

## What does the Townsend Rotary Club do?

The Townsend Rotary Club is busy preparing for its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration August 27<sup>th</sup> and the 2015 Fall Fest October 2-4<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Fest is the only major Rotary Club fundraiser each year. Many people are asking "What does Rotary do with the money raised at Fall Fest? Following is a summary of the ways the Rotary Club spends your sponsorship and beer and brat money from the Club's annual budget the last two years and hopefully in the 2015-2016 budget year (assuming budget approval by the Board).

### Youth Projects

<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships	\$2,500-\$4,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$0-5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Campers (4-6)	\$1,200-1,325
<input type="checkbox"/> Boys/Girls State	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Highway Cleanup	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Other School Projects	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelterbox 50/50 match with BHS Students (2015)	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary High School Interact Club	\$0-1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Foreign Exchange Student Sponsorship	\$0-\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> MT Foreign Exchange Students Weekend in Townsend	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Gazebo Park Gazebo Remodel Materials	\$500
Fairgrounds 4H Kitchen New Mouse Proof Cabinet Project 2016	\$1,000
Shakespeare in the Park	\$100
Nursing Home Bingo Money	\$240-480
Christmas Light Contest Prizes	\$175
Senior Citizen Christmas Light Tour, Dinner, & Poinsettias	\$500-650
Christmas Connection and Adopt a Family (Families)	\$800
Food Pantry Matching Funds	\$1,000
Social Services Committee-Cowpie Bingo	\$100
Tree Board Beautification Projects	\$850
International Professional Exchange Programs	\$0-300
Literacy Project in Ethiopia 2014	\$500
Guatemala Water Project 2016-2019	\$4,500
Additional Shelterbox Project 2016	\$1,000
Member Attendance at Rotary Events	
<input type="checkbox"/> Montana District Conferences	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> International Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Assembly	\$1,200
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary International Conferences	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> President-Elect Training Seminars	\$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Leadership Institute 2016	\$400
New Member Dinner and Orientation	\$300-500
New Member Project 2014-2015	\$0-300
Variety Show 2015 (self-supporting)	\$0
Circus 2015 (self-supporting)	\$0
Slice of Summer (self-supporting)	\$0
Remembrances	\$100-250
Tom Cotter Celebration 2015	\$1,000
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party 2015	\$2,500
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$800-850
Members Risk Management Background Checks	\$100-200
PO Box Rental, Secretary of State filing fees	\$47-57
Secretary Clubrunner Software	\$0-600
Helena IR Rotary Club Insert ad 2016	\$250
Storage Shed Improvements	\$1,000
Tables and Chairs 2016	\$1,500
Contingency Fund	\$0-\$2,000

The annual club budget has totaled from \$16,000 to over \$31,000 (if approved) in 2015-2016. As in all budgets, not all of this money was spent each year and more money was spent on some line items than planned so money had to be used from contingency funds, etc. Sponsoring the Fall Fest and helping organize the Slice of Summer celebrations each year also means many thousands of dollars of sponsorship money are spent locally to purchase bratwurst, advertise in the Broadwater Reporter, etc. Each dollar spent locally has a multiplier effect. The Club sponsors a Fall Fest Sponsor thank you party each year.

Rotary has also helping raise funds or spent many volunteer hours helping on **the Silos Purchase Project**, Heritage Fun Park Splash Park, Center for Mental Health, Heritage Gardens, Broadwater Heath Center, Broadwater Community Foundation, Hospital Auxiliary BBQ, selling Rodeo tickets, etc. Club members have donated their own money to many projects and students in many Pass the Hat fundraisers at regular meetings. The Club has sponsored beer and wine raffle, 50-50 ticket, and Spring Fling or Cinco de Mayo dance fundraisers to raise money for other worthwhile projects or to raise money to help a family pay medical bills, etc. Members annually give money to help eradicate polio worldwide. Many members are Rotary Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Fellows which means they give to the Rotary International Foundation supporting Rotary projects worldwide. **\$12 of the Rotary Club members state dues go to purchase dictionaries for all third graders in Montana!**

Rotary supplies including tables, chairs, sandwich boards, tents, are used by many groups each year.

The Townsend Rotary Club thanks you for your support of Fall Fest and its other projects each year. It is hard to imagine what group would fill the gap if Rotary was not active in Townsend. Ask us about membership. If you don't want to join, please help by volunteering at our functions or donating to our fundraisers.



The Townsend Rotary Fun Club-  
Doing Good in the Community  
and the World

Service Above Self