

## Upcoming Programs

**April 15:** Club Assembly

**Monday, April 20 (Note date change):** David St. Peter, Minnesota Twins, (Joint Meeting with Kiwanis at AmericInn)

**April 29:** Book Distribution Day—Jonathan Zierdt and Cindy Amoroso

**May 6:** Greater Mankato Events—Shannon Robinson and Jim Santori

**May 13:** Forensics Banquet—Details to follow

**May 20:** Ag Issue Update—American Soybean Growers

## 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

District 5960 Conference  
April 17-19 in River Falls

Board Meeting  
April 23, 7:30 a.m.  
US Bank

Book Distribution to  
Schools  
April 29

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



Wednesday, April 15, 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

Wednesday, April 1, 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. **Gordon Gibbs** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

**GUESTS:** **Katie Morin**, guest of **Gordon Gibbs**, **Joe Keenan**, guest of **Jerry Keenan**, and **Beth Colway**, guest of **Jennifer Pfeffer** were welcomed.

**VISITING ROTARIAN:** **Raphael Miller**, from Gaylord, MN Rotary Club, and **Margaret Preska**, from St. Paul Rotary Club, were welcomed.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Larissa Mrozek** has a birthday April 5.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars donated to **Habitat for Humanity**.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Car Raffle Sale is closed this week, drawing to be held April 8.
- District 5960 Conference—April 17-19 in River Falls
- Book Distribution to area schools—April 29
- There will be several meeting changes in April, please check the upcoming programs for details

**PROGRAM:** **Glen Taylor** gave a presentation about his experiences with the Jaycees, politics, the Senate, and other groups and organizations. He stressed the importance of service.

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**A special joint meeting with the North Mankato Rotary Club was held on Friday, April 10, so there was no April 8 meeting.**



The US\$555 million funding agreement between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation marked another milestone in Rotary's 20-year legacy of polio eradication work.

Rotary, a volunteer service organization of 1.2 million men and women, made a commitment to immunize the world's children against polio in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative three years later. The other partners are the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

Rotary's primary responsibilities include fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment. To date, Rotary has already contributed more than \$800 million to the polio eradication effort.

With nearly 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary reaches out to national governments worldwide to generate crucial financial and technical support for polio eradication. Since 1995, the advocacy efforts of Rotary and its partners have helped raise more than \$3 billion in vital funding from donor governments.

Rotary clubs also provide "sweat equity" on the ground in polio-affected communities, which helps ensure that leaders at all levels remain focused on the eradication goal. Over the years, Rotary club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to reach more than two billion children in 122 countries with the oral polio vaccine.

Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the number of polio cases has been slashed by more than 99 percent, preventing five million instances of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2008, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported worldwide. But the polio cases represented by that final 1 percent will be the most difficult and expensive to prevent for a variety of reasons, including geographical isolation, worker fatigue, armed conflict, and cultural barriers.

That's why it's so important to generate the funding needed to finish the job. To ease up now would be to invite a polio resurgence that would condemn millions of children to lifelong paralysis in the years ahead.

The bottom line is this: As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, all children – wherever they live – remain at risk.