

The 5390 Roundup

Rotary District 5390 • Montana

The Rotary motto Service Above Self conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.



ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND GIVING...

Don Doerfler

Annual Giving Chairperson

Greetings fellow District 5390 Rotarians. I wanted to report to you how we did on our Annual Giving campaign for Rotary Year 2009-2010. The final numbers for contributions to the Annual Program Funds are in from Rotary International. Of the 42 clubs in the district 33 pledged and contributed \$128,735.35 to the Annual Fund out of \$129,825.00 pledged. That is very good considering there were 9 clubs that did not pledge or contribute. The numbers for Rotary Year 2010-2011 do not look quite so good right now. Out of the 42 clubs in the district only 30 have pledged any money to the Annual Giving campaign. The total of those pledges is \$103,484.00. Rotarians we have to do better! There is a potential \$200,000.00 in this district if every Rotarian would chip in \$100.00 for this Rotary year. Think what we could do with half of that money in 3 years....wow! For those clubs who have not sent their goal forms to the District Governor... DO IT TODAY. We need to get our numbers up so we can benefit from the money we contribute to the Rotary Foundation that comes back to the District. Thanks for all of your work last Rotary Year, now let's get moving on the current year. Thanks for all you do for Rotary and District 5390. Don't forget to attend a Foundation Dinner near you in October.

THE FOUNDATION DINNER DATES ARE:

**OCTOBER 15, 2010: BILLINGS MONTANA
CROWNE PLAZA**

**OCTOBER 16, 2010: MISSOULA MONTANA
HILTON GARDEN INN.**

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Interact video contest

Hey, Interactors! Here's your chance to be famous. We're holding our second annual Interact video contest. So grab a camera, make a short video telling us how you Interact, and submit it by 1 December. The grand-prize winner will be featured on www.rotary.org.



ROTARIANS DEDICATE GWT MARKER IN MILES CITY, MONTANA

Thirty-five Rotarians and friends from other states and Canada attended the Great Western Trail marker dedication in Miles City, Montana, on August 10, 2010, which was the first marker dedication in Montana. The Miles City Rotary Club scheduled a weekend of events to showcase the little cowtown and its importance to the history of the Great Western Trail. The Rotary International President (RIP) Ray Klingensmith was the keynote speaker at the dedication.

The Rotary Club of Vernon, Texas, started in 2004 a Rotary Centennial Project, "Marking the Great Western Trail from Mexico to Canada." Rotarians from Matamoros, Mexico, through seven of the nine U.S. states to Regina, Saskatchewan, have worked together to mark the GWT to preserve their shared history, to promote heritage tourism, and to exhibit the power of Rotarians working together internationally.

Miles City Rotary Past President Stan Markuson, master of ceremony, welcomed everyone to the dedication of the first Montana GWT marker, which was held Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the Range Riders Museum. A Parade of Flags from the three countries and nine U.S. states that the trail crossed started the ceremony. Carrying flags were Regina, Saskatchewan, Gene Griffith, Montana Miles City Pres. Barrie Matthews, PP Stan Markuson, District Sec. Ellen Robison, ND DG Jim Ozbun, OK DG Tami Babb, OK Maurice King, TX Bill Huskinson, Neal Fitzgerald, Mary Ann McCuiston, Josh Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzgerald, and DG David Mason.

Bringing greetings from the Regina Rotary Club were GWT chairman Gene Griffith and PE Ian Toms, from the ND Rotary District was DG Jim Ozbun, from Oklahoma were the two men who challenged the Vernon Rotary Club to start the project, Dennis Vernon and John Barton.

Texas PDG 5790 David Mason presented in Spanish and English a welcome to Miles City from the Matamoros, Mexico, Rotarians, who were unable to attend, but sent their congratulations and best wishes. He recognized Montana PDGs Don Gatzke and Paul Broughton for their earlier efforts in making the markers for Montana and for efforts to have a dedication.

Vernon Rotarian and City Councilman Phil McCuiston presented a Resolution to Miles City Mayor Joe Whalen from Vernon Mayor Jeff Bearden. Vernon Rotary Past President Harold Hardcastle introduced the people from Vernon and presented Longhorn Rotary pins for club members to Miles City Rotary Past President Stan Markuson. The pins were a gift to the Vernon

Rotary Club from Jose Luis Diaz del Lie of Leon, Mexico, in appreciation for the Vernon Rotarians' trail work that included Mexico and to acknowledge Rotarians who joined the project.

Texas Rotary District 5790 Past District Governor (PDG) Jim Aneff presented a Proclamation to RIP Ray Klingensmith acknowledging the importance of his support for the GWT project. RIP Klingensmith presented the Proclamation to Bob Barthelmess, Range Riders Museum executive director, to be displayed at the museum as a reminder of Rotarians and friends efforts to preserve and promote the GWT history.

Texas DG 5790 Paul Lucas presented a Proclamation to Montana District 5390 DG David Kinsey in appreciation

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The first GWT marker in Montana was dedicated on August 7, 2010, at the Range Riders Museum in Miles City, Montana.



Participating on the program were the following: L to R, front, Gene Griffith, Regina, Sask.; Barrie Matthews, Miles City; David Mason, Abilene, Tex.; Harold Hardcastle, Vernon; Dennis Vernon, Altus, Okla.; back, Ian Toms, Regina, Sask.; Paul Lucas, Bedford, Tex.; Paul Broughton, Arkansas; Don Gatzke, Kalispell, Mont.; Jim Aneff, Abilene, Tex.; Sylvia Mahoney, Vernon, Tex.; RIP Ray Klingensmith, Kirksville, Missouri; John Barton, Altus, Okla.; Jim Ozbun, Dickinson, North Dakota; Phil McCuiston, Vernon, Tex. On the stage, Michael Babb, Cushing, Okla. Not pictured, PP Stan Markuson, Miles City, and DG David Kinsey.

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for District 5390 and Miles City Rotary Club's outstanding dedication and weekend.

Oklahoma Rotarian Michael Babb sang an original song, "Great Western Cattle Trail," that he wrote and recorded at the request of the RIP.

RIP Klingensmith spoke about the networking provided by Rotarians and friends to mark the GWT from Mexico to Canada to preserve its history, to promote heritage tourism, and to remind us of the Code of the Western, a standard of ethics that helped the drovers survive and that is still applicable today.

Vernon Rotarian co-chairman of the "Marking the GWT Project" Sylvia Mahoney presented the marker to the Miles City Rotary Club and Miles City. She invited people to dedicate the marker using Red River water in a Mason Jar., which has been done at every dedication ceremony.

A reception was held Friday evening at the Miles City Club, the oldest social club in the State of Montana. It was founded in 1884 during the trail days. A local attorney Jerry Huss gave a PowerPoint presentation using the cowboys' signatures who signed the Club registry during the trail days to document that they trailed more than 600,000 head of Longhorns into Montana up the GWT, also known as the Texas Trail after it moved north of Ogallala, Neb. He noted places of historical significance in the small cowtown with a population of 8,500 today.

The group also toured the Montana Bar, a building on the historical register that was build during the trail days and is still in use. Another site of interest was the Olive Hotel made famous by the movie Lonesome Dove as the place where Gus McRae died.

A lunch was provided Saturday in the park with the Miles City Rotary President Barrie Matthews, Montana DG Kinsey, and RIP Klingensmith speaking about the world efforts of Rotary to eradicate polio along with other humanitarian projects.

Another event during the weekend was a tour of the Fort Keogh USDA-Agricultural Research Service Livestock and Range Research Laboratory, which uses 55,000 acres for its projects. The fort was commissioned as a military fort by the U.S. government in 1875 after the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Following the dedication, the Miles City Rotary Club held its annual Duck Race at Miles City Oasis, which raised \$25,000.

Fifteen Rotarians attended the ceremony from Regina, Saskatchewan, two from North Dakota, eight from Oklahoma, one from Arkansas, and twelve from Texas. Numerous Rotarians attended from across Montana.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

The Helena Rotary Club, Helena Sunrise Rotary Club, Townsend Rotary Club and Whitehall Rotary Club for a great Peace Park Celebration. Once again, District 5390 Rotarians came to the top of the scale!!!!

We are currently having some issues with the website and registrations/reservations. So, to make it easier I will be handling the reservations for the East and West Foundation Dinners. Special room rates have been secured at the Crowne Plaza Billings and the Hilton Garden Inn Missoula. You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotels.

Please email me or call me with your dinner reservations and your menu choices. You can email me at erobison@bresnan.net or call me at 406.672.5109. Credit cards will be accepted. Forms will be available at each dinner for you to complete if you are using a credit card. We would really appreciated checks or cash if you can. Credit Card fees start to add up. I am confident you all understand this.

The Missoula and Billings clubs have been working very hard to make these dinners successful. The deadline for reservations is October 8, 2010.

Please join us as we celebrate our District 5390 Foundation and our Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members. DG Dave has instructed all committees to make this a true celebration. We have great speakers coming and sharing with us their experiences thanks to the Rotary International Foundation.

See you all there!!!!

Ellen Robison, Secretary/Treasurer, District 5390

ROTARY CLUB OF EVERGREEN

**The Wine Fest for the
Rotary Club of Evergreen
will be held on Nov. 5
from 6:00- 9:00
at Buffalo Hill Golf Course.**

All are invited to come out and be a part of this event. Please contact Andrea Clark at 406-752-3597 for more information Thanks!

CLUB NEWS

FELLOW ROTARIANS:

It seems that several of you did not receive the email announcing the Montana hotel headquarters for the Rotary International Headquarters in New Orleans...Dates....May 20 - May 25, 2011.

Book your rooms now at www.rotary.org. Choose The Holiday Inn French Quarter....great price! BUT DO IT NOW!!!!

Let's show our gratitude to RI Pres Ray and his wife Judy for coming to Montana!

Again, we are currently working with Travel Cafe in Billings for a group airfare. Please, send me your information that you are attending with your hotel confirmation number. Several of you have done this so far. Thanks to you Rotarians!

We are hoping for 40 - 60 people joining us in New Orleans... Come on Montana!

DG Dave has sent out the challenge! Let's make it happen!

Ellen Robison, Secretary/Treasurer
District 5390

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BIGFORK

The Rotary Club of Bigfork held their first annual Golf Ball Drop on Sept. 1st. Members sold tickets with the total of 575 balls that were numbered and dropped from the ladder of the fire truck. The ball that went in the hole was the winner. Since no balls ended up in the hole, the closest to the hole was awarded the \$5000 prize. Billie Moksnes, honorary member of the Rotary Club of Bigfork was the recipient. Other golf related prizes were awarded.

The proceeds of the ball drop will be used to help finish the bike path along Swan River Road and other projects of the club.

The next fund raiser for the Rotary Club of Bigfork will be on October 9th when we will have our annual Barn Dance at Riverbend Ranch. Dinner will be served at 6pm with the dancing to follow with the music of Roy Wilhelm. An auction and games, including a cake walk which was a big hit last year, horseshoes and other games. Tickets can be bought from the Rotarians and also The Jugtree and Nancy O's in Bigfork and Bigfork Drug. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to someone who is present later in the evening. Tickets cost \$90 per couple and \$50 per single.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RED LODGE

Rotary Golf Tournament
Winners... Again

Mike Kuehn of the Billings West club attended the District Assembly and our Club ate crow and presented the trophy to him for his Club for the fourth year in a row! The challenge was laid down to all the clubs in the district that Billings West seems to have the best golfers in the state... no? They were challenged to attend next year!



CLUB NEWS

ROTARY CLUB OF GREAT FALLS

Here's your chance to reserve a table at the upcoming Harvest Howl before tickets are available to the general public. We are offering early bird table sales exclusively to Rotarians and friends of Rotary for the next two weeks. Here's a quick run down of this year's event:

Date: Friday, November 5th

Place: ExpoPark, Four Seasons Arena

Time: 6:00 - 11:00

Music Headliner: Pure Prairie League

Opening Act: Outhouse Poets

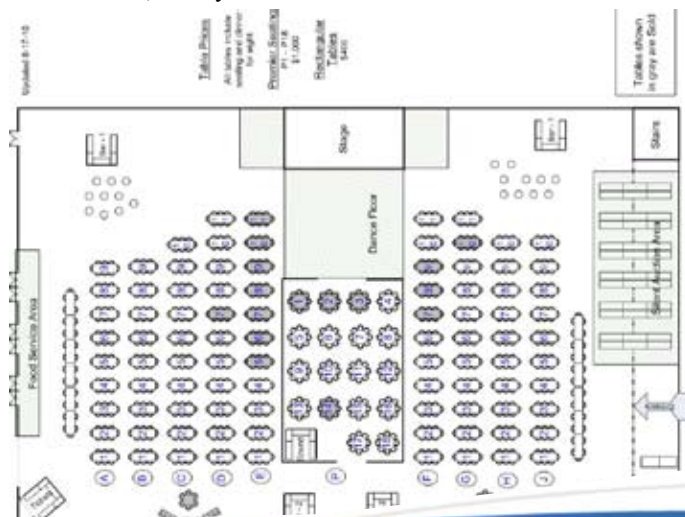
Ticket Information: *Premier Tables:* \$1,000, seats eight. Premier sponsor tables receive many benefits and perks. See attached "Sponsorship Package" for a complete list of benefits. *Rectangular Tables:* \$400, seats eight. Includes buffet dinner and you get the opportunity to pick your table location.

Single Tickets: \$35, does not include dinner or reserved seating.

Call me at 781-7343 or email me to reserve your table. After Sept. 1st you can purchase tables and single tickets online at: www.harvesthowl.org.

Please look over the information on this year's Harvest Howl. This is our biggest event of the year and our only fundraiser to support all of the great activities going on at Camp Rotary. This is a great way to support Camp Rotary and have a great time too!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.
Michael Wier, Rotary Club of Great Falls



Harvest Howl

Entertainment & Event Guide

Music Headliner: Pure Prairie League

Their rich history goes back to 1969 in Southern Ohio where a group of young musicians initially played cover tunes at local bars. Original member Craig Fuller and early member George Powell were beginning to stir their song writing abilities around the time original drummer Tom McGail happened to catch a late night 1939 Errol Flynn flick called Dodge City. The movie's Pure Prairie League was the woman's temperance union attempting to clean up Kansas' most lawless town. RCA signed Pure Prairie League after seeing them play in Cleveland. PPL's first album was released the following year. "The most memorable thing about the album was the Norman Rockwell cover from a 1927 Saturday Evening Post cover" recalls Mike Reilly. His (Reilly's) first gig with the band was on Labor Day 1972 thanks to member Mike Connor with whom he had worked previously. PPL's second album, Bustin' Out was finished and they hit the road to promote the music. In February 1973, Fuller received Uncle Sam's summons to go to Vietnam Nam. He applied for conscientious objector status and ended up

doing alternative service in a hospital in Covington, KY. The band was dropped from RCA soon after. "The band was struggling at that point and we eventually parted ways", recalls Fuller. Incredibly, college stations continued to play cuts from Bustin' Out and RCA was forced to re-sign the band and release "Amie" as a single which has endured as a classic. The changing musical times made the band make some alterations and add a young talented performer named Vince Gill. Their final RCA record in 1978, Can't Hold Back, Gill, along with Patrick Bolin, wrote more rock influenced country material and they added saxophone to the tracks instead of pedal steel guitar and they enjoyed their biggest success with their single "Let Me Love You Tonight," reaching No.7 on the Pop Charts and No.1 on the Adult Contemporary Charts. Gill departed after three albums in as many years. Reunited to treat us to music that sounds as good today as it did when they first performed, PPL is touring and enjoying

every minute of it. PPL has been playing true to its original form. "People come to hear the music the way it was played back then," Fuller asserts. "We may have improved upon the fidelity, but when we do a song off one of our records, we do it just like it was recorded." The band's longevity is a testament of the timelessness of the music. They've returned to their roots and it's no surprise that after all these years their music is still played on Country Radio, proving good music is relevant no matter when it's made or played.

Event Info:

Date: Nov. 5th

Place: Four Seasons Arena

Time: 6:00 - 11:00

Opening Act: Outhouse Poets

Music Headliner: Pure Prairie League

Event Schedule:

Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Opening Act: 7:00 pm

Headline Act: 8:30 pm

Dinner Served: Until 8:00



For more information go to:
www.harvesthowl.org

Don't Miss Out on Your Chance to Support Camp Rotary!

Date:
Nov. 5th

Place:
Montana ExpoPark 4 Seasons Arena

Time:
Doors open 6:00

Sponsorship Packages

Premier Seating (\$1,000 per table):

- Round Table (seats eight)
- Best Seats in the house for enjoying the concert
- Steak Dinner served to the table on china
- Two complimentary bottles of wine
- Back stage "meet and greet" and photo with the band for two table members
- Framed commemorative poster, signed by the band
- Company name in event advertising and banner displayed at event

Rectangular Table Seating (\$400 per table):

- Reserved table seating for eight
- Ability to select seating location at event
- Buffet dinner tickets for eight

If you are unable to attend on November 5th, we will also accept donations. Donors giving \$500 or more will receive the signed commemorative poster and have their name in event advertising.

CAMP ROTARY

CAMP ROTARY MONARCH, MONTANA

Camp Rotary is located outside Monarch, Montana in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. It has been in existence since 1917 and is in continued need of additional upgrades and renovations.

All the historic records maintained by Rotary Club of Great Falls indicate the involvement of the Club in Camp Rotary since its beginning. The documents provided by the United State Forest Service indicate the camp has not always been listed as Camp Rotary. It is believed that in 1916 members of Rotary Club collaborated with the YWCA and Boys Scouts to establish a camp for "the benefit of the boyhood of the Great Falls Community and general community good." Over the next few years the Rotary Club of Great Falls gained strength in numbers and commitment to the project as noted in the special use permit issued in 1924 to Rotary of Great Falls. Camp Rotary holds the longest continuous special use permit in the entire United States Forest Service.

In 1917 Rotarians assisted in building the historic main lodge by loading materials and workers onto the Great Falls-Neihart train. The train would drop them off on Friday night and pick them up on Sunday. The main lodge went into service at the end of that summer. Water was provided by near-by creeks. Tents were used to shelter the campers until 1954, when surplus military cabins were moved from Great Falls to the camp. Bathrooms were added in the late 1950's, replacing outhouses. At the same time, a spring-fed water storage system was devised.

The Pavilion was built with Rotary and volunteer labor in 2005 to celebrate Rotary International's 100th anniversary. In 2007 and 2008, a well was drilled to provide constant water and a new septic system was installed to comply with state health codes. Today we celebrate the completion of the much needed, much desired bathhouse!

The strategic planning process for Camp Rotary started eight years ago, in response to Rotary member concerns that a long range plan was needed to maintain the Camp in service to youth of Central Montana. The process included survey and focus group meeting with camp users, member survey and meetings and review by the US Forest Service. The plan was prioritized, primarily on the basis of the users' request for a safer and more usable camp.

Identified as a top priority was an outdoor, open-aired shelter to be used for group activities, especially when the main lodge was in use or too hot to use. In 2005 The Pavilion Construction was designated the Rotary Centennial Project by Rotary Club of Great Falls to celebrate 100 years of Rotary. The success of that project and comments about its usefulness by camp users encouraged Rotary to continue the planned improvements.

The new water and septic systems were regulated by the Montana State Department of Health and Human Services and partially

funded by The Rotary Foundation and partially constructed by the 129th Red Horse Squadron of the US Air Force.

Success of the Pavilion construction, the new water system and the new septic system led to the decision to start the next improvement project, the new bathhouse, the next item on the users priority list. Without the new water and sewer, the new bathhouse could not be built.

Of major support to the bathhouse construction was an \$80,000 grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust. With their financial commitment to complete the project, work was able to be scheduled during this year's construction season.

The M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust's mission is to enrich the quality of life in Pacific Northwest states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Every person who has ever stayed overnight at Camp Rotary will agree that this bathhouse will immensely enrich the quality of their camp life!

The M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust was created by the will of the late Melvin J. (Jack) Murdock, who was a co-founder of Tektronix, Inc. of Beaverton, Oregon, and a resident of Vancouver, Washington. Since its establishment on June 30, 1975, the Trust has focused its grantmaking efforts to strengthen the region's educational and scientific research facilities and in support of organizations that serve the arts, public affairs, health and medicine, human services, and people with disabilities.

The Trust Program Director, Bart Hadder, has worked closely with other groups in the Great Falls area. He toured our camp in June of 2009, has kept informed of our progress on the bathhouse and expressed his much support for our Camp Rotary Improvement Plan.

The Murdock Grant completed our fundraising efforts. The Rotary Club of Great Falls and Great Falls Rotary Foundation, Inc. as well as the more than 750 students who use the camp (bathhouse) each year, are greatly appreciative.

Today, after many years of work utilizing a Rotarian volunteer construction crew assisted by local contractors and the US Forest Service, the much anticipated handicapped accessible bath house is in full operation. Expanded toilet and shower space for both men and women and generous supplies of hot water, molded concrete sinks, a ceiling hung heating source to be used only during the camping season and a state of the art septic/sewer system highlight the features on the newest addition to Camp Rotary.

Rotarians and camp users and the public attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday August 28th at 11:00 AM at Camp Rotary, South of Monarch. Lunch was served to more than 70 guests following the ribbon cutting.

Camp Rotary visitors not only toured the new bathhouse but

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also saw numerous other improvements the Great Falls Rotary club has performed the past 18 months. The total improvement budget exceeded \$400,000 which included the construction of the bath house, improvements to the septic system, lights in the pavilion, new tables and benches as well as new beds and mattresses in all nine cabins.

The Rotarians take great pride in providing this camp for all groups to lease for hosting a variety of summer camping opportunities for youth across Montana. Rotary is a service organization that holds as its mission – “Service above Self” – and in keeping with this mission we have operated Camp Rotary for over 93 years as a service project that provides the opportunity to learn leadership skills, find compassion and comfort, and grow all while learning in a pristine environment that remains as simple today as it was in 1917. Rotary has enjoyed a quality working relationship with the US Forest Service and value stewardship of the land they have entrusted to them, and work hard to ensure that the facilities remain in working order and provide the best experience for those who use them.

Camp Rotary is used annually by over 750 campers from numerous local 4-H organizations and Extension Agencies, as well as children with the Children’s Bereavement Program, National Guard Youth, SCA, Frontier Ministries, Calvary Indian Baptist Church, New Directions, Victory Christian Church, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, and the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

Most of the improvements are a result of local Great Falls Rotary Club volunteers under the direction of Gaines McFadden. Other Rotarians contributing many hours of labor include Kurt Baltrusch, Bill & Cherrie Knick, Bob Holter, Jim McCormick, Ken Munski and Rick Evans.

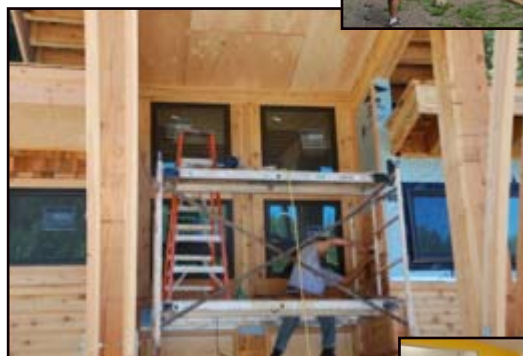
The Rotary Club of Great Falls has raised funds for this project through Great Falls Rotary Foundation, Inc. a 501(c)3 organization.

In 2005, the Rotary Club of Great Falls recognized that the monetary needs for completely improving the camp were great and that a mechanism for raising funds outside the club must be created. To that end, they created the Great Falls Rotary Foundation, Inc. which is a fully recognized and registered 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the State of Montana for the purpose of raising funds to support Camp Rotary. Annually, the Foundation hosts the Harvest Howl for Camp Rotary, a fundraiser featuring lively dance music, dinner and silent auctions. Many other individuals and businesses in the community have given financial generously for the improvements.

Thus far the Great Falls Rotary Foundation has been able to raise the over \$272,000 cost of bathhouse. When the entire improvement plan has been implemented, over \$1 million will be invested in creating a renewed Camp Rotary that will be available for decades to come.

None of the improvements could have happened without the support of the Lewis and Clark National Forest Belt Creek Ranger District. “The Lewis and Clark local manager John Metrione was indispensable through the bath house project” said volunteer Construction Manager Gaines McFadden. District Ranger Tina Lanier supports the ongoing and planned improvements to provide improved health and safety upgrades to Camp Rotary. The US Forest Service has definite construction guidelines for exterior design and colors for all structures. Local Architect Bruce Davidson of Civic Design ensured those guidelines were followed while also economizing where possible.

Construction of Camp Rotary Bathhouse May 2009-August 2010



VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

. This is a great time for Rotarians to consider ways to apply their vocational skills and high ethical standards to serve people in need and help community members achieve their vocational potential.

The following resources are available online to assist Rotarians in planning vocational service projects: An Introduction to Vocational Service (255-EN); Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions (200-EN); Vocational Service Month handout; Vocational Service PowerPoint presentation; Communities In Action: A Guide to Effective Service Projects (605A-EN); Community Assessment Tools (605C-EN).

Clubs can maximize the effectiveness of their service projects by collaborating with local organizations to share resources and expertise. RI has a cooperative relationship with Goodwill Industries International and encourages Rotary clubs to work with their local Goodwill chapters, where feasible, to support job training and placement programs for people with disabilities and those having a difficult time finding employment. To learn more about how to work with Goodwill, please see the following resources:

RI-Goodwill Industries International Toolkit; RI-Goodwill Industries International Fact Sheet

Another great way to promote vocational service is to organize a vocationally based exchange with another district through the Rotary Friendship Exchange program. Friendship Exchanges give Rotarians the opportunity to experience other cultures and make lasting friends with Rotarians in another country. Importantly, they provide a strong foundation for Rotary clubs and districts to carry out international activities and service projects. Friendship Exchanges are organized and funded by the participants, and can take on any number of formats, including:

Univocational exchanges, in which host and guest Rotarians of the same occupation observe how their jobs are performed in different countries and enrich their knowledge and skills in the process. Volunteer service exchanges, in which teams of visiting Rotarians utilize their professional skills to assist the host club or district on a service project.

Visit the Rotary Friendship Exchange web page to learn more about how to organize an exchange.

Rotary clubs around the world perform commendable vocational service projects. Following are some recent examples of effective and replicable projects:

The Rotary Club of Minneapolis South, Minnesota, USA, works with 30 special needs students, assessing their career interests, giving CV advice and teaching effective job interview skills. The students are matched with local employers to job shadow and discuss business practices.

The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights, Philippines, established a permanent literacy and livelihood center called “Karinugan at Kabuhayan” to serve 6,000 out of school youths, women, and people in need of job assistance. The center offers year-round free IT and trades courses, career guidance, jobs placement, and microcredit and entrepreneurship development. In the first year, forty percent of participants found gainful employment. The club collaborates with local government, non-profits and businesses to manage the center.

The Rotary Club of Krasnodar, Russia, partnered with local schools and the regional government’s family services department to create an ongoing program called “My Professional Future,” which benefits 30 youth aged 14 to 16 who live in orphanages. It works with the youths individually to help identify their interests, teach effective communication skills, and give career guidance. It provides a solid orientation into adult and professional life.

For additional examples of model vocational service projects, visit RI’s ProjectLINK database. You can also find vocational service project ideas in the publication An Introduction to Vocational Service (255-EN).

Best regards, Kathryn Nichols
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CLUB NEWS

ROTARY CLUB OF EVERGREEN

The Rotary Club of Evergreen had a fair booth selling fruit smoothies, chocolate covered strawberries and bananas, and water.



Shown here are Roxanne Swartzenberger, and Robbie Mathiason taking smoothie orders.

Inside is Robbie Mathiason making a smoothie and Jeff O'Brien the committee chair for the fair booth. It was a fun week with our \$1.00 ice cold water and chocolate strawberries being the biggest sellers.

