

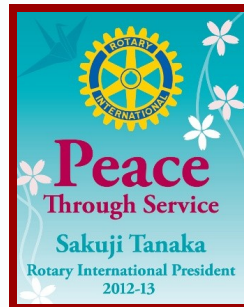
District Focus

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District Governor 2012-13
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Rotary Club of Livingston



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FOCUS ON YE

Rotary clubs in our district who are interested in hosting an in-bound student from another country or sponsoring a student from a local high school for an outbound exchange can obtain more information on the district web site or refer to the YE article in the September newsletter.

Clubs who will be sponsoring outbound students need to have applications by **November 15th** and club interviews completed soon after. Selected student's applications must then be **sent to Julie Schmidt by December 1st**. District level interviews will be done on December 15.

INTERACT 50TH

Interact is celebrating its 50th anniversary in November. The very first club was chartered in Florida in 1962 and there are now more than 14,000 clubs around the world.

Interact clubs were active in Montana by the mid-1960s, disappeared by the end of the century and are now making a great come back in six of our communities with other clubs being considered in at least three more. Interact clubs are the most successful when their sponsoring Rotary club maintains a close relationship and the clubs interact in projects and joint meetings several times each year.

FALLING FOR ROTARY IN MONTANA

Can you believe that there is already snow falling around our state? I have been enjoying what I think are the most beautiful fall colors that I have seen in my lifetime. It seems like this year, the palate of colors is better and they are brighter than ever before. I am nearing the completion of my official visits and I can tell you I am totally amazed and humbled by the vast array of club projects and fundraisers around our great District. I thought I was pretty well informed of what was going on in our District; but, I had no true idea of what all of you are doing to make our communities, our state and the world so much better. You are creating PEACE every day by what you do and I want to sincerely thank you and congratulate you for it. It is such a privilege to be your District Governor and I have enjoyed the wonderful hospitality all have shown me.

I am looking forward to seeing a good many of you in Butte for our new Grant Model training. Dave Kinsey, John Stewart and Roy Beekman have been working hard to pull together a tremendous program that will be enjoyable and informative. It will help you will realize that this big change will make our efforts bigger, better and bolder. Like many of you, when I first heard about it I was skeptical and was not happy about the coming change; but, as I learn more about the possibilities offered in the new Grant model I have changed my way of thinking and find only positives in the program. Remember that we will be forming 10 or more new committees and we will need many of you to stand up and volunteer to help us out with the implementation of Future Vision.

If you have not yet visited the Rotary International website and looked at the new Rotary Club Central highly recommend it. Clubs can post what they are doing and view what other clubs around the world are doing - great way to pick up some great ideas. One of the main reasons Rotary Club Central was created was to give clubs the opportunity (cont. page 4)

THE DONOR ADVISED FUND

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(from the Rotary Visions October, 2012 e-newsletter)

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CLUB & COMMITTEE TWEETS

Havre Rotary Club Purchases Building at the Hill County Fairgrounds

Each year the Havre Rotary Club sells barbeque corn, barbeque onions, and (as of this year) freshly squeezed lemonade to raise funds for their yearly projects. In years past, the Havre Rotary Club has had to haul a mobile trailer up to the fairgrounds to facilitate the fundraiser. As of recent, the Havre Rotary club has purchased a permanent building at the Hill County Fair Grounds from the Kiwanis Club. This building has been an exciting purchase for the club, as the building has running water and an air conditioning system. On Thursday, September 20th, the Havre Club had a dinner meeting at the new building, so the whole club could see the purchase.

RYLA Committee Planning Meeting

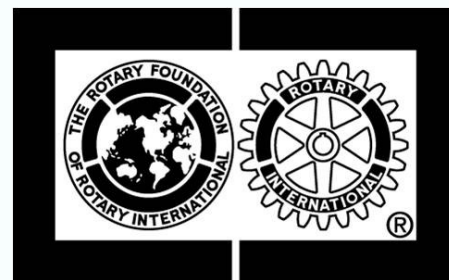
Eight members of the District RYLA committee met in Bozeman on October 6th to begin preparations for 2013. Junior and Senior counselors were selected and the RYLA per camper fee was discussed. For next year's camp, it is recommended that each selected camper be charged \$50 and the club pays \$250 for the new fee of \$300. Why the increase? Our cost of running the camp has increased even though the fee charged has not changed in a number of years. Clubs can pay the full \$300; but, having the camper pay part puts some ownership for attending. More details will be posted on the District website as RYLA information is updated.

Missoula Sunrise Gets Dirty for a Great Cause

This last June, members of the Missoula Sunrise Rotary Club rolled up their sleeves and helped build an accessible-by-all playground at the Jefferson School. The idea was inspired by an initiative from teachers for their school to have a playground accessible to all students and children in the community. A plan developed to build a playground that allowed children with physical and mental disabilities to play right alongside their peers. Since supporting youth in the Missoula community is part of the mission of Sunrise Rotary, this was a perfect project for the club. Many Sunrise Rotations participated: Susan Hay Patrick, Carl Prinzing, Godie Campbell, Bill St. John, Lisa Holcomb, Rusty Lockner, Ramey Kodadek, Brett Felton, Brandon Naaz, Jim Clark, Margaret Burns, David Bardwick and many spouses, family members and friends also joined in on the project.

Great Falls RYLA Reunion

The Great Falls Rotary club hosted a reunion of about 30 recent RYLA campers. The students were honored for their achievements since camp. A video about Interact was shown and the students are excited about chartering Interact in their high schools. Great Falls Rotarians are offering their full support in helping the students become an active part of Montana Interact.



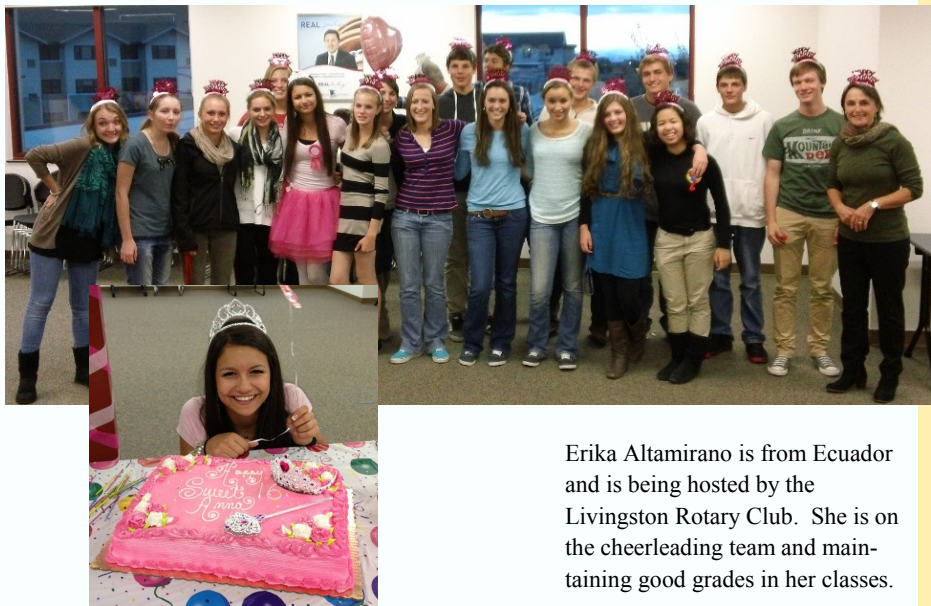
D5390 FIRST TO CERTIFY ON GRANTS

Each district, like each club in the district, must complete the certification process in order to participate in the new grant model. Our district was the first in our Rotary Zone 27/21B to complete this step. This, along with the new District Memorandum of Understanding, has set the stage for clubs in our district to certify under the new process. Those clubs who are sending the required two representatives to the October 20th meeting in Butte will have the knowledge needed to complete the certification process and submit their Club Memorandum of Understanding.

Once certified, clubs can apply for grant money—District Simplified, Scholarships, Global Grants, etc. If approved, each club will be required to follow the new well defined guidelines for handling the grant money and reporting progress and money utilization. The new guidelines are part of the training planned on October 20th. On-line registration is available at www.montanarotary.org.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE IN MONTANA

YE student Anna's Sweet 16 Birthday Party was shared with her new friends in Bozeman. Anna Terzic is from Austria and is being hosted in Bozeman.



Erika Altamirano is from Ecuador and is being hosted by the Livingston Rotary Club. She is on the cheerleading team and maintaining good grades in her classes.



Lisa Chen was greeted by all her host families when she arrived in Helena for her Youth Exchange in Montana.



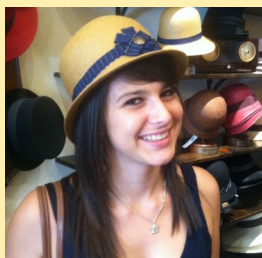
MEET LISA FROM TAIWAN

Rotary of Helena Youth Exchange student Lisa Chen arrived in Helena from Taipei, Taiwan on August 13, 2012, greeted by her three host families, Ed and Joanna Thamke, Bill and Nancy MacBride, and Steve and Julie Ackerlund. Lisa was welcomed into the Thamke home by her two host family sisters, Irene and Clara. She is thrilled that all three of her host families have dogs. One of her goals while here is to ride a horse. Lisa is attending Helena High School, enjoying her classes and many new friends. She quickly became a member of the Helena High cross country team and has really bonded with her teammates.



Since arriving in Helena, Lisa has been enjoying the Montana experience. In August she enjoyed a backpacking trip with her host family in Glacier National Park. In September Lisa spent a fun filled weekend with her fellow Rotary Youth Exchange students. They were given the grand tour of Yellowstone National Park. She has also been swimming and boating on Canyon Ferry Lake and camping. She will be moving in with her second host family, Bill and Nancy MacBride over the Thanksgiving weekend and will soon after be celebrating her sixteenth birthday.

MEET ARMANCE FROM FRANCE



Armance Barnier is from France. On her first night in Montana, she got a taste of small town America at the Billings' Mustangs baseball game. A few weeks later her host parents took her to Denver, Colorado to take in some Major League Baseball at the Rockies game. They stayed in a downtown hotel and enjoyed lots of shopping, museums and sightseeing at the Denver Aquarium, then spent a day in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Armance is enjoying French Club, International Club, and when the ski runs open, is excited to join the Ski Club. A family outing on the Yellowstone River included a lesson in skipping stones.

The weekend of October 12th was Homecoming which she has been looking forward to and she had fun dressing up in crazy costumes for Spirit Week. She says they don't have anything like "Homecoming" in France, so it's very fun. She loves going to the Friday night football games with friends — there's nothing to compare it to in France! Her English is getting very good, and she has many friends and family members happy to help her with homework, though she rarely needs it. She is enjoying herself so much, she dreams of living in America someday.



DISTRICT PHOTO GALLERY



Havre Rotarians met in September to celebrate their new building at the fairgrounds.



Missoula Sunrise Rotarians created an all-accessible playground at the Jefferson school that can be used by all area children.



Corvallis Interactors did highway cleanup in early October.

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to post what they do in their local communities so everyone can have a better picture of the impact Rotary makes in the world. We know how much goes into and comes out of the Foundation, but it has never been easy to see what clubs do locally. Now everyone can if each club posts their projects in Club Central.

Those who did not make it to the 80th Annual Peace Park Celebration missed a great time. Again I want to thank the Kalispell area Clubs for a fantastic job of putting this on. I always find that on Sunday at the Hands Across the Border ceremony, when I am holding the hand of a Canadian and reciting the oath, it never fails that I get a little choked up. I highly recommend putting this on your bucket list of things to do at least once during your Rotary career.

I would like each club to remember to send in photos and articles about activities/projects so we can get them into the newsletter and let everyone in the District know about your successes. Also try to send a monthly schedule of events (or post them to the District Calendar) so the executive committee can find project and programs to attend. We love to hear from you and you are the reason we are here.

If you are in need of a program remember that Irene Strauss and the rest of the great GSE team we sent to Tasmania are ready and willing to come share their experiences. We also have four super youth Exchange students and they can and will come and speak to your clubs as well. It just takes an invitation and some creative thinking on how to get them to you.

I received an email from the Great Falls Rotary club that they invited the 30 most recent RYLA attendees to come to an informational meeting about Interact and it looks like we will be chartering a new Interact club. I also heard that some of our other past RYLA students are looking at starting Interacts in Twin Bridges and a few other communities. With the one forming in Billings we will have several new Interact clubs in the District. Let me know if I can be of any assistance and I will do my best to come and help out.

I hope you are all talking to your local High School counselors about Youth Exchange. The deadline for next year's out bound students is coming up fast. Julie had all the specifics in last month's newsletter and we also have the information on the District web site.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your District Governor. You all rock and I am proud to be a member of Rotary and District 5390.

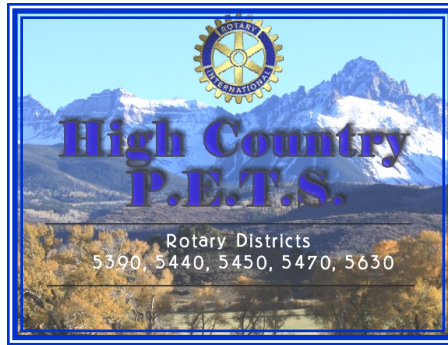
Daryl Hansen, DG

62.5% of our clubs reported September Member Information

September 2012, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report & Foundation Giving						
Club	Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	NO	19			\$1,100	
Big Sandy	YES	19	58	2		
Big Sky	NO	19			\$2,375	
Bigfork	YES	33	60	4	\$3,500	
Billings Noon	NO	203			\$20,500	
Billings West	NO	76			\$8,000	
Bozeman Noon	NO				\$7,000	
Bozeman Sunrise	YES	92	87	4	\$9,600	
Butte	YES	31	62	4		
Columbia Falls	YES	14	45	4	\$1,400	
Deer Lodge	NO				\$250	
Dillon	YES	17	78	4	\$1,500	
Evergreen	YES	17	97	4	\$2,000	
Glendive	NO	26			\$1,950	
Great Falls	YES	112	57	4	\$7,875	
Hamilton	YES	29	80	3	\$3,000	
Havre	YES	27	51	3		
Helena	YES	59	39	4	\$1,950	
Helena Sunrise	YES	17	63	4		
Kalispell	YES	113	71	4	\$13,000	
Kalispell Daybreak	NO	73			\$4,500	
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	YES	42	49	3	\$4,500	
Laurel	YES	21	62.5	3	\$2,400	
Lewistown	NO				\$2,500	
Livingston	YES	33	53	4	\$3,000	
Malta	NO				\$350	
Manhattan	NO				\$1,150	
Miles City	YES	37	63	4	\$2,400	
Missoula	YES	130	42	4	\$13,900	
Missoula Centennial	YES	7	67	3	\$1,500	
Missoula Sunrise	YES	41	63	4	\$4,700	
Philipsburg	NO				\$600	
Polson	NO	67			\$7,000	
Red Lodge	YES	35	70		\$3,200	
Roundup	NO					
Townsend	YES	45	45	4	\$3,080	
Twin Bridges	YES	18	79	4	\$500	
White Sulphur Springs	NO					
Whitefish	YES	69	52	4	\$7,700	
Whitehall	YES	19	82	3	\$2,000	

\$149,980

Projected return to district in 3 years if goal is reached: \$74,990



The 4-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?

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Upcoming Events

DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR

October 20, 2012. An essential day-long training meeting in Butte, Montana on the new Rotary Foundation Grant Model. Required for clubs to participation in any of the new grant model areas. Highly recommended that all of the following attend: President-elect, President-elect Nominee, Club Foundation Chair and current Club President. All interested Rotarians are welcome. Register on the district web site under District Events.

WORLD INTERACT WEEK

Whether your club sponsors or is planning to help charter an Interact club, the first full week in November is a great to recognize Interact students. This year is the 50th anniversary of Interact becoming a part of the Rotary family.

PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)

March 1-3, 2013 This will be a critical PETS for new Presidents and Presidents-Elect. New training topics. Attendees need to arrive at the hotel before 8:00 AM on Friday, March 1 and stay until Noon on Sunday, March 3. As before, PETS is in Denver at the Marriott Tech Center.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 2013

May 3-5, 2013 Everyone is welcome to attend the end-of-the-year Rotary celebration in Livingston. Details and registration will be posted on the District web site.

OUR YE OUTBOUND STUDENTS

Our two outbound students are doing very well. **Quinn Grom** from Belgrade has settled into life in Taipei, Taiwan and her language skills are improving daily.

Jackson Crawford (from Bozeman) is becoming fluent in German and enjoying the beauty of Austria. He has been to his host Rotary club several times and is noticing the differences and similarities in how Rotary clubs function outside of the US.



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