

# District Focus

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5390

### G'Day, Montana Rotarians

#### November is Rotary Foundation Month.

The Rotary Foundation is the one thing that makes our organization number **one** in the world. Your District has held three seminars, **so far** this year, to help train anyone interested in participating in the matches made possible through "Rotary Math." Without The Rotary Foundation, we would be just another bunch of local community service organizations.

With it, we are able to help countless less fortunate across the world, right here at home, across nations, and even to have the audacity to tell all the children of the world that we, Rotary, are going to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.!

Paul Harris once famously wrote, "*This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it.*" Well, in this changing world, and in these changing times, especially in November, I want to remind us **in Montana**, and the United States, of another very firm Foundation we are privileged to live under, established by the beliefs held by our Founding Fathers.

**I would like us all to remember our Founders on Thanksgiving Day, 2013. And, I would like to give to you the first Proclamation of Thanksgiving by our first President, George Washington, 1789...**

**Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and**

**Whereas, both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving (cont. p. 4)**

### RYLA Grant Project—Youth Service Opportunity

Youth—our new avenue of service. There are many opportunities for assisting our youth on the district and club level—dictionaries for 3rd graders, youth exchange program, Interact, scholarships, etc. RYLA provides a unique opportunity to see lives change in less than a week. It

takes the dedication of Rotarians and other volunteers as well as a setting that allows the campers to flourish. Luccock Park has proven to be the best location so far.

The district grant to make needed improvements in the Luccock Park kitchen has been approved. Completion (cont. p. 4)



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NOVEMBER 2013

#### **Special points of interest:**

- RYLA District Grant Funding Opportunity
- Shelter Box Challenge to help in the Philippines
- New Interact Club in Billings
- RI updates the new member information flyer.

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# LITERACY PROJECT AWARD OFFERED

Rotary International has partnered on literacy projects with the International Reading Association (IRA) since 2002. These joint efforts are being recognized by the Pearson Foundation. For 2014, the foundation will make two awards of \$2500 each for projects undertaken between January 1, 2013 and June 15, 2014. Selected winners will be recognized at the IRA's International Literacy Day celebration in Washington, D.C., on September 8, 2014.

Applications for the awards be-

came available on August 1, 2013 and they must be submitted by June 15, 2014. Winners will be notified on July 1, 2014.

The \$2500 award is not a grant. It is intended to celebrate sustainable literacy projects between Rotarians and IRA members.

For more information, Rotarians can e-mail RI at [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org) or visit The IRA web site at [http://www.reading.org/General/AdvocacyandOutreach/SIGS/IRARI\\_SIG.aspx](http://www.reading.org/General/AdvocacyandOutreach/SIGS/IRARI_SIG.aspx)



**AG Lori Cummings, DG John and Susan Stewart joined Hamilton President-elect Bob Broughton for a photo op during John's Governor visit to the Hamilton club on October 14th. Members of the Corvallis Interact Club also attended.**

# WHAT'S NEW ON THE DISTRICT WEB SITE

Looking for web links, forms, updates and more that can help with your Rotary activities and projects? Remember to check the district web site.

The Paul Harris Society application is available on the home page under District & Club Pages, ROTARY FOUNDATION Information and Forms. Why join? Our district will receive additional DDF back from The Rotary Foundation based on the amount donated by PHS members.

The new (formerly Rotary Basics) Connect for Good publication and the new Rotary logo are available for download. Look in the menu bar just under the banner for Downloadable Documents. Check the new RYLA timeline under District Events.

Have a question about the site? Contact PDG Arlene Weber.

From a 3rd grade student about his new dictionary: *"Thank you so much for our little dictionary. It is small and big at the same time! You guys rock. And I mean rock!"*

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE—HELPING IN THE PHILLIPINES

Like Whitehall, Kootenai Valley has thrown down a challenge to District 5390 clubs, this one for International Service. The images of utter destruction on many of the Philippine islands are only a small view into the disaster that roared across the Pacific just a few weeks ago. Libby/Troy area Rotarians are challenging other Montana clubs to join their effort of

**A Philippine family set up this shelter box after their home was destroyed by the October 15th earthquake.**



donating a shelter box for a family in the Philippines. The Shelter Box organization has a goal of providing shelter for at least 4000 families who have lost their homes due to the recent typhoon.

If you club is holding a fundraising event, remember that *our district has a shelter box* that can be used for *display*. It is currently in Great Falls.

## CLUB SERVICE

**Great Falls** Rotarians celebrated the successful completion of another annual Harvest Howl. Besides the dictionary deliveries to area schools, a fundraiser was held for a local family. Contributions from the event held by Reese Riffin and his wife will help to pay for a service dog for an autistic child.

If you have been watching television, perhaps you noticed an advertisement for ending polio. Watch until the end to see **Missoula** president Lauretta Belts encouraging Montanans to help End Polio Now.

**Glendive** Rotarians held their annual Teacher Appreciation night on November 5th.

When your club is in the state capitol, like the **Helena noon** club, it is nice to have the governor of the State of Montana stop by as the lunch program. Montana Governor Steve Bullock was the guest speaker on November 13th.

*(What else is happening in Montana Rotary?? Send in news items before the 15th of each month and share your club's service)*



Students at the Greenfield School were excited to receive their dictionaries from Carey Gray, a member of the Rotary Club of Great Falls. Rotarian Greg Holt delivered to Sunburst third graders.

## UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING**

**February 28 through March 2** in Denver, Colorado. PEs need to be at the Renaissance Hotel by 8:00 AM on Feb. 28th for training. PENs are also encouraged to attend. A special PEN session will be offered on March 1st.

Visit [www.highcountrypets.org](http://www.highcountrypets.org) for additional information.

### **DISTRIST GRANT PROPOSALS FOR 2014-15**

Forms due MARCH 31st

### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014**

May 2-4 in Billings at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SYDNEY, June 1-4**

For Rotary group tour package, visit the district web site.

### **RYLA 2014**

**July 15-19** at Luccock Park Camp south of Livingston

A volunteer work day (or two) is being planned prior to camp.

### **DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY**

August 1-2, 2014 in Butte

## YOUTH SERVICE

Thanks to the efforts of 33 **Corvallis High School Interact** members and nine **Hamilton** Rotarians, 2601 pounds of food were collected on November 5th for Haven House. The Rotary groups were divided between four stores and spent 4 hours collecting the much needed donations.

The Rotary Club of **Billings** is the proud sponsor of a new **Billings Interact club**.



**Katelyn Gaffri, RYLA camper and counselor, met with the club's advisory board. Rotarian involvement is key for successful Interact growth and longevity. RYLA campers have helped to initiate most of our district's Interact clubs.**



**Corvallis Interactors and Hamilton Rotarians worked side-by-side to gather food donations for Haven House.**

## RYLA Grant, continued from page 1

of the project is slated for the end of April, 2014.

In order to make a down payment on the high temperature dishwasher and the commercial convection oven, \$3000 **must be raised by January 1st**. \$1760 is currently available or pledged. Club, business and individual financial support is being sought in raising a total of \$6000 needed to match and exceed the district DDF. The kitchen improvements will provide a safer food service for RYLA campers and for all who use the camp each year. Imagine you are the one feeding 120+ hungry teenagers and then doing the dishes required after three meals a day for 5 days along with daytime and evening snacks. That is a LOT of dishes and glasses.

The WHITEHALL CHALLENGE still stands—match their contribution of \$25.00 member to help improve our RYLA camp. Ω



2013 RYLA student counselors enjoy a little free time before campers arrive the next day. Luccock Park is the perfect setting for helping Montana (and northern Wyoming) youth learn about leadership, team building, and Rotary ideals and ethics.

## DG John's Letter, continued from page 1

*and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."*

**Now, Therefore,** *I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.*

**And, Also,** *that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of scarce among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."* George Washington, October, 1789

With my own solemn wish for your grateful Thanksgiving...

From your District Governor...  
John Stewart, DG 2013

October 2013, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report (as reported on November 15th) & Foundation Giving  
 Foundation numbers are for Annual Program Fund giving only. 50% of this amount returns to the District in 3 years.

Club	57.5% Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal NL-Not Listed	% Achieved \$ = have APF contributions
Anaconda	YES	21	75	5	NL	
Big Sandy	YES	20	68	4	NL	
Big Sky	NO				\$4600	0%
Bigfork	YES	32	68	5	NL	
Billings Noon	YES	201	56	2	NL	\$
Billings West	YES	82	45	5	NL	
Bozeman Noon	NO				NL	\$
Bozeman Sunrise	NO				\$11,750	1%
Butte	NO				NL	
Columbia Falls	YES	16	58	4	NL	
Deer Lodge	NO				NL	\$
Dillon	YES	20	76	4	NL	
Evergreen	YES	17	90	5	\$2000	0%
Glendive	NO				\$1008	0%
Great Falls	YES	112	45	5	NL	
Hamilton	YES	28	72	4	NL	
Havre	NO	29			NL	
Helena	YES	67	44	5	NL	\$
Helena Sunrise	YES	17	71	5	NL	
Kalispell	NO	116			\$12,500	8%
Kalispell Daybreak	NO				NL	\$
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	YES	38	43	4	NL	\$
Laurel	YES	23	66	5	NL	
Lewistown	NO				NL	
Livingston	YES	35	49	5	NL	\$
Malta	NO				NL	
Manhattan	NO	21			NL	\$
Miles City	YES	37	62	5	\$1980	0%
Missoula	NO				NL	\$
Missoula Centennial	YES	8	75	4	NL	\$
Missoula Sunrise	YES	42	64	5	NL	\$
Philipsburg	NO				NL	\$
Polson	NO				NL	\$
Red Lodge	YES	34	59	5	NL	\$
Roundup	NO				NL	
Townsend	YES	50	46	?	NL	\$
Twin Bridges	YES	15	78	4	\$750	0%
White Sulphur Springs	NO				NL	
Whitefish	YES	58	57	5	NL	\$
Whitehall	YES	20	62	3	NL	\$

## Rotary District 5390

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Please submit news articles/photos to editor  
Arlene Weber by the 10th of the month.  
Club membership information needs to be  
updated by the 14th of the month to be included .



### Rotary Under the Big Sky of Montana



## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Find District 5390 on the web at:  
[www.montanarotary.org](http://www.montanarotary.org) and on Face Book  
For more information on Rotary, visit [www. Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

## ROTARY BASICS NOW CALLED CONNECT FOR GOOD

A copy of "Rotary Basics" has been available on the district web site for some time. But, you will no longer find it under that name. On the home page in the menu bar just under the home page banner, click on Downloadable Documents. It will be the first item listed and with the title "Connect for Good 2013".

This 8-page flyer can be attached to an e-mail message or printed and given to prospective and new members to help them understand the many facets of being a Rotarian. This can be a great supplement to other member orientation activities conducted by your club. Longer term members can benefit as well by receiving a copy.

There is also information about the Rotary International web site and the importance of updating your profile through My Rotary; where to connect with other Rotarians (Face Book, Twitter, etc) and checking for videos on the RI website as well as You Tube.



**The former Rotary Basics is now called Connect for Good. New images and updated information make a great handout for new or prospective members**