

Calendar of Events

Apr. 21: Rotary Book Delivery to Schools

Apr. 28: Lutheran Social Services—Julie Zachariason

May 5: American Red Cross—Kathy Staple

May 12: Forensics Banquet—Herb Kroon

6 p.m. Social time, 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Best Western Motel

May 13: Board Meeting

May 19: Ronald McDonald House—Colleen VanBlarcom

May 26: Life in a Refuge Camp—Robinson Cook

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, April 21, 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
Nick Meyer - Secretary
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Gordon Gibbs - Past President
Kenny Klooster - Membership
Larissa Mrozek- Public Image
Don Putzier - Website/Newsletter
Mark Piepho - Community and Club Service
Jonathon Zierdt - Literacy
Don Friend - International Service
Dave Sunderman & Doug Johnson - Rotary Foundation
Jim Santori - Programs
Asst. District Governor—John Murphy

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 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. Bill Anderson gave the invocation. Sagar led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: Sagar, guest of the Club; Terry Kakeldey, guest of Dick Kakeldey

VISITING ROTARIANS: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club

BIRTHDAYS: None.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The District will recognize our Club's Literacy Project efforts at the Conference's Friday luncheon. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who, in the true spirit of service above self, has worked hard to these projects a reality.

District Conference was very successful. Thanks to Larissa Mrozek and all who made it a great success.

We will distribute the poetry books on April 21st. Block out time on your schedule until 2 p.m. (Cindy Amoroso)

STRIVE fundraiser update. (DeeDra Vosburg)

Sagar only has a few weeks left with us. If you are planning a fun outing, please consider inviting Sagar to take part. Contact Wes Taylor.

International exchange student update (Don Friend) – next year's exchange student is a 17 year-old female from Columbia. Three host families are needed. Each family will host the student for three months. Families with high-school aged daughters are encouraged to apply.

Forensics Banquet (Herb Kroon) – Wednesday, May 12, 6 p.m. at the Best Western.

Bowl-a-Thon (Becky Kunst).

Board meeting April 15.

PROGRAM:

Ann Thill spoke about the Mankato Marathon.

Rotary Forensics Banquet Wednesday, May 12 Best Western Motel Social Hour 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.



What is the Rotary Forensics Banquet all about?

The banquet honors outstanding debate/speech students at Mankato East, Mankato West, and Loyola. Three students from each school are honored. One student from each school will present the program that brought them success in their competitions. At the end of the evening, one student from each school will be awarded a scholarship.

Our club has sponsored this event for more years than anyone can remember. Our best guess is that it got started some time in the 1950's. At one time, the awards were held at our regular lunch meeting. However, we decided to make the event more special by inviting the student's parents. This required a move to an evening event. It also gives students more time to present their programs.

You'll learn more about the speech/debate events when you attend the banquet. The debate season starts in the fall and winds up in January. There are now two types of debate programs, 'policy debate' and 'Lincoln Douglas debate.' In 'policy debate,' students undertake hours and hours of research in a specific area, such as foreign policy, and debate opposing sides of a question. When I was in high school, our debate topic was whether the federal government should institute national policies to curb air and water pollution. "Lincoln Douglas' debates focus on issues such as the death penalty.

The 'speech season' starts in early February and ends in late April. Students participate in individual events such as "Original Oratory" (they write their own speeches), "Extemporaneous Speaking" (in which students are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a current events topic), "Humorous Interpretation" (in which students deliver a funny cutting from a book or play). There are lots of other events in addition to these. As you can imagine, debaters and speech participants don't get a lot of peer recognition for their efforts. Our banquet means a lot to them.

The kids do a great job. You will be thoroughly entertained. If you'd like to attend, please send Herb Kroon an email at HKroon@katolaw.com. Please let Herb know how many will be coming in your party. Remember, this event takes the place of our regular Wednesday meeting.