

## *Upcoming Programs*

**January 21:** Service Above Self banquet

**January 28:** Dr. Steve Anderson, Global Eye Mission in Kenya

**February 4:** Dick Davenport & Bob Hoffman, State budget & higher education

**February 11:** Bryan Stempka, GMG Young Professionals

**February 18:** Don Ostrom, Growth & Justice

**February 25:** Ed Waltman, State budget effect K-12

## **The Four-Way Test**

*Of the things we think, say, or do . . .*

*First—Is it the Truth?*

*Second—Is it Fair to all concerned?*

*Third—Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?*

*Fourth—Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?*

## **Rotary Websites**

www.mankatorotary.org  
District: www.rotary5960.org  
International: www.rotary.org



## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**3rd Annual "Service Above Self" Banquet**  
Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Note special time!

**Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Friday, February 13, 2009**

Look for more information about upcoming events on our website and the district website



Wednesday, January 14, 2009

# **ROTARY CLUB OF MANKATO**

Chartered January 11, 1935

**P.O. Box 63 Mankato, MN 56002**  
**Wednesdays, 12:10 p.m.**  
**Meetings at Old Main Village**

**Rotary Year 2008-2009**

## **CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:**

Gordon Gibbs - President  
Luke Robinson - President Elect  
Wes Taylor - Secretary  
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
Bob Weiss - Past President  
Kenny Klooster - Membership  
Larissa Mrozek - Public Image  
Don Putzier - Website  
Mark Piepho - Community and Club Service  
Jonathon Zierdt - Literacy  
Don Friend - International Service  
Dave Sunderman & Doug Johnson - Rotary Foundation  
Jim Santori - Programs  
John Murphy - Area 3 Assistant District Governor

## MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2009  
Old Main Village  
Mankato, MN

**WELCOME:** President **Gordon Gibbs** opened the meeting with a greeting at 12:20 PM. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **Oscar Anderson** gave the invocation and **Gordon** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** No visiting Rotarians this meeting.

**GUESTS:** Guests on January 7 were **Liz Brown**, guest of **Denise Zernechel**, and **Ron Brown** and **Ake**, guests of Don Friend.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Rotarians sang Happy Birthday to Walt Johnson, whose birthday is January 11.

**MAKE DREAMS REAL – Becky Kunst.**

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars donated to the YWCA.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Holiday Sharing tree thank you
- Polio Plus
- Service Above Self Luncheon
  - January 21, 2009: Best Western North Mankato 11:30 to 1:00pm
- 2008 Winners: Kathy Brynaert and Glen Taylor / Guest Speaker: WCCO-TV's Don Shelby: Contact Gordon or Barb to register.
- Bring old Rotary magazines for distribution at the luncheon
- Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Trip will be February 13.

### PROGRAM: Michelle Bensman from the Mankato Symphony Orchestra

Director & Conductor Kenneth Freed is in his 3rd year. The next concerts are March 8 "Light and Truth" and May 31 "Marching to the Beat of a Different Drummer". Both are at Mankato West High School Auditorium. Their website is: [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com) or 387-1008.

## Father-daughter team makes peace a family affair



Before departing for Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, Brian Farr poses with his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. The club nominated both to pursue peace studies. *Photo courtesy of Brian Farr*

Brian Farr expected to hear inspiring speakers at the Rotary World Peace Symposium last year in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA -- among them, his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, who was delivering the invocation. What he didn't expect was to be so motivated by what he heard that he would enroll in a peace studies program himself. In April, Farr, assistant attorney general for the State of Utah, graduated from the three-month peace and conflict studies program at the Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

He credits Past RI President Charles C. Keller's "visionary" speech for providing the key inspiration. Keller talked of the need to seek more peaceful means of conflict resolution and "emphasized that peace-building is not a spectator sport," Farr says.

Neither he nor his daughter could be accused of standing on the sidelines as far as peace is concerned. They helped build international goodwill before the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and worked on developing the Global Mediation Project, a component of the city's future vision.

"It's been fun to see how our lives continue to cross paths in our work," says Jana, who will graduate from the University of Bradford in December. "Our conversations have become richer during my study in England and his in Thailand. We enjoyed bouncing ideas off each other."

Spending time with Rotarians has been a highlight of Jana's experience, just as it was for her father during the 2007 RI Convention. "It was that international spirit of Rotary that pulled me toward Chulalongkorn nearly as much as Keller's speech," he says.

The father-daughter team is exploring how best to use a combined body of knowledge and passion to meaningfully contribute to building peace. "And we're also looking forward to continued interactions with Rotary," Jana says.