

DISTRICT FOCUS



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5390

G'DAY MONTANA ROTARIANS

October is the month Rotary celebrates **Vocational Service**. It is the avenue that reminds us of our diverse career paths, how important every member's occupation is; and, that carrying Rotary values of ethical service to our places of business is in itself a means of service.

October 24, 2013 is World Polio Day. At 4:30 MDT there will be a streaming conference (on the internet) from the campus of Northwestern University with speakers from all the world partners in the polio end game, including Rotary International Ron Burton. They will provide the audience with the latest insight on our efforts to



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District Governor
John Stewart and Susan

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eradicate polio.

October also marks the end of my official club visit tour of Montana. I celebrate that fact; but, more importantly, I celebrate the clubs for their work in their communities and their efforts around the world.

Thanks to all Montana members for all you do as Rotarians.

DG John

Special points of interest:

- District Calendar
- Club News
- Clubs Make Fundraising Challenges
- Rotary Livestream Event on Polio

CLUBS MAKE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGES

Challenge #1: The Rotary Club of Missoula has thrown a challenge on the **End Polio Now** table—see who (Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact) can donate the most money to polio eradication—Griz fans or Bobcat fans (Bozeman clubs have already accepted the challenge). Besides raising money for polio, it is a great way to increase awareness of Rotary in our state. Ideas include tailgate parties, dinner parties, artist paint out, garage sales, bake sales—any idea that can raise money and awareness. The winner will be determined based on per capita contributions between October 1 and November 23 (the big Cat/Griz game in Bozeman). For more

information, contact Laurretta Belts, president of the Rotary Club of Missoula.

Challenge #2: The Missoula Sunrise Club is donating \$1000 and sponsoring a grant to make much needed improvements (for the health and safety of campers) to the kitchen at Luccock Park (our **RYLA camp** location). A total of \$12,000 is needed to install a high temperature dishwasher and a convention oven (which allow more meals to be prepared and at a proper temperature). Whitehall is challenging other clubs in the district to match, on a per capita basis, that of Missoula Sunrise. Whitehall's match is \$500 or
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DISTRICT FOUNDATION MAKE-UP CLASS HELD

Several dozen Rotarians gathered in Butte on October 12th to complete their club's eligibility to apply for grants. Since this is the first year under new grant guidelines, the district decided to provide a make-up program for those clubs who were close to qualifying or needed to go through the entire process.

District Foundation Chair David Kinsey was assisted by other district leaders and members of the district foundation committee in explaining how the new system works. Club

members were able to ask questions and provide input on where they felt improvements could be made.

Perhaps one of the most difficult items was the new deadline to apply for a District Grant. For many years, clubs could apply after the start of the Rotary year. From this point forward, grant proposals must be submitted no later than March 31st of each year. For clubs wanting to do projects during the 2014-15 year, their grant proposals must be submitted by March 31, 2014.

Clubs should check the district web site before using any of the grant application forms since many forms have been updated or modified since July of this year. Ω



Rotary International recently revealed our new official logo. This can be downloaded from www.rotary.org. A JPEG version can be downloaded from our district website. Look under Downloadable Documents in the top menu bar.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—PBS PROGRAM ON POLIO

The PBS series, Religion & Ethics, recently had a very enlightening segment on polio in Pakistan. The episode, which aired on Montana PBS on October 4, 2013, is titled "The Francis Factor, Supreme Court and Prayer, Pakistan Polio."

You can watch the segment for free by going to PBS.org and select-

ing Montana. Enter a search for Religion & Ethics; select the October 4th program. The polio segment is at about the 16 minute point of the program.

Pakistan is one the three countries still struggling to eliminate polio. The program explains the many challenges, radical's religious opposition

being just one of them. People interviewed include a Pakistani Rotarian and a woman doctor, each explaining their views of solving the polio problem in their country.

Pakistan faces a number of challenges in eradicating polio—vaccine fear is one.

UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES TO REMEMBER

OUT BOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE APPS

Applications for the 2014-15 school year are due to clubs by the end of October and to the District in November.

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.

DISTRICT 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

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

CLUB POSTS

The **Rotary Club of Great Falls** is holding their annual Harvest Howl at the Montana Expo Park Four Seasons Arena on Friday, November 8th. Two Montana bands will perform (Black Hawk and The Outlaws) after dinner. Proceeds are used to maintain and upgrade Camp Rotary. The camp is used by many different groups each summer (and soon, year round). Camp Rotary has been a summer haven for kids and adults for almost 95 years.

For more information, visit the Great Falls club web site or contact Scott Patera at 454-7169 or Mike Wier at 781-7343.

The **Rotary Club of Livingston** is finishing up their major project of providing a Water Spray Park for the city. Some of their fundraising activities include recycling aluminum cans and assisting with crowd control at MSU Bobcat football games.

Rotarian Buzz Mueller was the high scorer for Rotary at the September Turkey Shoot (clay pigeon targets). Each participant received a voucher for a turkey from one of two local grocers in Livingston.

The **Rotary Club of Big Sky** completed their Boulder project during the summer. Working with the Big Sky

Community Corporation, headed by Rotarian Jessie Weise, the three year project raised \$85,000 to construct three climbing boulders of varying difficulty in the Big Sky Community Park. Funds grew from the annual Gold Raffle and Auction, a hot tub raffle, and private donations. The club is now focusing on further park improvements by adding a pet friendly "dog park" in the same area.

Other Club Activities:

Bozeman Noon Wine Tasting on October 18th; **Columbia Falls** Montana AFR rifle raffle; **Whitehall** Casino Night on February 7, 2014.



Hamilton Rotarians prepare for their biannual highway cleanup. Doug McLaren, third from the left, was a little camera shy.



Big Sky Rotarians are proud of the community park improvements they have accomplished. The climbing rocks make a nice backdrop for a club photo.

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about \$25.00 per member.

RYLA is the largest group that uses the camp. Our district anticipates staying at the camp for at least six more years. The camp facilities have allowed our RYLA program to increase attendance by about 40%. There are few other camps in the state that can handle our size group and those are either at a more inconvenient location for the majority of participating clubs and/or have a

much higher fee.

The RYLA camp improvement project is a great way to involve former campers and Interact students. Clubs, individuals, and businesses are encouraged to assist with funding. Contributions to the grant project can be sent to the Rotary District 5390 Foundation at PO Box 1091, Billings, MT 59103.

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ANNUAL PEACE PARK ASSEMBLY—SUMMARY REPORT

(Submitted by WGIPPA President, PDG Carl Prinzing)

The 81st annual meeting of the WGIPPA was held on September 13-15 in Waterton, Alberta, Canada and hosted by the Rotary Club of Calgary South. Districts represented included 5390, 5360, 5370, and 5080. Total attendance was about 140. Terry Allen from Calgary South was elected Vice-president and will start his term in 2015. Marshall Gingery from the Rotary Club of Helena will be the Vice-president for 2015/16 and become president in 2017. Newly elected directors for the board include Carl Ernst, Rotary Club of Miles City; and, Dr. Dan Gingham, Rotary Club of Helena. The other districts will have their proposed directors selected at the WGIPPA meeting scheduled for March, 2014 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Presentations were provided by Jeff Mow, Glacier National Park Superintendent, and Ifan Thomas, Waterton Park Superintendent. They focused on highlights and issues af-

fecting the parks during the past 12 months. Mr. Thomas' talk on "Parks in Canada's High Arctic" was very well received.

Rotary Peace Scholar and Rotarian Martha McMannus summarized her work as a peace conciliator in many world conflict zones; Garth Toombs, DGE from District 5360, spoke about his work with orphans in Uganda. The Saturday luncheon featured respected Blackfoot elder and former Chief of the Pookani Nation, Chief Reg Crowshoe. His focus was on the decision-making and mediation processes used as a consultant to governments and educational institutions. Saturday evening featured conservationist, attorney, writer and photographer, Harvey Locke. He spoke about his work on the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park and the Flathead Valley wilderness and landscape conservation. He is the founder of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation

Society.

Youth Exchange students from both sides of the border attended and were looked after by members of the Rotaract Club in Lethbridge. They each had an opportunity to say a few words to the attendees during the Saturday evening festivities.

The traditional "Hands Across the Border" ceremony was held on Sunday morning. This includes attending Rotarians, family members and guests as well as representatives of both countries—Montana Highway Patrol, Border Patrol, park rangers and Canadian Mounted Police are annual honor guards.

Rotary International Directors will be reviewing approval of the **Peace Park Fellowship** at their November meeting. Once approved, the Peace Park Assembly can become an official Rotary function. Ω



The idea and promotion of the world's first international peace park was done by Montana and Canadian Rotarians in the early 1930s.



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

Club	48% Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	YES	22	60	4	Each Club President must post Foundation Goals in Rotary Club Central on The RI website Under Member Access. Other Club goals are to be posted as well. As of October 12th, only 7 clubs have posted their goals.	
Big Sandy	YES	17	53	4		
Big Sky	NO					
Bigfork	YES	33	66	4		
Billings Noon	NO					
Billings West	YES	82	43	4		
Bozeman Noon	NO					
Bozeman Sunrise	NO					
Butte	NO					
Columbia Falls	YES	17	46	4		
Deer Lodge	NO					
Dillon	YES	20	66	4		
Evergreen	YES	17	91	4		
Glendive	NO					
Great Falls	YES	111	43	4		
Hamilton	YES	28	74	4		
Havre	YES	29	31	3		
Helena	YES	66	42	4		
Helena Sunrise	YES	18	70	4		
Kalispell	YES	116	79	4		
Kalispell Daybreak	NO					
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	NO					
Laurel	NO					
Lewistown	NO					
Livingston	YES	36	47	4		
Malta	NO					
Manhattan	YES	21	36	4		
Miles City	YES	37	62	4		
Missoula	NO					
Missoula Centennial	NO					
Missoula Sunrise	YES	42	72	4		
Philipsburg	NO					
Polson	NO					
Red Lodge	YES	33	64	4		
Roundup	NO					
Townsend	NO					
Twin Bridges	YES	15	73	3		
White Sulphur Springs	NO					
Whitefish	YES	57	55	4		
Whitehall	NO					

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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

Find District 5390 on the web at:
www.montanarotary.org and on Face Book

For more information on Rotary, visit [www. Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

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.



MY ROTARY WEB PAGES: RESOURCES FOR EVERY ROTARIAN

Want to track your Foundation contributions; learn about the new grant process; update your personal information; read the latest news from the world of Rotary? It is easy to do when you log in to My Rotary (formerly known as Member Access) on www.rotary.org.

Unlike the old version, My Rotary has a wealth of information for members and club and district leaders. This is where club officers enter their goals, including Foundation giving and membership. In the menu bar at

the top of My Rotary are options like Learning & Reference, The Rotary Foundation, and Member News.

One of the current articles posted under Member News is titled "Young Professionals Bring Their Vision of Rotary to the Table." Are you an older Rotary member? This is a great article to help you understand what younger members need and how they differ from those in the Boomer and older generations. Here is one of the posted quotes from Jennifer Petrichenko, 30, Rotaract Club of Cloverdale, British Columbia. "I once asked a Rotarian how my Rotaract club

could help with an upcoming project, and the event chair told me they could really use help with the coat check. A typical misconception is that Rotaractors are young and inexperienced. Some Rotarians I've met have had a hard time comprehending that I'm not a student and I am in a professional career."

As DG John mentioned, there will be a Livestream event on October 24th at 4:30 PM our time. Would you like to watch it? Go to Member News in My Rotary; look under Announcements and click on "Watch the World Polio Day: Making History" Livestream Event to learn more.

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