

Big Sky Rotary News



Montana Rotary District 5390 Newsletter
October 2016

Malinda's Musings

A Message from District Governor Malinda Shafman

Events

[Zone Institute](#): Oct. 27—30

[Young Professionals Summit](#): Oct. 27—30

[PETS 2017](#): Feb. 24—26

[District Conference 2017](#): April 28—30

In our Rotary world, October is Economic and Community Development Month. Worldwide, 836 million people live in extreme poverty, according to the United Nations. And nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotarians carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Any Rotarian giving to The Rotary Foundation helps in these efforts around the world. If your club is looking for a specific opportunity to help economic and community development elsewhere in the world consider the following:



*Malinda Shafman
District Governor
2016—2017
Rotary Club of Evergreen*

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- Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market.
- Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure.
- Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations.
- Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
- Partner with a local micro-lender to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.

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Rotary Club News

Rotary Club of Townsend Rotary

The new 4H kitchen building is done! The 4H Building at the Fairgrounds is one of two buildings in the county used as the community center for large events. The 4H building can hold and serve over 200 people. It is a publicly-owned building that can be rented for a nominal fee. The last kitchen renovation was in the early 1990's. The kitchen renovation addressed some potential health and cleanliness problems and replaced aging equipment. The new cabinets are mouse proof. The cement floor has been painted making it easier to clean. New windows replaced old windows that have lost their seal. A new kitchen door was installed to keep mice out. The kitchen, hall, and bathrooms were repainted. Two new electric ranges and hoods were also installed.

The project was initiated by Townsend Rotary Club member Ron Salladay, owner of CR Cabinets LLC, who spent many hours on the project with Dan Harrigfeld, owner of Cadillac Custom Cabinets LLC, tearing out the old cabinets, designing and building all the new cabinets, butcher block island, serving doors, and trim. They also installed all the cabinets, countertops, and trim.

The project generated amazing community support. The project cost over \$6,000 for materials. Most of the labor was donated. Rotary District 5390 provided a \$1,000 grant which was more than matched by the Townsend Rotary Club. Fourteen Rotary members and spouses helped throughout the project. Numerous other companies and individuals contributed to the success of the project. The Rotary Club of Townsend would like to thank the entire community for their help with the project.

Townsend Rotary Club's biggest event and fundraiser is the Townsend Fall Fest held the first weekend in October annually in Heritage Fun Park. This year's event was bigger and better than ever. This year featured a new and better stage, sound system, and a Jumbotron displaying our many sponsors and music lineup. The Fall Fest featured free music all weekend starting on Friday night all paid, for by our many generous sponsors. Over 90 vendors sold their wares and food. This year a wind, rain, and hail storm dampened the event on Saturday afternoon. The Club is sorry to say that some vendors lost some inventory in the storm.



Townsend Rotary Club's Beer and Brats Booth

Rotary Club of Helena Innovative Meeting Technique

Do your members need to makeup meetings to maintain their attendance record? When they miss a meeting, do they feel "left behind" in club activities? Are they simply ill, and cannot attend but still want to stay informed about club activities. If so, consider live streaming and recording your meetings. The Rotary Club of Helena is now using *Periscope.TV* to live stream and record their meetings. Members can either view the meeting as it is happening, or can view the meeting later through the recording.

Rotary Club of Whitehall Harvest Dance Coming October 30

If you missed last year's Harvest Dance, you missed a great time! This year, Whitehall Rotary is continuing the tradition by sponsoring the 2nd Annual Rotary Harvest Dance on Sunday afternoon, October 30, from 4:30 TO 7:30 pm at the Whitehall Community Center. The Little Boulder River Band will perform, and the event is family-friendly and open to all ages. The Community Center will be decorated in a fall theme, and a meal will be included with admission. This year's event will be held the day prior to Halloween, and will give folks an opportunity to either attend in their favorite costumes, or come as you are. Folks attending are also encouraged to bring a pre-carved pumpkin to enter in the optional carved pumpkin contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume and the best carved pumpkin as judged by the Whitehall High School Interact Club. The Harvest Dance is intended to engage local area residents in community fellowship and to support the local and worldwide activities of Rotary, including local scholarships, bike safety, blood drives, youth leadership opportunities, local fish pond park operation and maintenance, world polio eradication, peace studies, international exchanges, and many other worthwhile efforts. This is a chance for Whitehall and local area residents to have some family fun, reach out to the world, and still be home in time for Sunday night football!

Rotary Harvest Dance

LITTLE BOULDER RIVER BAND

Sunday, October 30, 2016
4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Whitehall Community Center

\$10.00 per person or

\$30.00 for a family

Meal and soft drink included

Halloween Costumes Encouraged
Enter the pre-carved Pumpkin Contest

Prizes for Best Costume and Best Pre-Carved Pumpkin



Rotary Club of Great Falls

Great Falls Rotary Club recognized the three active members of our club who have been Rotarians for over half a century: Ian Davidson, Bob Holter, and Bob Oakland. Think of it. Over 50 years of *Service above Self*. And if you know these three, you know that they are not now and never have been members in name only. When they're in, they're all in. Rotary is so fortunate to have them in our midst!



This year's Howl was memorable because in addition to being honored by Don Felder's band playing all our favorite Eagles songs, we had The Clintons, we had more food offerings, we had great buys at our silent and dessert auctions and we had free Boy Scout popcorn! Harvest Howl Chairman, Mike Wier thanked and praised all Rotarians who pitched in to ensure this year's "Howl" brought in profits to meet our Camp Rotary donation goal.

Rotary Club of Bozeman Noon

Bozeman Noon Rotary Club MSU Bobcat Football parking fundraiser was a huge success, as well as a lot of fun.



What You Need to know on How to Start a Rotaract Club

Rotaract is a service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30 who are dedicated to community and international service. Its membership totals over 184,000 in more than 8,000 clubs worldwide. Rotaract clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be either university- or community-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract clubs and offer guidance and support, making the Rotaract clubs true “partners in service” and key members of the family of Rotary.

You can start one! Refer to the [Rotaract Handbook](#) for everything you need to organize and manage your new club. Here’s what you’ll need to get started:

- A sponsor Rotary club to provide support and partnership – There is a financial cost to start and maintain the club each month with very low Rotaract yearly dues.
- An adviser from your sponsor club
- A faculty adviser (if it’s a university-based club) to serve as a liaison between your sponsor Rotary club and the university administration
- Members! – You need 15 members to start a club.
- Strong club leaders to help organize your club, grow your membership, and carry out successful projects.

To learn more go to www.rotary.org/rotaract or contact Martha Ripley 406-329-1727 (work) or 406-544-3351 (cell).






INSTANT WINE CELLAR

Five mixed cases of wine, valued at \$1000 as selected and supplied by the experts at

Merchants of the Palisades

BABCOCK & MILES

Last year thanks to your generous participation we were able to award over \$6000 to help kids in our area!

*Winner need not be present to win.



- Win \$1000 worth of wine or a \$750 cash prize just in time for the holidays!
- Proceeds will benefit Carbon County youth programs.
- Drawing will be November 17th.
- Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, 30 for \$100 or 100 for \$250.
- Get your tickets from any Rotarian in the community, Montana Realty Company, or Moon Lake Market.

TRIVIA NIGHT!!!!

Join us for an evening of fun and competition

sponsored by



Helena Sunrise Rotary Club
and Canton Church Restoration, Inc.

**Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the
American Legion Club in Townsend**

Form your own team of up to 8 persons from your business, your office, school or other organization, or group of friends.

Teams will compete to answer trivia questions in categories such as history, music, sports, science, arts, entertainment, etc.

Donations \$10.00 per person

Canton Church Restoration, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the preservation of the Canton Church and its history. All proceeds will go to the Canton Church to continue efforts to restore and preserve historic St. Joseph Mission Church (Canton Church) for future generations.

**For information or to enter a team contact
Pam Sample 406-422-7028 or
Vic Sample 406-422-9425**

I n t e r a c t C l u b N e w s

Red Lodge High School Interact Club

Ava Graham, Red Lodge High School Interact Club member, was part of the team that offered Face Painting at the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation Fun Run in September. Here she is shown after painting Tommy Wong, after he finished the two-mile race with Grandma Sandy Wong, of Billings Rotary Club. The Red Lodge High School Interact Club Fund received \$387.70 and the Red Lodge Rotary Club received \$866.63, in charitable donations from the event.



The Interact Club is participating in a city wide drive to collect used cell phones. Proceeds from the drive will go to Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) to assist their clients.



How to have Your Club Sponsor an Interact Club

If you read *Big Sky Rotary News* on a regular basis, you have seen that there are some incredible Interact Clubs throughout Montana. These young people are the future of Rotary, and have continuously demonstrated that they truly believe in *Service above Self!* Yet there are many communities with active Rotary Clubs that do not have an Interact Club in their community. Most of these clubs have sponsored RYLA students and Rotary Youth Exchange students. These students are probably chomping at the bit to give back to their communities, and an Interact Club is the ideal vehicle for them to do so.

Once your club has decided to sponsor an Interact Club, form an Interact committee to organize and support the Interact Club. Refer to the [Interact Guide for Rotary Club Sponsors and Advisers](#) for complete details.

- Determine the need for an Interact club in your community
- Identify a school or community partner
- Locate possible Interactors such as current and past participants of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Exchange
- Organize an informational meeting for potential members
- Assign a Rotarian adviser who will attend board meetings of school-based clubs and all meetings of community-based clubs
- For school-based clubs, identify a faculty adviser who will serve as the liaison between the sponsor Rotary club and the school administration

And remember, if there is more than one high school in your community, a community-based Interact Club can draw members from several schools as long as they are located in the sponsor Rotary Club's district.

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- Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a micro-lender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities.

If your club needs help in finding an international partner for an economic and community development project, contact our District Foundation Chair Dave Kinsey, our District Grant Chair Sue Carstens, or myself (contact info is on the District website). To help ask the right questions, identify needs, and learn how to make the greatest impact, also see RI's publication 619-EN, [Economic and Community Development Project Strategies](#).

On another note, after traveling the state to visit each Rotary club, I've found that many of our communities are enjoying wonderful projects that would most likely not have occurred if it weren't for our Rotary clubs. Some of these include:

- Scholarships given to high school seniors across the state.
- An ice rink built that serves as a community venue for large events during the summer.
- An entire camp renovated for the future enjoyment of campers and rented out for family/group events.
- A beautiful water park with bath/shower house built in a city park.
- Development of a community fishing pond.
- Development of a lacrosse/soccer field in a community.
- Several clubs participate in the School Backpack program in their communities, providing a backpack full of food for students needing it over the weekend.
- Development of a Community Room for use by non-profit entities in the local mall.
- Many clubs do projects in existing city or county parks, e.g. adding benches, trails, restrooms, playground equipment, doing clean-up projects, etc. – 1 club even built an entire area called Rotary Campground.
- Several clubs do food baskets or boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as many adopt a family or families to provide food and presents during the holidays.



4H Building Kitchen in Townsend



Exploration Works Garden in Helena

There are many more, too numerous to mention. I am proud of all our Rotary clubs who are improving their communities and they should be too. Don't forget to showcase your project work in your community by working to get radio or newspaper coverage. Use social media to post pictures of your project work and post a ROTARY sign/plaque on or near the project.

The Rotary Foundation News

Plan ahead for Rotary Foundation Month

November is Rotary Foundation Month. Here are six things you can do today to ensure your November events are a success:

- Ask every member to donate \$26.50 to The Rotary Foundation in honor of its 100th Anniversary.
- Educate Rotarians on what the Paul Harris Society is and why making significant annual gifts to our Foundation helps us Do Good in the World.
- Recognize and thank new Major Donors and Paul Harris Society members.
- Thank Rotarians who gave to the Foundation for the first time ever.
- Reach out to members who gave last year but who have not given this year - thank them for their past support and invite them to contribute again.
- Increase the number of donors who are giving through Rotary Direct.



Global Grants, A Primer: Part I

by George Gerard

Let's start at the beginning. Take a look at your Rotarian magazine and turn to the section, generally near the front, where The Objects of Rotary are listed. Nowhere therein will you find anything about global projects. So, why do we do them? Let's take a look at Object #4: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." Think about this for a moment. It puts a whole new perspective on how we look at things. If we use global grants to promote peace through fellowship, the projects then become a means to an end and not an end in themselves, and consequently should have a major impact on how we prioritize our resources, in particular our human resources. People become our focus; not wells, not toilets, not books. People. Wells, toilets and books might be boring, but people are exciting and challenging, especially when you mix in new languages and cultures. Relationships define both our goals and our processes.

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The Rotarian's The 4-Way Test
of the things we think, say, or do:

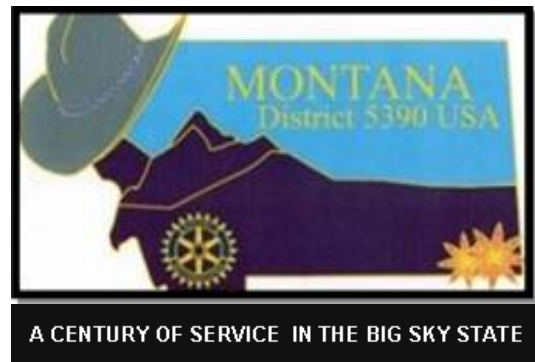
- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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What Makes Rotarians Special?

*Guest Editorial by Patrick Plantenberg
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The Rotary Foundation is celebrating its 100th year anniversary in 2017. The Montana Rotary District 5390 is sponsoring dinners around the state to celebrate one of the greatest charitable foundations in the world. My wife Mary and I attended one of those dinners as the Townsend Rotary Club representatives on October 7 at the 320 Ranch in Gallatin Canyon.

I went to the bar to get Mary and me a glass of wine and introduced myself to a lady also buying a drink. Her name is Linda Reynolds and she is a member of the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club. She did a double take when I introduced myself and said "I need to talk to you privately later in the evening." I guess I showed concern on my face so she continued "Don't worry- It is a good thing."

Later Linda joined my wife and me and she explained the situation. It seems she was a neighbor of mine when I had my landscaping business in Bozeman and I did some work for her in the early 1980's. I sent her a bill and she wrote a check. Years later she found the check which she had never mailed. I had never sent her a follow-up bill as I always write on invoices *Please pay what you can afford.*

This unpaid bill bothered her over the years and she hoped to eventually run into me and settle the debt. She explained that she had just thought about it again a few weeks before the dinner. I told her to forget about it and that it was not important. She insisted that she was going to pay that bill. After the dinner, Mary showed me an envelope that Linda had dropped off at our table.

When Mary and I got home we opened the envelope and were shocked to find a check for \$1,000. I'm sure the work I did for her did not total more than a couple of hundred dollars. She had a note in the envelope saying "Please accept this money. If you don't want it please donate it to a worthy cause." I plan to donate it to a worthy cause - The Rotary Foundation.

Thank you Linda. Your debt is paid in full after more than 30 years. I'm proud that you are a Rotarian.