

## *Upcoming Programs*

- May 14:** Kari Fletcher: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome  
**May 21:** No meeting—Forensics Banquet  
**May 28:** To be determined  
**June 4:** Jennifer Hlubek: MRCI Workforce  
**June 11:** No meeting—Strive Banquet  
**June 18:** Eyewitness to 9/11  
**June 25:** Pass the Gavel Picnic  
**July 2:** Mayo oncologist discusses cancer today  
**July 9:** Minnesota Baseball Authority Commissioner John Wade talks about the new Twins ballpark

## **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**

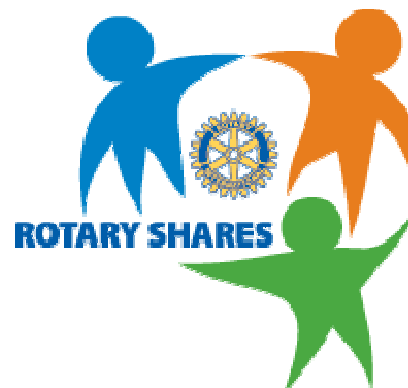
www.mankatorotary.org  
District: www.rotary5960.org  
International: www.rotary.org



## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 15, 2008**  
District Assembly  
**May 16, 2008**  
District Grants Meeting  
**May 20, 2008**  
Governor's Planning  
Council  
**May 21, 2008**  
Forensics Banquet  
**May 22, 2008**  
District Technology Com-  
mittee  
**May 30, 2008**  
PAR Golf outing in Red  
Wing

**June 11, 2008**  
STRIVE Banquet  
**June 15—18, 2008**  
Rotary International Con-  
vention in Los Angeles  
**June 25, 2008**  
District Governor Roy  
Sjoberg's Induction  
**June 25, 2008**  
Pass the Gavel Picnic



Wednesday, May 14, 2008

# **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 2007-2008**

### CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Bob Weiss - President  
Gordon Gibbs - President Elect/Secretary  
Tami Reuter - Past President  
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
Kenny Klooster - Membership Chair  
Jeremy Sullivan - Public Image Chair  
Don Putzier - Website  
John Ginther & Jo Bailey - Service Projects  
Mark Piepho - Community and Club Service  
Jonathon Zierdt - Literacy  
Scott Olson - International Service  
Dave Sunderman & Doug Johnson - Rotary Foundation  
Jim Santori & Dan Kapsner - Programs  
John Murphy - Area 3 Assistant District Governor

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2008  
Old Main Village  
Mankato, MN

**WELCOME:** President **Bob Weiss** opened the meeting with a greeting at 12:25 PM. Those in attendance sang God Bless America. **Oscar Anderson** gave the invocation and **Dan Kapsner** led members in reciting the Four-Way test. There were 59 Rotarians, three guests, and one guest speaker in attendance for a total of 63 people.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** No visiting Rotarians were in attendance.

**GUESTS:** **Jerry Johnson** was a guest of **Elizabeth Beske**; **Jesse Reisch** was a guest of **David Schoof**; and **Larissa Mjorek** was visiting for the fourth time as a prospective member.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No Rotarians will be celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the next.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** **Denise Zernehel** and **Ken Klooster** awarded the Red Badge of Courage to new members **Jim Santori**, **Jennifer Homer**, **Gary Rudolph**, **Elizabeth Beske**, and **Jeremy Sullivan** for having endured and survived President **Bob Weiss'** impromptu "roasting" at the reception for members of the GSE Team from Brazil. President **Weiss** also presented **Scott Olson** with a copy of **Shel Silverstein's** book of poetry for his efforts in organizing the GSE team's visit.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars donated by **Dave Sunderman**, **Julie Zachariason**, **Gary Rudolph**, **Rowland Meyer**, **Jennifer Homer**, **Scott Olson**, **Bruce Gratz** and **Cheryl Olson** will be donated to Fast for Hope.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Bruce Gratz** announced that the PAR Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 30th in Red Wing. Persons interested in participating should contact him.
- **Herb Kroon** reminded members that the Forensic Banquet is scheduled for May 21st at the Country Inn and Suites.
- **Gordon Gibbs** announced that **Becky Kunst** has agreed to accept the role of President-Elect for the 2008-09 Rotary year, and that **Wes Taylor** has agreed to accept the role of Secretary, also for the 2008-09 Rotary year. On a motion by **Dan Kapsner**, seconded by **Jennifer Pfeffer**, a unanimous ballot was cast naming **Becky Kunst** as President-Elect and **Wes Taylor** as Secretary for the 2008-09 Rotary year.

**PROGRAM:** **Jim Santori** introduced **Barb Embacher**, Vice President of Community Development for Greater Mankato Growth, who spoke about implementation of Envision 2020. Various task forces have been or will be established to implement the

recommendations of Envision 2020. In the area of health and human services, work will focus on preparing for an aging population, enhancing and promoting healthy lifestyles, and health care accessibility. In the area of livability, efforts will concentrate on affordable housing, going "green", communication strategies, and facilities. Mass transit will be the major area of focus in the area of transportation, while global diversity and retaining a quality workforce will be the focus in the area of education. Economic development efforts will concentrate on becoming energy independent, optimizing existing resources, and enhancing business development. Finally, protecting community green spaces, the development of the Civic Center Business Association and regional governance emergency planning will be the focus in the area of community planning.



**ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER**

As the humanitarian crisis worsened in Myanmar's delta region after a powerful cyclone hit on 3 May, a response team of four specially trained volunteers moved into devastated areas on Thursday to distribute more than 800 ShelterBox containers.

ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world, was among the first charities to reach cyclone victims. Desperately needed aid from many other international groups had been stalled at the border for days by Myanmar's military government.

The team will work in cooperation with local groups in Myanmar to line up transportation and determine where the shelters will do the most good amid the massive devastation.

The first deployment of ShelterBoxes will benefit more than 10,000 survivors. Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months. Some include two 10-person tents, doubling the usual shelter capacity.

ShelterBox was launched in 2000 as a project of the Helston-Lizard club and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. To date, the nonprofit has raised US\$29 million and delivered aid to over 40 countries in response to more than 70 disasters. Each complete ShelterBox costs \$1,000 to sponsor, and Rotary clubs provide about half the charity's funding.



When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane. *Steven Wright*