

Upcoming Programs

Feb. 10: Minnesota Zoo—Lee Ehmke

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

Feb. 24: TBA

Mar. 3: It Use to be easier to see—Paul Aasen, MN Center for Environ.

Mar. 10: Energy for development—George Crocker

Mar. 17: Ronald McDonald House

Mar. 24: Public School & HR Challenges—Gordon Gibbs

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



Wednesday, February 10, 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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MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 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. **Gordon Gibbs** gave the invocation. **Tami Reuter** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: **Mike Johnson** was a guest of **Jerry Bamberg**; **John Holtmeier** was a guest of **Gary Rudolph**.

VISITING ROTARIANS: **Margaret Preska** from the St. Paul Rotary Club; **Jim Gibson** from the Waseca Rotary Club.

BIRTHDAYS: **Pam Jagdfeld**, Feb. 6; **Gordon Gibbs**, Feb. 8

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars were donated to Fast For Hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This 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. UPCOMING PROGRAM: next week, 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.

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

Board meeting February 11, 7:30 a.m. at U.S. Bank.

We are in need of a few good men and women to mentor Strive students at a group meeting on Thursday, 2/4/10 @ 2:18 p.m. at East High School (Auditorium #2) and Thursday, 2/11/10 @ 1:10 p.m. at West High School (Little Theater). Please respond to Cheryl Olson if you are interested. Your help will be greatly appreciated. This is an informal meeting giving Rotarians a chance to meet the Strive students and Strive students a chance to meet the Rotarians. Cheryl will have conversation starters for all who volunteer to assist.

PROGRAM: **Jim Santori** discussed the Fast for Hope program.

Global Outlook

By Paul Engleman -- February 2010

Rotary's involvement in peace work began early

Rotary Peace Fellow Nai-Hua Wu recently spoke to incoming district governors at the 2010 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

Although advancing the cause of world peace was not one of the original ideas behind Rotary, the concept took such a strong hold so early on that peace and Rotary have come to be inextricably linked in the minds of anyone familiar with the organization.

In 1914, at the onset of World War I, delegates to Rotary's international convention in Houston adopted a resolution that called for the convening of an international peace conference and urged all Rotarians to support worthy efforts such as the international peace movement. In September of that year, the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, submitted a proposal to the International Association of Rotary Clubs asking that Rotarians become advocates for peace in their communities.

In 1922, as the organization took the name Rotary International, the fourth object of Rotary was ratified: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

At the convention in Havana in 1940, delegates approved a resolution that identified "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights" as "vital to international peace" and called on each Rotarian to protect these principles. Even as World War II was raging, Rotarians were able to organize a conference in London, attended by representatives of 21 countries that laid out a plan for peace. This led to the formation of an international group that would later evolve into UNESCO, but not before the historic 1945 meeting in San Francisco at which the United Nations was chartered. About 40 Rotarians took part as delegates and observers at that meeting. Rotary played a critical role in the formative days of the UN, with five Rotarians elected to the post of president of the General Assembly during the first 12 years.

Throughout the second half of the century, Rotarians around the world continued to work for peace as individuals and in their local clubs, both through financial contributions and a wide range of projects to improve the quality of peoples' lives through health care and education. In 2002, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a new initiative that will help it imprint its peacemaking mark on the 21st century: an international studies program in conflict resolution at seven peace centers at prestigious universities on five continents.

With more than 400 alumni of the [Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution](#) working in peace-related jobs throughout the world, Rotary is well on the way to achieving its goal of inspiring a new generation of peacemakers.

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