

## *Upcoming Programs*

**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 29, 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 15, 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 and in Make Dreams Real.

**GUESTS:** There were no guests on this date.

**VISITING ROTARIAN:** There were no visiting Rotarians on this date.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Sal Frederick** has a birthday April 17; **Herb Kroon** and **John Norris** have birthdays April 19; **Jo Bailey** has a birthday April 20; and **Hugh Miller** has a birthday April 23.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Members were reminded that there is no meeting April 22, due to the joint meeting with Kiwanis on April 20
- District 5960 Conference—April 17-19 in River Falls
- Book Distribution to area schools—April 29—Members were asked to sign up for schools today.

**PROGRAM:** **Luke Robinson** presided over the Club Assembly and led members in a SWOT analysis of the club. Members were asked to discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the club. This information will be used in strategic planning for our club.

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A special joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club was held at Americalnn on Monday, April 20, so no meeting was held on April 22. The program was David St Peter, and the Minnesota Twins.



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.