

# The 5390 Roundup



Rotary Year 2009-10

October, 2009

Vocational Service Month

## Rotary District 5390, Montana

### MONTANA MEANDERINGS FROM THE ROTARY TRAIL



#### Special points of interest:

- GSE—time to apply for exchange with District in Brazil
- Leadership Academy student recognized
- District Assembly just days away
- One Interact Club includes 25% of its high school students



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Wow!, did summer go away or what!! Oh, that's right mid October is suppose to be fall. I'm very happy to see Hunting season just around the corner and the fall colors all round. Going from White Sulphur Springs to Manhattan today, I had a nice herd of elk cross in front of me. That was so nice to see. Did I mention that I got my antelope already—with my car. The car just got out of the shop after having \$2000 in repairs. But, my car looks really nice and new again.



District Governor  
Mark Finnicum  
Rotary Club of  
Great Falls

I have only a hand full of club visits to finish now. My goal was to be done by the first snowfall.... Well, almost. Ladies and gents, I am again just amazed of the scope and quantity of projects that are getting accomplished within our district. Thank you and congratulations to all on what we are doing for the local and international people.

The district assembly is upon us in Great Falls on the 23 and 24th. You can still register online and maybe get the Rotary rate at the Heritage Inn. I would love to see as many leaders and future club leaders attend as possible. Please make every effort to attend. We will have allot of fun and learn a lot about growing and running a club. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your district governor.

Thank You,  
*Mark*

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY JUST AROUND THE BEND

With the 2009 District Assembly scheduled to start on Friday evening, October 23rd, you might think it is too late to register. Nope!! You can still go on line, register and pay if using a credit card. If

paying by check, bring your check with you and make it out to Rotary District 5390. The Agenda for the Assembly is posted on the district web site. Just click on the 2009 Assembly event and look in

the upper left corner of the page.

While an assembly is usually thought of as being for officers, any Rotary club member can benefit from attending and learning more about our great organization.



The Rotary Club of Polson held their annual Chili event and raised over \$15,000 which this year will benefit the Polson Youth Soccer Association.

## HAVE CLUB, WILL SERVE

The **Rotary Club of Red Lodge** (like several other clubs around our district) have been trying to sneak a highway clean-up day in between early snow storms. A printed “rumor” said there was \$11 for beer for those participating in the October cleanup. A bigger budget may not help the weather; but, it might attract more garbage pickers. ☺

The **Rotary Club of Big Sky** celebrated their 5th anniversary with family and friends at an outdoor deck party on September 16th. Assistant Governor and DGND Daryl Hansen helped President Wendy Rogers present Paul Harris awards to George MacDonald and Bill and Linda Davis.

cook-off with 22 teams participating. The \$15,000 raised will benefit the Polson Youth Soccer Association. The raffle was a good fundraiser and offered a top prize of 110 bottles of wine or 1/2 of a beef OR \$1000 in cash or \$1500 in groceries.

The **Rotary Club of Polson** had a very successful annual chili

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** has a new roof on the new bath house at (cont. p. 4)

### DISTRICT TRIVIA

What City was home to the first District Governor for Montana Rotary Clubs?

## DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT MONEY ROUNDED UP

When Rotarians in our District donate to the Rotary Foundation, the District receives a portion of the total amount three years later. This Rotary year we have received enough back to have a fund for District Simplified Grants in the amount of \$16,516. Each DSG has a maxi-

mum value of \$995. This will allow up to 16 grants in that maximum amount to be given to clubs so they can partially fund various service projects.

While we would normally be distributing this money earlier in the year, there were several clubs who were late in filing their final

reports on last year’s grants and that delays receiving money for the current year.

If your club has an eligible project, now is the time to apply for a 2009-10 DSG. Forms are available on the district web site. Contact DSG Chair Marilyn Morris for additional information.



Seven of the eight charter members of the Rotary Club of Big Sky. They celebrated the 5th anniversary of the club in September.

## 5390 Young’ns–Interact & Youth Exchange

**Interact** has been in high schools in Montana on and off since at least the 1970s. It reappeared with enthusiasm after our District adopted a successful RYLA program. The half-dozen clubs will hopefully have new sister clubs soon. One club that has grown

rapidly in the few years since its charter is the **Interact Club of Whitehall High School**. They currently have 49 members which is **25% of the student body**. Club members and their parents will be hosted at a dinner by the Whitehall Rotary Club on October 26th.

When letters home from our **Youth Exchange** students and made available, it is nice to let you, the Rotarians, know what kind of experiences they are having in their host country. Here is an update from Nolan Schmidt, sponsored by Bozeman (cont p. 4)

## 77TH PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY HELD IN WATERTON

Each year since the early 1930s, Rotarians from Alberta, Canada and Montana gather at Waterton or Glacier National Park to celebrate the first International Peace Park in the world. It was through the efforts of Rotarians that the Peace Park came into being.

In addition to being a perfect time to renew friendships, the Peace Park Assembly offers

great programs with varied and interesting speakers. This year, presentations were made by Martha McManus, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Professor George Melnyk, one of the founders of the Consortium for Peace Studies, and Mike Colasurdo, Rotary International Director Treasurer.

Four Alberta Rotaract members organ-

ized the gathering of thirty-three Youth Exchange students who are visiting in Alberta and Montana. Those from Montana represented three different continents and 10 different countries, including Kyrgyzstan.

The 2010 Assembly will be held at Many Glacier on September 10-12. It will also be the 100th anniversary for Glacier Park.



Thirty-three Youth Exchange students from Montana and Alberta joined Rotarians at the Peace Park Saturday banquet.



The group, Wings of Harmony entertained Rotarians after dinner at the National Cowboy Museum. Over \$3000 was donated by Rotarians to help support the program that keeps the group going.

## ZONE INSTITUTE HELD IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Never heard of a Zone Institute? Unless you are in line to become a District Governor, it probably would not come up in a Rotary conversion. Each fall, these gatherings are held in our Rotary Zone to begin the training process for Governor Elects and Governor Nominees. The current District Governors also attend. The first two days are filled

with full-time in the class room learning about the various aspects of being a DG. Since none of us left the room screaming in terror, it looks like we will stay the course.

The second two days involved a number of very informative sessions on Foundation, Polio, the Peace Scholar program, Membership and other pertinent topics and concerns.

We were "released" from the hotel on Friday evening for a little fun time at the National Cowboy Museum and entertained by a Will Rogers buff and the glorious voices of a group called the Wings of Harmony. Behind those strong clear voices are stories of tattered lives stitched back together with the help of a young man who gave up (cont. p 4)



Rotary International President Elect, Ray Klinginsmith gave words of encouragement to Governor elects and their spouses during the Zone meeting.

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE—LOOKING FOR A TEAM TO BRAZIL

Are you a Rotarian who speaks Portuguese? Perhaps you know a young non-Rotary business person between the ages of 25 and 40 who would love the opportunity to learn more about their

profession in the north Sao Paulo, Brazil area.

Our district is seeking applicants for team leader and team members for the 2010 GSE team to Brazil. The team will be going in late spring. Applica-

tions are available on the District web site under the Group Study Exchange section on the left side column or from the center story on GSE. Contact Beth Ihle or Julie Ann Schmidt for more information.

### Web Site Hint

Want to introduce someone to the Basics of Rotary? Go to the District Web site and open the center story on Rotary in Cyberspace then click on the link for Rotary Basics.



The reflecting pool at the Oklahoma City Bombing memorial—many Rotarians attending the Zone training made this a priority place to visit.

**World Interact Week,  
Nov. 2-8**

Interact Clubs are encouraged to complete service projects during this week as well as using the media to advertise their events and projects.

Interact began in 1962 in Melbourne, Florida and is now in 132 countries.

**Leadership Academy Student Receives Praise**

Leadership Academy Web Master Harriett Schloer has recognized Bigfork Rotarian Clint Walker for his exceptionally good paper from course #1. She said, "Your students are doing well. They are ahead of all other districts in getting their work completed and they've done outstanding work. One of them, Clint Walker, wrote and incredible research paper that I will be using in Course #1 as part of the curriculum starting next year."

**Rotary Young'ns, continued from page 2**

Sunrise. He is spending his year abroad in Austria.

*"I just started school last week (September) and it has been pretty good. I'm in the class 6B which is a grade lower than most people my age are. I don't understand much of what the teachers are saying but they are all very nice to me. My classmates are mainly girls who are the only ones*

*who really want to talk to me. I just made a couple guy friends this week but still have more girl-friends. I think the most interesting thing for me about school is that they have religion class. The class is for the catholic faith and is for everyone. You don't have to go if you don't want to but most people do. Today was a 10 hour day of school! We had five classes then 3 hours of*

*break then 2 hours of sport. I met with my Rotary club yesterday for the first time. We exchanged flags and ate at a fancy restaurant. Rotary here starts at 7 PM and goes till 9. I'm planning on taking a trip to Graz this weekend to meet another exchange student for his birthday. I'm making all the arrangements with Rotary so I can go."*

**Zone Institute, continued from page 3**

a career on Broadway to return to Oklahoma City and lead this promising group. To give you an idea of what some of these young people have

been through, twin brothers in the group had been abandoned as infants by their drug addicted mother. For others, it was a way to escape the grip of a

gang. A Rotarian started a hat around the room and in a short time over \$2000 was collected to support them. Who says service has to be complicated?

**Club News, Continued from page 2**

Camp Rotary thanks in big part to Bill Knick and Kurt Baltrusch. A lot of sweat equity has been donated by Rotarians and their families to upgrade the camp. The club will be holding a joint meeting with the local Lions on October 20th and the featured speaker will be MSU-Northern Chancellor, Frank Trocki.

The **Rotary Club of Missoula** will hold their Old West Poker Fest on October 23rd at 6:00 PM at the Press Box. This Texas Hold'em

event will benefit the Opportunity Resources and is organized by the New Members Committee. The buy-in is \$100 and the ultimate winner goes home with \$1000.

The **Rotary Club of Evergreen** will hold their annual Fall Fest Wine Tasting on November 6th from 6 to 9 PM at the Buffalo Hill Golf Course. Tickets are \$75 per couple or \$40 for a single. There will be hors d'oeuvres to complement the wine, auction items, and a raffle for a one-

ounce Krugerand. For more information or to order tickets, call 261-0047.

The **Rotary Club of Livingston** will be using the Iron Lung to promote polio awareness during the November 7th Livingston Health Care's Fall Health Festival. The Festival runs from 7 AM to 1 PM.

Their Cowboys & Cabernet event is tentatively scheduled for November 20th. Proceeds help send students to RYLA and maintain Rotary Depot Park.



# Club Membership and Foundation Giving

SEPTEMBER 2009	# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.		# Mem. Start of Month	# New Members	# Members lost	# Mem. End of Month	Meetings Held	Avg. % Attend.
AREA 1 Nancy Manning							AREA 6 - Daryl Hansen						
Kalispell Daybreak	71	0	0	71	4	82	Big Sky	18	1	0	19	5	50
Kalispell	123			123	NR	NR	Bozeman	119	0	3	116	5	41
Libby	47	0	1	46	3	50	Bozeman Sunrise	81	0	0	81	4	73
Whitefish	77	1	3	75	5	NR	Livingston	56	0	1	55	5	49
							Manhattan	24			24	NR	NR
AREA 2 Joanne Knutson							AREA 7 - John Stewart						
Bigfork	41	0	0	41	5	60	Laurel	25	0	1	24	5	75
Columbia Falls	15	0	0	15	NR	64	Red Lodge	46	0	1	45	4	53
Evergreen	17	0	0	17	5	98	Billings	233	0	2	231	3	49
Polson	76	0	0	76	5	51	Billings Sunrise	5	0	0	5	4	60
							Billings West	79	0	1	78	4	52
AREA 3 - Dave Kinsey							AREA 8 - Rick Evans						
Hamilton	38	1	1	38	3	57	Big Sandy	18	1	0	19	3	33
Missoula	176	3	0	179	5	41	Chester	5			5	NR	NR
Missoula Centennial	10			10	NR	NR	Great Falls	87	0	0	87	5	52
Missoula Sunrise	72	3	0	75	5	63	Great Falls Morning	10			10	NR	NR
Philipsburg	38			38	NR	NR	Havre	31			31	NR	NR
AREA 4 - Ed Shaw							AREA 9 - Tom Reynolds						
Anaconda	18	1	0	19	5	58	Lewistown	53	1	0	54	3	46
Butte	41			41	NR	NR	Malta	13			13	NR	NR
Dillon	26			26	NR	NR	Roundup	9			9	NR	NR
Twin Bridges	19	0	0	19	4	83							
Whitehall	24	1	0	25	3	77	AREA 10-Carl Ernst						
AREA 5 - Paul Bray & Bill Kearns							Miles City	25	0	0	25	5	62
Deer Lodge	36	0	0	36	4	42	Glendive	19			19	NR	NR
Helena	77	0	0	77	5	43		956	3	9	950		
Helena Sunrise	17			17	NR	NR	TOTALS	2002	13	15	2000		
Townsend	40	0	1	39	4	51							
White Sulphur Springs	18			18	NR	NR							
	1046	10	6	1050			65% OF CLUBS REPORTED FOR SEPTEMBER, UP FROM 56% IN AUGUST						
<b>FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-10, as of September 30, 2009</b>													
Goal \$117,800	Received \$12,269.72			% Achieved 10									
Clubs Pledged 26	2009-10 Restricted Giving \$58,225.50						Total District Contributions: \$70,495.22						
							Goal 2008-09 \$144,735 w with 39 clubs pledging						



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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**



Still time to register  
for the Assembly on  
the District web site  
under District Events.

OCTOBER

23-24 **District Assembly** in Great Falls  
23 **Missoula Old West Poker Fest**

NOVEMBER

2-8 **World Interact Week**  
6 **Evergreen Fall Wine Tasting**  
7 **Great Falls Harvest Howl  
Whitefish—Spirit of Whitefish  
Dinner, Auction & Awards**

JANUARY 2010

22 **Whitehall Annual Casino Night**

FEBRUARY 2010

25-28 **PETS** in Denver

MAY 2010

7-9 **District Conference**, Great Falls

Falls

To Be Scheduled:

Our GSE Team selection for Brazil  
District Foundation Dinners

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.

**Trivia Answer**



Well, pardner, the  
first DG for Montana  
came from down in  
Denver, Colorado,  
before our state border  
became the district  
boundary.

Attending PETS—  
what a great way to  
meet fellow club PEs  
and prepare for my  
year as club president!