

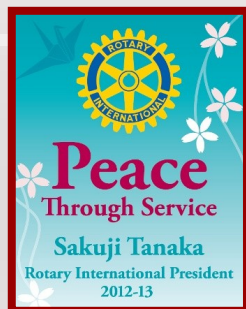
District Focus

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PETS 2013—March 1-3

Registration for the 2013 PETS will open sometime in November. Even for those who have attended a previous PETS and will be serving as club president for the 2013-14 year, this will be new training in many respects. The breakout session topics have been changed, key district information will be discussed and it is a great way to meet your fellow club and district leaders. With the new grant model in place, beginning next year, clubs may need to do more cooperative projects to qualify for grants. PETS information will be available at the new PETS website: www.highcountrypets.org.

Foundation Seminar

On-line registration is available for the October 20, 2012 District Foundation Seminar. The \$25.00 fee covers materials and lunch. Our guest trainer is Pam Russell from District 5340 in California. Her thorough knowledge of the new grant model will help all attendees better understand the changes coming for next year.

For some answers to questions about the seminar, please read the article on page 2.

Exploring Montana Rotary

Boy, it is hard to believe that another month has come and gone already. I have been on the road most of the past month and I can tell you that seeing all the great things that our District Rotary Clubs do in their own communities is heartwarming. I hope that each club will log into Member Access on the Rotary International website, click on Rotary Club Central and let the world know about what you are doing. Rotary Club Central now allows clubs accumulate the total financial picture of what Rotary does in the world. We know about the kind of financial impact we have with international grant projects; but, have no true idea of the amount raised and spent on local projects. If and when all clubs complete this information I am sure that the total will astound everyone. Keep up the good work.

I just returned from the 80th Annual Peace Park Celebration and want to publicly thank the six Kalispell area clubs for a tremendous effort. The entire weekend went flawlessly. Great fun and fellowship was had by all who attended. Seeing the nearly 20 youth exchange students and being able to socialize with them is always a highlight of the weekend. Make a note on your calendars - next year's 81st annual celebration will be the weekend of Sept 13th in beautiful Waterton Lakes Canada.

John and Susan Stewart, Roy and Terri Beekman, Dave Kinsey, Carl and Carolyn Prinzing, and Juanita and I spent several days in Kansas at the Rotary Zone Institute and the Rotary Leadership Institute, we were able to hear many fantastic presentations and we all learned a lot about what is happening in Rotary around the world. John and Roy attended some intense training to become (*continued, page 6*)

WHY, WHAT, WHERE, WHO??

Some Common Questions about the October Foundation Seminar

Some common questions have come up about the District Foundation Seminar scheduled for October 20th, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Copper King Inn in Butte. If the following do not answer questions your club may have, please contact our District Foundation Chair David Kinsey or District Governor Daryl Hansen.

Q: *Why is it being held on October 20th? Doesn't the District know that hunting season is starting?*

A: Yes, it was known that a few people may see a conflict with holding the training on this day. The original date had been planned in early November; but, our trainer was not available. Based on research of possible conflicts for the days she was available to come to Montana, the 20th was chosen as the date with the fewest.

Q: Who needs to be there?

A: At a minimum, the Club President for the 2013-14 Rotary year and the club Foundation Chair. The President Nominee, if known, should also attend, along with the current club president.

Q: *Can other club members attend?*

A: Yes, Any interested club members are encouraged to be there. This would be beneficial to members of the club Foundation committee and those who plan/work on club projects that involve using grants.

Q: *Is attendance in person required or can I Skype in?*

A: The club PE and Foundation chair must attend in person since they will need to sign the Club Memorandum of Understanding. Others could consider this option if they can attend the full day; but, they may not be able to interact with the group and due to distractions at their viewing location, risk missing portions of the seminar.

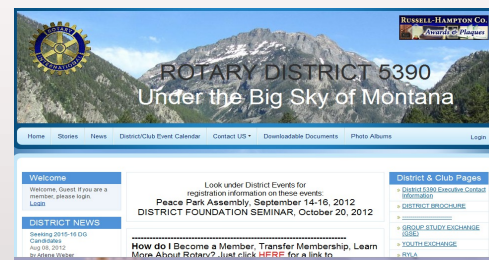
Q: *What if our club does not attend?*

A: RI requires that clubs complete the certification process for eligibility to participate in any of the grants. Those clubs that have their PE and club foundation chair attend will be able to complete the certification process. Clubs not represented by these two individuals will be ineligible for any kind of Rotary Foundation grant money during the 2013-14 year. This includes District Simplified, Scholarships, Vocational Teams, and International Grants.

Q: *Will there be another chance to certify for the 2013-14 year?*

A: No. The district will not be able to set up a second training until after the start of the next Rotary year. While some of the information will be covered at PETS and the District Conference, these events are not intended to focus on this one area. Clubs who want to participate in the grant process for 2014-15 and were not certified for 2013-14 will need to attend the next training session.

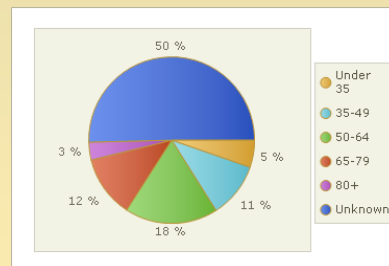
To register for the seminar, go to www.montanarotary.org. In District Events, click on the Foundation Seminar and then the registration link. Registrations are due by October 15th.



ON YOUR DISTRICT WEB SITE—CLUB HELP

Ever wonder who in your club is eligible for the Rule of 85? What is the Rule? When a member is 65 or older and their age plus years of membership total 85 or more, they can request to be covered under the this standard. While dues payment is still required, some clubs no longer require paying for meals and attendance requirements are no longer required.

Those Rotarians in our district who are eligible to request this coverage can easily be found in a new report on the District web site. However, it is up to each club to have necessary information entered in the member's information page, specifically their date of birth and the correct date that they joined Rotary. Other reports are also available: age distribution, gender distribution, club growth, years of service. The reports are only as accurate as the data input by each club. It takes only a few minutes to obtain useful reports about club membership. For, example, here is the age distribution graph for the District. Notice that 50% of our members do not have a birth date



entered in the data base.

For help in obtaining any of these reports for your club, contact web administrator Arlene Weber.

DISTRICT PHOTO GALLERY



Our in-bound Youth Exchange Students spent some time in Livingston at the home of DG Daryl for orientation. PDGs Dave Kinsey and Arlene Weber helped the students (from Austria, France, Ecuador, and Taiwan) learn about what to expect in Montana. The girls spent the next day in Yellowstone Park.



The Zone Institute is held each fall starting with training for incoming District Governors (DGEs and DGNs). As DGE, John Stewart and his wife Susan spent several days in sessions with other DGEs and their spouses/partners.



Whitehall Rotarians recently made a club program the meeting place as well. The Jefferson Valley Museum is best seen and not just told about so members brought in a meal and then enjoyed learning about area history.

Another Zone tradition, started by PDG Dave Kinsey when he was Governor, is a joint celebration between Districts 5390 and 5470 (Colorado). The group photo above shows the past, current, and future leaders for both districts when they met in Overland, Kansas in September, 2012.



Our visiting Youth Exchange students had fun meeting their counterparts from Canada at the 80th annual Peace Park celebration held in Kalispell, September 14-16. It is traditional for YE students from both sides of the border to spend the weekend together and help promote peace and understanding between their countries & cultures.



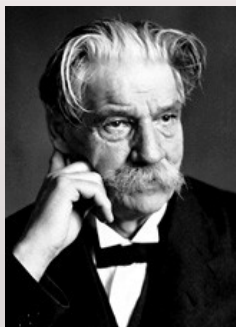
There is nothing like a County Fair to bring out smiles and Rotarians. Hamilton area Rotarians help local kids grow tall and strong with corn and bratwurst.



AN EXEMPLARY ROTARIAN: ALBERT SCHWEITZER

(1875—1965)

By J W (Joop) Thiessen, Rotary Club of Kalispell



It probably happened to all of us – early in life we had our own particular, “private” heroes, for a shorter or longer time, who eventually faded away while we got involved in living our lives, being trained, getting married, having children, etc. I remember that, from a rather early age (say from about 10), all the way through medical school, I developed tremendous admiration for a German Doctor working deep in the jungles of Africa, a place called Lambarene, where he established a hospital for the treatment of large numbers of poor Africans. Apart from that knowledge, meager as it was, I didn’t hear much about him other than that, in 1952, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in Africa.

For years, he remained in the background of my mind, but recently I was struck by a quote of him, slightly paraphrased, that revived my interest in the man and his work, that I heard during a program in the Bigfork Rotary club. Let me start with that quote: “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have learned how to serve”

Doesn’t this sound like: “Service above Self”?

Albert Schweitzer was born in 1875 in what was then part of Germany: the Alsace-Lorraine. I give the French name, because after the first WW it was returned to France; during the second WW it became German again, until it was again returned to France after that war. He was born into a family which for generations had been devoted to religion, music, and education, with a grandfather and father who were both Lutheran ministers and devoted organists.

Albert started theological and philosophical studies in 1893, obtaining a doctorate in philosophy in 1899. He became a minister in his father’s church the next year, but soon thereafter became a professor in a theological college. In 1906, he published *The Quest of the Historical Jesus* which established his reputation as a theological scholar. I warmly recommend the second half of that book – the first part is a rather boring rehash of work on that subject done before him. In between all of this, he developed into an accomplished concert organist and musicologist, with in-depth knowledge of the life and works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

To make a long story shorter, after a busy pastoral and scholarly life, Schweitzer determined that he wanted to devote the rest of his life as a medical missionary, rather than as a pastor. He began the study of medicine in 1905 (at the age of thirty); in 1913 he founded the hospital at Lambarene, now in the Republic of Gabon, where, with interruptions, he served as doctor, administrator, builder and pastor, from time to time giving organ recitals to obtain the necessary funds to support his work. All through his life, he published scholarly works in the fields of theology, philosophy, and musicology, and received numerous prizes for these achievements. He became especially well known for a principle of ethics that he called “Reverence for Life”, meaning all life, not just human life. I will not go into the details of that, but want to illustrate some of the ideas and sayings of this fascinating man.

Shades of Vince Lombardi: “Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing”

“Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory” And one I like very much: “One does not have to be an angel in order to be a saint”

Finally, one quotation from a book about Schweitzer that beautifully summarizes the greatness of the man and why he remains so immensely interesting: “Schweitzer was no saint, but rather he was just a sinner, just an ordinary person like the rest of us. But that fact might make his call to reverence for life more powerful, more human. ... Saints may be extolled and put on a shelf, and their words may be admired from a distance and ignored. The words of sinners, of thoughtful but ordinary folks, are more difficult to ignore. We may need to listen and respond.”

This, to me, is the inspiration that Schweitzer still evokes.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer was an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Colmar, France, and Passau, Germany.

KENYA PROJECT UPDATE

It has been a full year since the start of the project to ship medical, school, and clothing supplies to the small village of Kilgoris, Kenya. The project started out small—a 20 foot container with the goal of filling a 40 foot since the extra 20 feet required a small extra cost. The donation of a large amount of medical equipment and supplies resulted in the need for two 40-foot containers and far more funding. With a change in the attitude of the Kenya government, we are now back to shipping one 40-foot container and storing (if we can find donated space) the items for the second container until duty charges can be waived on the clothing, bedding, and various other articles. We can, however, ship the medical equipment, most of the medical supplies and school books.

Thanks to a generous donation by a Bozeman Noon Rotarian, we are now very close to the amount needed to ship one container. The cost is a little more than \$1000 higher than originally quoted due to increases in freight and the need to load part of it in Missoula and part in Spokane before sending it to the port in Seattle. A Missoula Rotarian is assisting in helping us find a container. The goal is to ship the items before the rainy season in Kenya so these very much needed items can reach Kilgoris without further delay.

DISTRICT 5390 YE IS UP AND GOING!

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Program is a tremendous adventure which each year enables thousands of young people to travel to distant parts of the world to live and study in a different environment. The prime purpose of the program is to promote international understanding by granting young people a unique opportunity to broaden their knowledge and widen their horizons. The ultimate impact that the program will have on the lives of the students' fortunate enough to participate in it is probably incalculable. Many of these young people will be leaders of their communities in the future.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study, at first hand, some of the problems and accomplishments of people, in lands other than their own.
- To enable students to advance their education by studying for a year in an environment entirely different to their own and by undertaking study of courses and subjects, not normally available to them in secondary schools of their own country.
- To broaden their own outlook by learning to live and meet people of different cultures, creeds and colors than their own, and by having to copy with day-to-day problems in an environment completely different to the one they have experienced at home.
- To act as Ambassadors for their own country by addressing Rotary Clubs, community organizations and youth groups in their host country and by imparting as much knowledge as they can, of their own country and its problems to the people they meet during their year abroad.
- To study and observe all facets of life and culture in the country where they are hosted, so that on their return to their home country they can pass on the knowledge they have gained by addressing Rotary Clubs, youth groups and community organizations.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants should be secondary school pupils in good health who will be between the ages of 15 ½ and 18 ½ at the beginning of their year abroad unless a different age range is mutually agreed by the participating (*continued, page 6*)

EYE ON IT Transition to Future Vision

What happens after the District Foundation Seminar in October? The change over to the new Grant Model continues and much work still needs to be done to reach "ready" for the 2013-14 year. Enough volunteers are needed to operate the much expanded District Foundation Committee. PDG David Kinsey will be going to the International Assembly in San Diego this January for additional training. The "NEW" Global Grant application form will become available in January as well.

From February through June, some additional training will take place, mainly at PETS and perhaps at the District Conference, but not to the degree of the October 20th session. Those who attend the International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal can attend workshops on the new model. Clubs will be able to apply for 2013-14 Rotary Foundation grants online. July 1, 2013—everyone is under the grant making model.

ROTARY TWEETS & CHIRPS

- Great Falls Annual Harvest Howl for Camp Rotary is November 2nd. Check out the club web site for more information.
- Many Montana clubs are busy delivering dictionaries to area third graders. YES, kids still use and love real books, like a dictionary. Don't believe it!? Volunteer to hand a dictionary to a student and see what happens!
- Livingston is making progress on their Water Spray Park. Think One is the recommended contractor and they have done similar projects in Montana. The club is looking forward to Phase II fundraising.
- From a post about RYLA on Facebook by one of our 2012 campers: J—On days like this, I really wish I was at RYLA. K—and what do you wish you were doing? J—Having fun and not such a bad day. L—If you were at RYLA you day wouldn't have been bad! J—I know :) I wanna go back sooo bad now. L—I think there should be a town call RYLA and once you go to RYLA you have to move there! J—I know I would love that so much.
RYLA makes a positive impact on our future leaders. The RYLA committee is meeting on October 6th to plan for the 2013 camp. Thankfully, the camp at Luccock Park survived the huge Pine Creek fire.
- POLIO UPDATE: India is still polio free and progress is being made in Pakistan. As of July 12, 2012, Pakistan has 60% fewer cases than this time last year. There were 23 polio cases compared to 59 during the first half of 2011. Rotary has supplied two mobile clinics between Karachi and other parts of Sindh to help with the vaccination effort.
- Finally, the annual Peace Park Celebration was featured on the Rotary International web site. With RI President Tanaka's theme of Peace Through Service, it was a perfect fit for this year and will certainly generate more interest in the future by Rotarians outside of our 5 district Peace Park Association group.

ROTARCT-BOZEMAN

The community based Rotaract Club of Bozeman has an active group of young business professionals. Rotaract is typically made of young adults between the ages of 18—30 who may not be ready for full Rotary membership. E. J. Porth, one of the members, said: “It bridges the gap, providing direction and mentorship.”

During the 2012 summer, members have been running the concession stand at the East Gallatin Recreation Area. The money raised is split between Rotaract’s general fund and the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary’s fund for park upkeep.

Rotary Clubs and Districts.

Applicants must be of good character and reputation and should preferably have a history of community involvement. Applicants should have above average academic abilities, and must have outgoing and pleasant personalities to fit them for the roles as ambassadors for their countries. They must have the ability to accept discipline and be capable of adjusting to new and strange conditions.

All applicants are selected solely on merit. Sons and daughters are eligible to participate in the program but receive no special preference in selection.

HOW YOUTH EXCHANGE OPERATES

Club committees recruit, screen, interview and select students for participation in the program.

Club selected students (and parents) will go through 2nd interview process at District Level for District selection.

District chairs work with their counterparts around the world to organize all aspects of the exchanges.

Rotary International produces a list of district Youth Exchange chairs quarterly to help communication with one another.

CLUB COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The club Youth Exchange committee chair, appointed by the club president, is responsible for all aspects of the club’s Youth Exchange program. Suggested positions for the club committee include:

Outbound coordinator; Inbound coordinator; Host family coordinator; Club counselor/school liaison; Public relations coordinator/Recruitment ; Youth protection officer

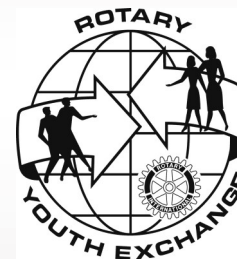
DISTRICT YE TIMELINE

Applications due to District Chair by November 24, 2012

District Interviews for Parents and Students December 15, 2012.

Selected students notified by December 29, 2012.

First Out-Bound Orientation for Students January 19, 2013.



DG Daryl’s Letter, continued from page 1.

Governors and I am sure that with their guidance we are in great hands for the next two years. We all found it interesting to listen to Sylvia Whitlock. She spoke about what it was like to become the first women to join Rotary after a long legal battle that ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court. She is an inspiration to every Rotarian. We heard about Crutches 4 Africa which was started by a Polio victim. After he went to Africa and found out how many people have no way of moving other than crawling, he started collecting used crutches and is now shipping thousands per year to Africa. We also learned about Homes for Heroes, a program to help build homes for Disabled Veterans. This is not as a hand out but as an affordable accessible place to live. Wow! It was a program that left nary a dry eye in the building, especially when we met Shilo, a wounded vet and were privileged to hear his story.

I need to talk to all of you about **Membership**. I have been handing out the Ignite Membership program information as I visit each club. I would really like each club to look through this and pick out the parts that you can use and implement in your club. The first club that I know of to do this is already growing with two new members in the first month. We also need to engage our current members and make sure we are still meeting their needs. In my opinion, retention is the single most important thing we can do to increase our membership. If there is someone in your club who has not attended in a while or someone who has recently resigned, please find some time to visit with them and find out the reasons. This is a perfect to see if you can find a way to re-engage them in Rotary.

I am sure that each club has marked it the calendar; and, here is another reminder: plan to be in Butte on October 20th for the new Grant Model training. It is critical all clubs who want to participate in Rotary Grants of any type in 2013-2014. Rotarian Pam Russell is coming from California and I believe she is one of the most knowledgeable people I have spoken with about this new program. I know it is a lot to ask Rotarians to come to Butte the day before big game hunting season starts, but it will definitely be worth it. Please also plan to come to Livingston on May 3, 4, 5, 2013 for our District Conference at the beautiful Livingston Depot Center. We are working hard on the program and fellowship opportunities and are sure you will enjoy yourself in Livingston.

See you all down the road. **Daryl Hansen**, District Governor 2012-13

47% of clubs reported their attendance for August

August 2012, End of Month Attendance/Membership Report & Foundation Giving						
Club	Reported	# Members	% Attend	# Meetings	Foundation Goal	% Achieved
Anaconda	No	19				
Big Sandy	YES	19	53	4		
Big Sky	YES	21		5		
Bigfork	YES	33	67	5		
Billings Noon	No	203				
Billings West	No	76				
Bozeman Noon	No					
Bozeman Sunrise	No	99				
Butte	No					
Columbia Falls	No	14				
Deer Lodge	No					
Dillon	YES	17	76.5	5		
Evergreen	YES	17	95	4		
Glendive	No	26				
Great Falls	YES	111	57	4		
Hamilton	YES	28	93	4		
Havre	YES	27	33	2		
Helena	YES	59	45	4		
Helena Sunrise	YES	17	53	4		
Kalispell	YES	111	78	5		
Kalispell Daybreak	No	73				
Kootenai Valley, Libby/Troy	No					
Laurel	No	21				
Lewistown	No					
Livingston	No	35				
Malta	No					
Manhattan	YES	21	50	5		
Miles City	No	39				
Missoula	YES	129	37	5		
Missoula Centennial	YES	7	82	4		
Missoula Sunrise	YES	41	66.5	5		
Philipsburg	No					
Polson	No	67				
Red Lodge	YES	35	68	5		
Roundup	No					
Townsend	YES	46	40	2		
Twin Bridges	YES	18	82	5		
White Sulphur Springs	No					
Whitefish	No	70				
Whitehall	YES	19	80	4		



Upcoming Events

DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR

October 20, 2012. An essential day-long training meeting in Butte, Montana on the new Rotary Foundation Grant Model. Required for clubs to participation in any of the new grant model areas. Highly recommended that all of the following attend: President-elect, President-elect Nominee, Club Foundation Chair and current Club President. All interested Rotarians are welcome. Register on the district web site under District Events.

PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)

March 1-3, 2013 This will be a critical PETS for new Presidents and Presidents-Elect. New training topics. Attendees need to arrive at the hotel before 8:00 AM on Friday, March 1 and stay until Noon on Sunday, March 3. As before, PETS is in Denver at the Marriott Tech Center.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 2013

May 3-5, 2013 Everyone is welcome to attend the end-of-the-year Rotary celebration in Livingston. Details and registration will be posted on the District web site.

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we
Think, Do, or Say:

Is It the Truth?
Is It Fair to All Concerned?
Will It Build Goodwill and
Better Friendships?
Will It Be Beneficial to All
Concerned?

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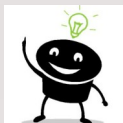


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NEED A GOOD PROGRAM??

Don't forget to invite GSE team members, PDGs, District Foundation committee members, RYLA students, Interact members, Rotaract members, vocational talk from current members . . . Or how about making the location the program?!

Newsletter Contact: PDG Arlene Weber at DG5390.2011@msn.com

Please submit articles for the newsletter by the 10th of the month.

Articles received after the 14th may not appear until the next newsletter.

For more information on Rotary, visit the International web site at www.rotary.org.