

# BIG SKY NEWS



**Sandy Wong, Governor** | District 5390 | Montana, USA

## Big Sky Rotary awards MSU student Alexdine Liddle George Macdonald Scholarship for 2019



Alexdine Liddle

Rotary Club of Big Sky has named Alexdine Liddle as the recipient of the George Macdonald Scholarship for 2019. Alexdine has been a resident of Big Sky for 14 years and attended school at home. She is a freshman at Montana State University Honors College and is studying to

become a veterinarian.

Alexdine has been a ski instructor at Big Sky Resort for three seasons and also worked as head cashier at ACE Hardware. She volunteered for the horsemanship program at Eagle Mount and for the veterinary clinic at Choteau during summer of 2016. She is a RYLA alumna, having attended through the Rotary Club of Bozeman. Big Sky Rotarians congratulate Alexdine on her outstanding achievements.

—*Rotary Club of Big Sky*

## Rotary honors World Polio Day on October 24

Rotary members throughout the world will honor World Polio Day on October 24, a day to celebrate all the children who are living polio-free thanks to vaccinations.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have helped reduce cases of polio by 99.9 percent.

There is still work to be done. Two new cases were reported in the Philippines, where the program began in 1979. It costs only \$3 to vaccinate a child against polio. It costs \$100

million to conduct polio surveillance worldwide. In 2017, 430 million children in 39 countries were vaccinated, thanks to Rotary members like you.





***Help Big Sky Rotary Fundraise  
to End Polio Wednesday  
October 23, 5:00-7:00PM***

***Home-made Chili, Cornbread and Desserts***

**WORLD POLIO DAY**



**[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)**

**Beehive Basin Brewery will donate \$1.00 for every  
pint of beer purchased!**

Visit [BigSkyRotary.org](http://BigSkyRotary.org) for more information!



## Polio Fundraiser in Missoula features Synthesizer Pioneer/Rotarian from California

Don Lewis has been singing in support of Rotary's polio eradication program for years. His first concert was in the 1980s in his hometown of Pleasanton, CA. Don, a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, is set to perform again next month to support END POLIO NOW, only this time in Missoula, along with a sneak preview of a new documentary about Don's extraordinary life.

The film and live performance takes place on Saturday, November 9, at The Roxy Theater in

Missoula. Documentary producer Ned Augustenborg will also speak about the making of the film, a previously untold story about Don's incredible invention and the societal challenges he had to face as a result of his creativity. In addition to the producer, Don will be joined by his wife and manager Julie Lewis, past president of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. See event details below. The public is invited to support this wonderful event.

### Rotary Night at the Movies

Exclusive Sneak Preview of the documentary  
"The Ballad of Don Lewis"  
with guest appearance & music performance  
by Don Lewis

Meet the filmmaker Ned Augustenborg

*Proceeds benefit END POLIO NOW, Rotary's  
program to eradicate polio in the world.*

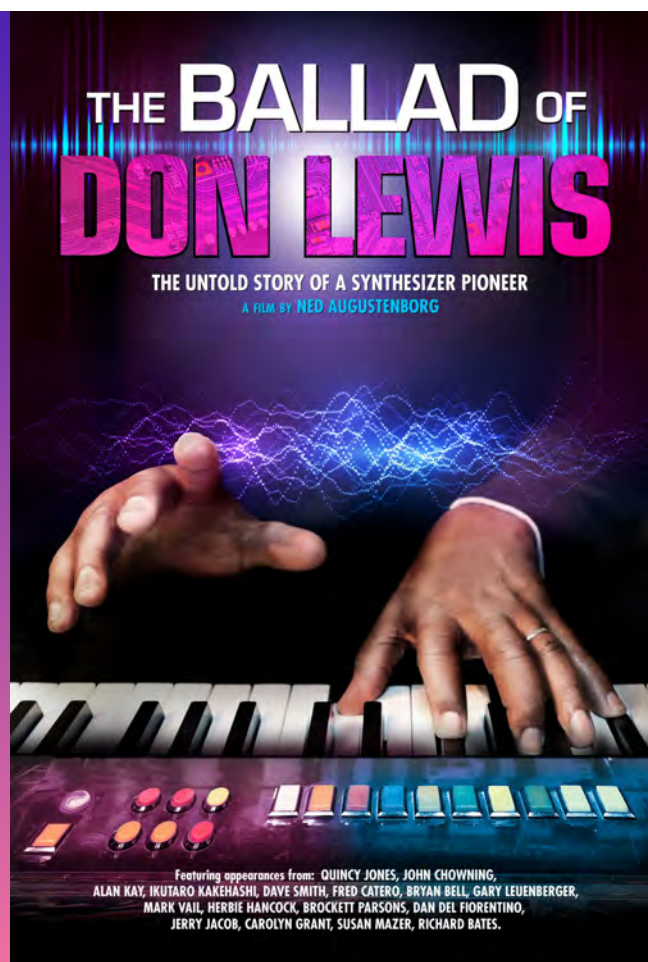
Saturday, November 9, 2019  
7 pm

The Roxy Theater  
718 Higgins Avenue  
Missoula, MT 59801

General Admission	\$100 - 1 ticket + signed poster
VIP Sponsor	\$500 - 2 tickets + signed poster + DVD of "The Ballad of Don Lewis" + Sunday brunch with Don and Ned

Mail checks payable to: Missoula Rotary Foundation,  
PO Box 9290, Missoula, MT 59807.

Donation is tax deductible as allowable  
by law. Limited seating.  
Credit cards accepted.  
For information, call 925-699-9421.



## New District Committee launched to help Clubs enhance Vocational Service programs

When Paul Harris decided to launch a new club in 1905, he wanted to emphasize the expertise and experience that Rotary Club members could offer to their community. Thus, Vocational Service became one of the Avenues of Service still integral to the work of Rotary throughout the world.

What is your club doing to enhance the high, ethical standards of business and professions? Do you recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations? Do your members view their occupations as an opportunity to serve society? Those ideals are the second object of Rotary, according to DRFC Sue Carstens, who recently announced the formation of a new District committee to support Vocational Services.

To promote networking among Montana clubs and to expand vocational service programs in the state, the new committee, dubbed Vocational Service Sub-Committee (VSSC), will serve as a resource for all Rotary clubs.

DG Sandy Wong said that the vocational service efforts of the clubs are effective when a club recognizes the needs of communities in which the club is located and uses the various areas of experience and expertise among its members to meet these needs. Sandy noted that while Rotary International and the District should assist in these efforts, to be successful, Vocational Service programs need to start at the club level utilizing this valuable resource of their members. She said that clubs will be encouraged to form their own clubs' Vocational Service committees.

Vocational Service crosses the spectrum of community service and includes youth programs such as book giveaways and mentoring at the elementary and junior high level. Programs at the high school level often work through and with the Interact Clubs and career counseling offices. These programs include student mentoring and working with guidance and career counselors, as well as Professional Learning Communities in the schools and school districts.

Beyond the high school level, Vocational Service works with Rotaract Clubs, veterans groups and other service organizations to assist young adults and seniors. These programs may include one-on-one counseling and group meetings with Rotarians.

Vocational Service programs also provide assistance to business, civic and social organizations, offering the valuable expertise of Rotarians through presentations, seminars and workshops dealing with career, social, civic, community, educational and ethical topics.

The District VSSC will also publish a Vocational Service newsletter for Clubs to share topics and ideas on how to increase Vocational Service in their communities. To be included in receiving the newsletter or if you are interested in joining this new District committee, please email your contact information to this year's VSSC Chair Dick Holper at rdholper@gmail.com.

*—Richard (Dick) Holper, District 5390 Vocational Service Chair, Rotary Club of Bozeman Sunrise*

## Nigeria marks 3 years without a case of polio



Nigeria announced that three years have passed since it last recorded a case of polio, a key step towards eradicating the notorious disease in Africa, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

This is a big change from 2012 when the country accounted for more than half of all polio cases worldwide. While it can be seen as a significant milestone, it will be several months before the country can officially be labeled polio-free.

Now, the WHO needs to make sure there is a robust surveillance system in Nigeria to be certain that there are no further cases of the wild poliovirus, the chairman of Nigeria's polio committee, said Dr. Tunji Funsho.

“We are confident that very soon we will be back here trumpeting the certification that countries have, once and for all, kicked polio out of Africa,” said Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa.

Nigeria is the last country in Africa to have witnessed a case of polio — in Borno state, in the north-east. Outside of Nigeria, the last case on the continent was in the Puntland region of Somalia, in 2014.

Insecurity in the north-east of Nigeria had hindered the polio vaccination program, but success in fighting the Boko Haram militant group has been cited as one of the reasons behind the recent success.

In addition, officials have said that political support and an injection of funds have also helped. In 2018, there were a total of 33 polio cases confined to just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2019, two new cases were reported in The Philippines.

Matshidiso Moeti said the continent is “on the verge of an extraordinary public health achievement; one which will be our legacy to our children and children’s children.” But health experts urge caution.

They must first be sure that every part of the continent has been reached and no cases have been missed. For now, there are renewed calls to vaccinate children against polio. It has taken the effort of thousands of volunteers to deliver the much-needed vaccines to all parts of the continent.

Polio, a highly infectious disease, invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. Initial symptoms include fever, fatigue, and headache. One in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis. Among those paralyzed, 5% to 10% die when their breathing muscles become immobilized.

<https://www.zmescience.com> › Health & Medicine › Diseases





## Interact Students clean up Corvallis highway

Corvallis High School Interact Club members held a highway clean-up day October 1 picking up trash on two miles north and south of Corvallis, with help from six members of the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Pictured above: the clean-up crew. Pictured below: Left - Ken Riemer and Debbie DenBleyker speak with students after the clean-up; below right - Rotarians Matt Kolmer, Ken Riemer, Doug McLaren, Marilyn Morris, Debbie DenBleyker, and Gordon Finney. Below lower right - the fruits of the day's hard work. (Photos by Gordon Read and Doug McLaren.)



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## *Aloha, Hawaii 2020!*

### **Rotarian offers Accommodations for Honolulu RI Convention**

Hello Fellow Rotarians!

The 2020 Rotary International Conference will be in Waikiki, Hawaii, on June 6-10. Ronda and I own several timeshare weeks at the Imperial Resort in Waikiki and we have placed several timeshare units on hold for anyone wanting to stay at the Imperial during the Conference. We feel the weekly price is outstanding and we can all have use of the Owners Lounge on the 26th floor to meet and greet and relax.

At this time, I have ten Palm Suites and eight Hala Suites remaining on hold. The units are on hold for Thursday, June 4 to Thursday, June 11. I have reserved extra follow-on days if anyone wants to stay in Waikiki longer. I can adjust the start date of any week to start on Thursday, Friday or Saturday for seven or more days. Airfare is normally cheaper on Thursday

versus weekend travel. Let me know if you need different dates. I already have reservations for 11 units from my local Rotary family in Lake Arrowhead, CA.

Please do let us know if you would like to reserve a unit and stay as a group at the Imperial. Send me an email and I will send you a contract with a reservation number for the unit type that you select.

The Palm Suite (\$1,265 week) is a one-bedroom, two-bath suite with full kitchen. Queen bed in the bedroom, plus a double (pull down) bed and queen sofa bed in living room.

The Hala Suite (\$1,485 week) is a two-bedroom, two-bath suite with full kitchen. Two Queen beds in the master bedroom, double bed in second bedroom, plus a queen sofa bed in living room.

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## District 5390 Calendar

October 29, Online Grant  
Training, Session 1

November 14, Online Grant  
Training, Session 2

April 17-18, District  
Conference, Fairmont Hot  
Springs, MT

June 5-8, 2020: Rotary Intl.  
Conference, Honolulu, HI

## Special Month

October is Economic &  
Community Development  
Month. Build a village!

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If you want additional days added to weekly rentals: 2019 Daily rate for Friends of Owners: (plus state tax (15%) and \$10 resort tax each day). The rates may go up for the year 2020.

Palm Suite \$194 per night; Hala Suite \$227 per night.

Imperial Hawaii Vacation Club  
205 Lewers St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 (800/347-2582)

Everyone will have use of the Owner Lounge on the 26th floor and it is a great place to meet and visit as well as view Waikiki. There is also a full kitchen in the owners lounge and your room. The Vacation Club location is only 100 yards from the Pacific Ocean, in the center of action in the heart of Waikiki.

Imperial Resort information and pictures go to:  
<http://www.imperialofwaikiki.com>

For more information on these accommodations, contact us at:

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## EXTRA EXTRA! Read all about it!

ROTARY CLUB NEWS EDITORS:

The next DEADLINE for stories in BIG SKY NEWS is **October 27, 2019**, for the November issue. Please send photos in .jpg format and stories in Word or Text to: Victoria Emmons, Editor, at [district5390.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:district5390.newsletter@gmail.com). Please rename each photo submitted to indicate club name and subject, for example: GreatFallsFundraiser. Thank you!

## Rotary Guatemala Clean Water Project

Interested in advancing clean water in Guatemala? Join Montana Rotarians at the annual Project Fair in Antigua and visit neighboring villages in Guatemala where Montana's Coalition projects are underway. The trip is Jan. 22-30, 2020. Only two openings remain for the trip.

Contact Terri Smiley at [tallterri09@yahoo.com](mailto:tallterri09@yahoo.com) or (406) 250-1741 to reserve or for more information.