denver

### APRIL 2010

- 9 **Foundation Dinner**, East Chico Hot Springs
- 10 **Foundation Dinner**, West Kalispell Hilton

### MAY 2010

- 7-9 **District Conference**,

### Great Falls

- 13 **GSE** Team departs for Brazil

### AUGUST 2010

- 7 **Miles City**—Great Western Trail Marker dedication

If your club is having an event you would like everyone to know about, send information to Arlene by the 10th of the month to have it posted here.

### *District Trivia Answer*



Hmmm, the 21st club in our District? Well, my good Rotarian, that would be Whitefish, chartered on June 28, 1937.

Guess I had better contact our District Registrar Ellen Robison about getting a roommate. PETS and my year as club president will be here before you know it!!