

Upcoming Programs

May 28: Dr. Ved Sharma talks about the local impact of the national economy

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 30, 2008
PAR Golf outing in Red Wing

June 11, 2008
STRIVE Banquet
June 15—18, 2008
Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles

June 25, 2008
District Governor Roy Sjoberg's Induction

June 25, 2008
Pass the Gavel Picnic



Wednesday, May 28, 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

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



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Jim Santori & Dan Kapsner - Programs
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**May 14, 2008
Old Main Village
Mankato, MN**

WELCOME: President-Elect **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 and **Cheryl Olson** led members in reciting the Four-Way test. There were 53 Rotarians, two guests, and one guest speaker in attendance for a total of 56 people.

VISITING ROTARIANS: No visiting Rotarians were in attendance.

GUESTS: **Nathan Crane** was a guest of **Julie Nelson**, and **Keith Deitering** was a guest of **Jonathan Zierdt**.

BIRTHDAYS: No Rotarians will be celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on May 28th.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated by **Jennifer Pfeffer**, **Cindy Amoroso**, **Denise Zernehel**, **Cheryl Olson**, **Gordon Gibbs**, **West Taylor**, and **Dan Kapsner** will be donated to Fast for Hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Herb Kroon** reminded everyone of the Forensics Banquet to be held on Wednesday, May 21st, starting at 6:00 PM at the Country Inn and Suites. He thanked all the members of the committee who have worked hard to make this event successful.
- President-Elect **Gordon Gibbs** reminded members that there will be no noon meeting on the day of the Forensics Banquet.

PROGRAM: **Jim Santori** introduced **Kari Fletcher** who spoke about the dangers of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Because the symptoms are similar to those for other disorders, such as attention deficit disorder, it is commonly misdiagnosed. Persons who have fetal alcohol spectrum disorders often have an average IQ and no physical abnormalities. Yet it affects one child in one hundred. It is a lifetime disorder, and it is 100% preventable. There simply is no safe level of alcohol consumption by a woman who is pregnant.



Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not."

---Oprah Winfrey



SHELTER BOXES TO AID CHINA

Four hundred ShelterBox containers will reach China's Sichuan Province this weekend to help alleviate the acute housing shortage after a 12 May earthquake there left 50,000 people dead and more than five million homeless. Another 400 containers are en route to the area.

Each container provides a tent, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months. Shelter-

Box is a UK-based disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs around the world.

At the request of the Chinese government, ShelterBox will also provide an additional 1,700 tents. Chinese officials have made urgent appeals to the international community for tents. News agencies are reporting that refugees flocking to the cities are sleeping in any spot they can find, many in sports stadiums and in makeshift tents.

Three ShelterBox response team members are in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan, to help distribute the aid. "The enormity of it is far bigger than anything I have seen before," Tom Lay, ShelterBox team member, told BBC News.

LifeBox, a charitable project of the Rotary Club of Denton and Audenshaw in Manchester, England, is also contributing to disaster relief in Sichuan. One hundred LifeBox containers, which include tools, clothes, blankets, and baby items as well as a water purification tool called LifeStraw, have been sent to the province, along with 1,200 additional LifeStraws.

At the receiving end, Rotary clubs in China are helping pave the way for organizations like ShelterBox and LifeBox to enter the disaster area, securing permits for the boxes.

The Rotary Club of Beijing, located more than 900 miles away from the disaster area, is discussing earthquake relief projects. They plan to purchase US\$4,000 of baby formula to distribute in the affected area. They are also fundraising. Beijing club members contributed more than \$1,000 to earthquake relief at their meeting the day after the earthquake hit. Club president Mike Ma also said some funds from an annual charity ball next week, which will be attended by RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee, will be redirected for earthquake relief.

"There are already discussions about an after-earthquake mental health consultation project working with China Red Cross and disaster area reconstruction projects," said Ma. "We are also studying the more long-term, significant reconstruction project possibilities to take on."