

Calendar of Events

- June 2: SBDC & Economic Development—
Julie Nelson
- June 9: Strive Banquet—6 p.m., Best Western,
Hwy 169, contact Cheryl Olson to sign up
(NO NOON MEETING)
- June 10: Board Meeting—US Bank
- June 16: 75th Anniv. of Mankato Rotary
Club—Luke Robinson
- June 23: S.E.R.E—Dr. Robinson
- June 30: TBA
- July 7: Picnic

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, June 2, 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
Gordon Gibbs - 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, May 26, 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. Jonathan Zierdt lead members in reciting the Four-Way test.

BIRTHDAYS: Doug Johnson and John Murphy, May 26

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: International Exchange Student – Sagar Khandelwal: Arrived September 2, 2009 from the city of Amvarati, in the state of Maharashtra, in south central India, and is leaving May 30, 2010. He really enjoyed his many months here including learning our culture, partaking in our festivals and holidays, visiting Valleyfair and making many new friends. While here he stayed at the Klooster, Meyer and Taylor homes. Don Friend and Ron Browne were also very active in ensuring Sagar's stay was interesting and comfortable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mankato Rotary 75th Anniversary program – we need any old photos and other items of interest to be displayed at the program. In addition, volunteers are needed to prepare a 75th Anniversary program. Please contact Luke Robinson if you'd like to help out.

Red Cross Blood Drive (Nathan Crane) – met our goal of 35 donors, 10 of whom were Rotarians.

Harold Paulsen: Graduated from Virginia, MN HS in 1919, UofM Gopher legendary hockey player, teacher, coach and long time Mankato Rotarian, passed away.

Chanhassen Dinner Theater in 2011: Will be February 4 and the production is JC Superstar.

Strive Banquet, Best Western, Wednesday, June 9.

Greater Mankato Growth Jonathan Zierdt discussed the three wonderful leadership development opportunities through the YWCA, LMA and Blandin Foundation.

PROGRAM: Denise Zernichel introduced Robinson Cook, from Lutheran Social Services. He discussed "Life in a Refugee Camp", including the role of the United Nations, refugee placement, cultural orientation and differentiated refugees from immigrants. The primary differences are the refugees are involuntarily forced to leave their country and crossed an international boarder. It sometimes takes years to leave the camps in search of a better life.

Historic Moments: The Grace Irene Mann letters



By Susan Hanf
Rotary International News -- 20 May
2010

An envelope from Grace Irene Mann to Paul P. Harris, 24 April 1906.

Rotary founder Paul P. Harris had a little-known romance before he met his future wife, [Jean](#). Grace Irene Mann was from a prominent family in Florida, USA. Harris met her in 1905 on a visit to see his friend and former employer George C. Clark in Jacksonville.

Harris and Mann exchanged letters in which they shared affection, gossiped, and discussed their families, theology, and philosophy. He told her about searching for a meeting place for the Rotary Club of Chicago and offered details of the club's constitution.

Mann replied to his tales of Rotary with enthusiasm: "I take great interest in the Constitution and By laws of your Rotary Club because you have written them. ... I think you have covered everything in a concise and compact form. ... The By-laws are especially good."

According to the letters, the idea of marriage was broached in the fall of 1906, though Mann's family ultimately discouraged her from settling down with Harris. Their correspondence ended in May 1907. In his final letter to Mann, Harris wrote: I certainly am interested in your future and I desire you to make a great girl of yourself and I am sure you will. ... You will be happy. Give my best to your Dalton friends. Yours very truly, Paul P. Harris

Harris returned the letters he received from her, as was the custom. When Mann married John Murrell Bell in June 1910, she stored the correspondence in the attic of her sister May Mann Jennings. The letters remained there until the home was demolished in 1963, at which time they were given to Mann's eldest daughter, Elizabeth. In 1997, Mann's daughter Grace Bell Rogers donated the letters to Rotary International.

For more information:

See [Rotary History and Archives](#) on the RI website, or visit the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#) website.

For the full article, go to www.rotary.org under the news section.