

Upcoming Programs

Feb. 3: Fast For Hope Rotary Initiative—Jim Santori

Feb. 10: Minnesota Zoo—Lee Ehmke

Feb. 17: Kids Against Hunger—At Kids Against Hunger Site

Feb. 24: TBA

Mar. 3: Community-Based Energy Development

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



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Log on to our website and look to the lower left of our home page for the "Rotary Club One" icon shown above.

You may contribute to the on-line club if you desire.



Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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 2009-2010

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Luke Robinson - President
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Jim Santori - Programs
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MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Old Main Village
Mankato, MN

WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by **Luke Robinson**. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **Wes Taylor** gave the invocation. **Bruce Gratz** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: **Randy Swenson** was a guest of **Dave Thompson**.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Margaret Derksen, from the St. James Rotary Club.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Schoof, January 25.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars were donated to the YWCA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Two volunteers are needed for this Friday's meal preparation at the Salvation Army men's shelter. This is the last Salvation Army volunteer event. If you'd like to help out, please see Luke after the meeting to pass along to Elizabeth Beske's.

Next month's Service Above Self volunteer activity is at the Kids Against Hunger facility on February 17 and will take the place of our regular lunch meeting. We will package meals for the organization, which has recently ramped up its production in response to the Haiti earthquake disaster.

Membership drive – Jo Bailey **UPCOMING PROGRAM:** on February 10th, our program will be presented by the Minnesota Zoo's Zoomobile team, who will be bringing one of their raptors. Let's make it a goal to bring in a potential member for this exciting event.

Chanhassen Dinner Theater event on February 12. Gather at Old Main Village at 4:30.

PROGRAM:

Sue Kennedy Ostendorf, spoke about "One Bright Star" program, which is a resource for families who have lost a child.

Health camp helps kick off India immunization drive

By Dan Nixon

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Lakshmi Mittal immunizes a child against polio at a health camp in New Delhi. Also pictured are his wife, Usha (in turquoise); Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee (gold tie); and RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee. Helping to hold the child is Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo (brown jacket). *Photo courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee*



A free health camp in New Delhi helped set the stage for India's 10 January National Immunization Day (NID). Organized on 7 January by the Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan, Delhi, with support from the India PolioPlus Committee, the camp provided underprivileged residents with checkups, consultations, and information on a wide range of health issues.

Health camps are often held before NIDs in India to encourage people to participate in polio immunization activities. Rajashree Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Maharashtra, joined Lakshmi Mittal, who leads ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steelmaker, and his wife, Usha, in inaugurating the New Delhi camp. Birla and the Mittals are major contributors to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. "It is the conscience of corporate families like them who inspire people to give so that the vulnerable and underserved can fare better in their lives," said Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo.

"The global fight against polio is being fought mainly in four countries, which include India," said RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee. "It is a responsibility that we all share and at this stage must be addressed with urgency and utmost sincerity, so that children in India, mainly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, are saved from falling prey to polio."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok M. Mahajan, a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, expressed his admiration for the dedication that Birla and the Mittals demonstrated in visiting the camp. Birla -- whose late husband, Aditya Birla, founded the Aditya Birla Group, a Fortune 500 company -- [has contributed \\$2 million to Rotary's challenge](#). She thanked Rotary for working to address the health care needs of the disadvantaged. "The disparity in the ratio of medical doctors to patients is very high in India, and there are many who remain unattended [when it comes to] medical care," she said.

Birla also called Rotary's effort to eradicate polio inspiring. She urged all people to spread the end polio message in their area of influence, including to co-workers and business associates, and leverage their connections to reach out to parents in the slums. "Children in the age group of one to five years must be immunized against polio lest they be crippled for life," said Usha Mittal, [who has made a \\$1 million gift to Rotary's challenge](#). "My family and I feel privileged to be able to contribute to Rotary for making India polio-free."

Learn more about Rotary's effort to eradicate polio on Rotary International's website at www.rotary.org.