

## Upcoming Programs

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

Feb. 24: Rotary Fundraiser—DeeDra Vosburg

Mar. 3: It Used 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

Apr. 7: Hospice Care—Stephanie Loeffler

## 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



Did you know that you can learn great new things about Rotary and other related topics on-line, and receive make-up credit if you missed a meeting?

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 17, 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  
Wes Taylor- President Elect  
Becky Kunst - Secretary  
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
Gordon Gibbs - Past President  
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Jim Santori - Programs  
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## MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 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. **Cheryl Olson** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

**GUESTS:** **Kristi Schuck** was a guest of **Don Friend**; **Randy Swenson** was a guest of **Dave Thompson**; **Jason Quam** was a guest of **Paul Wilkinson**; **Tom Lenox** was a guest of **Roger Kontak**; **Nathan Bartell** was a guest of **Larissa Mrozek**.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** **Jody Crowe** from the Brainerd Rotary Club.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Cindy Amoroso**, Feb. 10; **Curt Pemble**, Feb. 15

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Service Above Self Initiative (Elizabeth Beske). 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 (Jo Bailey).

Chanhassen 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 at 1:10 p.m. at West High School (Little Theater). Please respond to Cheryl Olson. 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.

On Friday, February 19, 2010, the Rotary Club of Minneapolis and the Rotary Club of Saint Paul – clubs #9 and #10 in the world! - will host a joint meeting to celebrate the Centennial of both clubs and the beginning of Rotary in Minnesota. Keynote speaker at the Centennial Celebration Luncheon will be John Kenny, the president of Rotary International. You are invited to attend and you may bring guests. The Celebration will be at the McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota Minneapolis campus. The registration deadline is February 12.

**PROGRAM:** **Minnesota Zoomobile Team** presented "A Great Zoo for Minnesota." The program featured **Annie**, a 24-year-old Grey-Horned Owl.

## Calgary Olympic club makes wish come true for kids

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 11 Feb. 2010

Ava Caron is one of six children with life-threatening illnesses who will be attending the Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, through efforts of the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic and the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. *Photo courtesy Children's Wish Foundation*



A Rotary club chartered during the last Winter Olympics in Canada has teamed up with a charity to make wishes come true for six children with life-threatening illnesses. As the Olympic Games return to the country this month, The Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, Alberta, is working with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada to provide accommodations for the children, ages 4-14, so they can attend.

"Our club wanted to do something special since the Olympics are back in Canada," says Tamara McCarron, club member and project chair. "We are thrilled to make a difference in these children's lives. It's a dream come true for them and for me."

This year's games will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. With most of the area's hotels booked, McCarron found Home for the Games, a website that matches visitors with Vancouver hosts for short-term homestays. The club spent US\$30,000 for lodging for the six families. Home for the Games funnels 50 percent of the housing fees to charities that help the homeless in Vancouver.

"I was lucky enough to come across an ad in *The Rotarian* magazine for Home for the Games. It's a win, win, win for our club, the Children's Wish Foundation, and local charities of Vancouver," says McCarron, who joined the club last year. "It's a huge effort, but having the resources of Rotary made things a lot smoother." The six families, who live in different parts of Canada, will attend several events at the games from 12 to 28 February, including the highly anticipated men's gold medal hockey game.

The Children's Wish Foundation worked with Olympic officials to allow one of the girls to pick up flowers thrown into the rink by spectators during a figure skating medal round. "We're creating a legacy for these children and their families," says Tara Johnson, the club's community service chair. "This project is very symbolic of what Rotary does for people who live at a disadvantage."

"The assistance and support of Rotarians from across Canada, specifically those from the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, have made it possible to send the children to share an unforgettable Olympic experience with their families," says Lyanne Goulin, director of the foundation.

*RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine* will be filming the children's Olympic experience for a future issue. Also look for footage in a video about the 100-year history of Rotary in Canada, to be shown at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec.

Read about Rotarian Olympians in the [August 2008 The Rotarian](#)