

# DISTRICT FOCUS

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5390

### G'Day Montana Rotarians

Robert Burns once reflected, upon turning over a mouse house with a plow, wrote, ..“**Aye, the best laid schemes ‘o mice ‘an men gang aft a-gley**”...

Well, for an organized and pre-planned engineer, those words were thrown quite out the window for me this last month.

I had packed our car on Saturday afternoon ready to drive to Hamilton early Sunday morning, only to find out that I was to lay on a gurney in the emergency room at 2:00 a.m. on that same Sunday morning waiting for the Doctor to arrive and do an emergency surgery to remove my gall bladder.

Six Club visits missed, and a whole week fol-

lowed, of *doing nothing* more than sitting in a lazy boy chair, and being restricted to not lift anything heavier than a half gallon of water for four weeks... ( ? ) ..

To paraphrase our International President, Ron Burton, “Paul Harris famously wrote, “*This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be rewritten again and again.*”“

Well, not only has my schedule been written and rewritten again, but also my message comments and timing. I extend my many thanks to all the club Presidents who had to bear with my changes and changes yet to come.



2013-14  
District Governor  
John Stewart and Susan

SEPTEMBER 2013

#### Special points of interest:

- Peace Park Assembly held in Waterton, Canada
- RYLA ready for 2014—sponsorships welcomed.
- District Events Calendar
- World Polio Fundraising Idea
- Paul Harris quote still true today

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### MISSOULA NOON RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT TO HELP LOCAL YOUTH

In 2010 Youth Homes began their campaign to build a new Tom Roy Youth Guidance Home. This is the Youth Homes oldest group home and it has had steady use from more than 500 teenagers over the past 35 years, and is worn out!

The Tom Roy program strive to improve the lives of high school aged youth who are aging out of the foster care or the judicial system. Without a support system to turn to, transitioning youth are highly likely to drop out of high school and become homeless.

They are more likely to drop out of school and thirty percent of the nation's homeless adults have a history in foster care. **This home beats those odds.** The program helps kids graduate from high school, develop the necessary skills to live

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## FIRST DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Todd Wojtanowicz did not dream about becoming a doctor. After graduating from high school in Bozeman, he enrolled at the U of M to pursue a degree in history with the intent of studying law after receiving his bachelor's degree. But, a taste of working in the retail world of sales and business management pulled him in another direction. It was, however, a personal matter that turned his career goals upside down.

One of his aunts was in need of care due to an illness and Todd volunteered to assist with her needs. He delayed a planned return to college in 2009 and assisted his aunt until she

succumbed to her illness. As Todd told us, "The role I was able to play helping to bring dignity to her final 18 months of life remains the singular most important experience that led me down the path of medicine."

Todd returned to the U of M and completed his prerequisite courses for medical school. He spent countless hours volunteering at St. Patrick's, shadowed surgeons at Bozeman Deaconess and worked as a clinical assistant at Bridger Care.

Todd and his wife are currently living near Northwestern University in the Evanston, Illinois area.



Todd Wojtanowicz, from Bozeman, has started his course work at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

## PEACE PARK CELEBRATED

Canadian and US Rotarians gather with Glacier and Waterton park rangers, Canadian Mounted Police and Montana Highway Patrol. To the right, US and Canadian Rotarians con-

duct the traditional Hands Across the Border ceremony promising continued peace between our countries and to never take up arms against each other. The 2014 Peace Park Assembly will be on the US side.



Hamilton Rotarians listen closely to instructions before opening their food booth at the recent Ravalli County Fair.

## RYLA—READY FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Over the past several years, thanks to a move to the much larger Luccock facility and the support of clubs throughout Montana and northern Wyoming, District 5390's RYLA has grown to over 130 people with campers, junior and senior counselors, and adult volunteers. The district is currently reviewing the option to extend our contract at Luccock by at least 5 years. Along with that comes a commitment to improve the camp facilities

for our students and all others who use the facility. Immediate past camp director, PDG Carl Prinzing, is working on a grant and funding (with club support) to help provide a much needed high temperature commercial dishwasher and a commercial convection oven. Clubs and/or businesses interested in sponsoring a part of RYLA are encouraged to contact Camp Director Arlene Weber. Sponsors for supplies and speakers are needed.



The finished sunset mural in the lodge at Luccock Park. 2013 RYLA campers were the artists under the direction of Karen Grosz.

## CLUB FOCUS

The Rotary Club of **Bigfork** and Rotary Club of **Evergreen** joined forces recently to participate in the Flathead Valley Dragon Boat Races. Although this Dragon Boat Team was rained out of their last heat on Sunday, September 8th, the "ROWdy ROWtarians" had a great time participating in their first ever Dragon Boat Race. They kept their rowing time to under three minutes in both of their heats which is very good for a first time team! (See photo on page 4).

Some **Livingston** Rotarians will be participating in the Turkey Shoot scheduled for Saturday morning, September 21, at the clay shooting range near Chico Hot Springs. Each participant, with their own ammunition, will shoot at 50 targets. Everyone who makes a \$60 donation will be a winner and receive a voucher for a turkey from Albertsons or Town & Country grocers in Livingston. There will be a \$50 prize for the Top Rotary Shooter.

Livingston Rotarians recently helped with the Cycle Greater Yellowstone event that had an overnight in town. Members helped restock food bins and move tables and chairs for the more than 800 cyclists and crew members.

The Rotary Club of **Hamilton** did very well making around \$8300 during the county fair with food sales at their booth. The club also does very well with recruiting interesting and informative speakers for their weekly programs. Recently, they heard from Louise Rock, a lung transplant recipient.

The Rotary Club of **Great Falls** is hosting one of the in-bound Youth Exchange students. He is active on the school's soccer team enjoying his classes. (NOTE: for protection of the YE student, thier name, high school, and host parents names can not be published in our newsletter or posted on our web page).

The club is busy getting ready for their annual Harvest Howl. The event is a major fundraiser that helps them maintain Camp Rotary near Monarch, Montana.

The **Whitehall High School Inter-act** Club will be spreading wood chips and installing a pergola over one of the picnic tables in Silver Tower Park. The park was started by the club several years ago and is now maintained by several community groups.



Like Rotarians all across Montana, Whitehall Rotarians Beth Billings, Paul Buckley, Arlene Weber, and Sherri Rhodes prepare to bag some trash left along a local highway.



Our inbound Youth Exchange students, from Austria and France, are currently attending high schools in central Montana.

Montana students need to apply before October 31st to be considered for the 2014-15 exchange.

## DISTRICT EVENTS CALENDAR

### FOUNDATION CERTIFICATION CLASS

**October 12** (Saturday) at Montana Tech in Butte. About 5 hours. \$25.00 fee includes light breakfast and a lunch. Free on-campus parking. **Register on-line by Oct. 4th.**

### 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 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

### DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

August 1-2, 2014 in Butte

## GLOBAL GRANT TIDBITS

**Did you know?** There are online grant application tutorials.

Rotarians interested in learning about the new online grant application system can consult an array of resources.

An **e-learning module**, available after logging in to My Rotary (formerly Member Access) at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), provides a comprehensive look at creating an application online.

The following videos, available in English only, offer help with specific parts of the application:

Accessing Rotary's Online Grant Application System

Global Grants 1: Starting an Application and Adding Primary Contacts

Global Grants 2: Area of Focus and Participant Sections

Global Grants 3: Budget and Finance Sections

Global Grants: Authorizing Your Grant

Global Grants: Preparing Your Grant For Payment



Rotarians from the Bigfork and Evergreen clubs joined forces to compete in the Dragon Boat races on Flathead Lake.

## POLIO—WHAT'S HAPPENING TOWARD THE GOAL OF ENDING THE DISEASE?

(Taken from the September 2013 End Polio Now Newsletter)

Although no cases of paralytic polio have been reported in Israel, environmental sampling indicates that the virus is being transmitted there, and supplementary immunization activities are being held throughout the country. The Ministry of Health in Palestine has also acted to prevent the virus's spread, with the support of the Rotary Club of Ramallah.

"Upon learning of the possible outbreak of polio, we approached [the ministry] to assess their needs," says Nader Dajani, the club's Rotary Foundation committee chair. "We found that they had drawn a good theoretical plan, [but] lacked the resources to implement it."

The club purchased protective equipment for health workers who collect stool samples, which are used to determine the presence and origin of poliovirus; equipment for collecting the samples; refrigerated containers for transporting the samples to testing labs; and air-conditioning units for the labs.

### British Rotarians getting ready for World Polio Day

Rotarians are preparing to launch activities linked to World Polio Day, October 24th, in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The Rotary Club of Leicester, Leicestershire, England, is asking local schools to participate in [Purple Clothes Day](#) on October 18th, with each student donating US\$2 and wearing an item of purple clothing. District 1070 (England) is encouraging participation in the event at workplaces and schools worldwide to promote awareness of the need for polio eradication and to raise funds. Dozens of US Rotary clubs, mostly in the eastern US, are planning to participate in Purple Clothes Day.



Rotary recently approved an emergency grant to help educate the public, transport health workers and immunize children in Somalia.

The map below shows clubs that are planning to support the Purple Clothes Day on October 18th. This would be a great way to involve your local Interact Club.



## DG John's Letter, from page 1

This Rotary year, our theme, and my challenge to you, is to become involved, incorporate Rotary Values into your own lives, **ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES.**

The District is here to provide you with the resources and opportunities to help you improve your community and create change in the world. Let us help you do that.

Sincerely,  
DG John

**DG John Stewart and his wife Susan like to show they have good heads for Rotary. Will this become official District 5390 attire? Uhmhhh, perhaps you will need to attend the District Conference in May to find out!**



## Missoula Noon Grant, from page 1

independently, gain valuable job skills and create a system of supportive, caring adults. They do this with a skilled staff who coach, mentor, guide and support each youth to achieve their goals for a constructive life. The Tom Roy Youth Guidance Home teaches youth to become self-reliant. The capital campaign to build a new home was appropriately titled the **Campaign for Self Reliance.**

The Missoula Noon Rotary got involved with the project after Club President, Conor Smith, toured the home and reflected on his own adolescence. Conor was moved by the kids he met, what the home does and he was extremely creative in getting his fellow members to join him in supporting this project. He gave a dynamic presentation where he used a fish as a symbol and talked about teaching kids to fish so they could feed themselves. He also asked every club member to think back to what life was like when they were 17. This got Rotarians to think about how they grew into adults which had significant impact. The Club became immediately invested thanks to Conor's inspiration.

In addition to Conor, past president Kevin Milkto, took on the task of making the club project an international matching grant through Rotary International and the result was amazing! Through its members, the Missoula Rotary Club raised an incredible \$57,040 through direct donations and The Rotary Foundation Matching Grant Money. Thanks to the matching grant process, the Noon Rotary Club was able to turn \$25,000 raised locally, into \$50,000 for the Tom Roy Youth Guidance Home! An equal amount of Matching Grant money was funneled into four projects in India which include two that supply benches and desks for different impoverished schools, one for a neonatal unit, and the fourth project is to provide a laser for eye treatment of diabetic patients. The \$7,040 on top of the matching grant came from gifts from Club members which brought the total to \$57,040.



ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING 

This project is really the magic of Rotary. The Missoula Noon Rotary Club was able to make their community a better place by helping local kids and that same money is helping thousands of people in India. This is the beauty and true purpose of Rotary's Matching Grants.

Construction of the new home will begin this fall and Youth Homes has raised \$940,000 of \$1.14M so they are actively working to raise the final \$200,000. Donations are still needed! If you would like to learn more please contact Geoffrey Birnbaum, Executive Director at 541-1643 or [birnbaum@youthhomesmt.org](mailto:birnbaum@youthhomesmt.org) or Ramey Kodadek, Development Director at 541-1642 or [rkodadek@youthhomesmt.org](mailto:rkodadek@youthhomesmt.org) and/or visit [www.campaignforselfreliance.org](http://www.campaignforselfreliance.org). Donations can be made on-line or by mailing a check to Youth Homes, PO Box 7616 Missoula, MT 59807.

## Rotary District 5390

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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](http://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.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL—NEW LOOK; SOLID CORNERSTONES

Take a look at the old Zone map for the United States. Where there was once one enormous zone in the western US, we now have multiple zones. There are more clubs, more Rotarians and bigger goals for helping our fellow humans. But some things have, thankfully, changed little since Paul Harris was at the helm of Rotary International.

If you visit [www.rotaryglobalhistoryfellowship.org](http://www.rotaryglobalhistoryfellowship.org) you will find a treasure of history about our organization and many of our fellow Rotarians. A recent edition of "What Paul Harris Said," provided a good reminder about our strong and

original organization cornerstones. From the 1935 book by Paul Harris, "This Rotarian Age," page 257:

"May Rotarians continue to be ambassadors of good-will to high and low, rich and poor, to all races, to the devotees of all religious faiths and to members of all political parties, purveyors of tolerance, forbearance, justice, kindness, neighborliness and friendliness to the inhabitants of this snug little world, the best little world of which we know."



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

| Club                        | 50% Reported | # Members | % Attend | # Meetings | Foundation Goal   | % Achieved |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|------------|---|------------|
| Anaconda                    | YES          | 22        | 66       | 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. |            |
| Big Sandy                   | YES          | 17        | 53       | 4          |   |            |
| Big Sky                     | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Bigfork                     | YES          | 33        | 67       | 4          |   |            |
| Billings Noon               | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Billings West               | YES          | 82        | 43       | 4          |   |            |
| Bozeman Noon                | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Bozeman Sunrise             | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Butte                       | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Columbia Falls              | YES          | 17        | 50       | 4          |   |            |
| Deer Lodge                  | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Dillon                      | YES          | 19        | 79       | 4          |   |            |
| Evergreen                   | YES          | 17        | 91       | 3          |   |            |
| Glendive                    | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Great Falls                 | YES          | 112       | 36       | 4          |   |            |
| Hamilton                    | YES          | 28        | 68       | 4          |   |            |
| Havre                       | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Helena                      | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Helena Sunrise              | YES          | 17        | 62       | 4          |   |            |
| Kalispell                   | YES          | 117       | 81       | 5          |   |            |
| Kalispell Daybreak          | YES          | 72        | 69       | 5          |   |            |
| Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Laurel                      | YES          | 23        | 65       | 4          |   |            |
| Lewistown                   | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Livingston                  | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Malta                       | YES          | 13        | 50       | 4          |   |            |
| Manhattan                   | YES          | 21        | 45       | 5          |   |            |
| Miles City                  | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Missoula                    | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Missoula Centennial         | YES          | 7         | 79       | 2          |   |            |
| Missoula Sunrise            | YES          | 41        | 66       | 4          |   |            |
| Philipsburg                 | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Polson                      | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Red Lodge                   | YES          | 38        | 64       | 5          |   |            |
| Roundup                     | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Townsend                    | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Twin Bridges                | YES          | 15        | 60       | 3          |   |            |
| White Sulphur Springs       | No           |           |          |            |   |            |
| Whitefish                   | YES          | 60        | 48       | 4          |   |            |
| Whitehall                   | No           |           |          |            |   |            |