

Upcoming Programs

June 11: No noon meeting—Strive Banquet

June 18: Staff Sgt. Thomas Zerneckel: Eyewitness to 9/11 and Iraq

June 25: Gordon Gibbs: The Year in Preview

July 2: No noon meeting—Pass the Gavel Picnic

July 9: Minnesota Baseball Authority Commissioner John Wade talks about the new Twins ballpark

July 16: Carol Beske: China Today

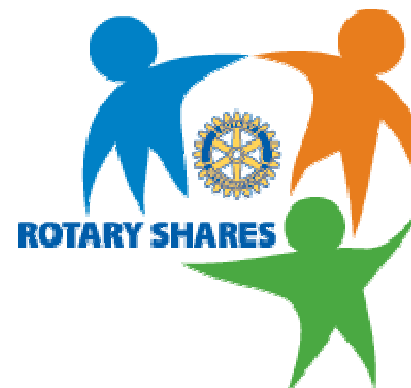
UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

June 25, 2008
District Governor Roy Sjoberg's Induction

June 26, 2008
Board Meeting

July 2, 2008
Pass the Gavel Picnic
July 18, 2008
District Grants Meeting



Wednesday, June 18, 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
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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

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



MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2008
Old Main Village
Mankato, MN

WELCOME: President **Bob Weiss** opened the meeting with a greeting at 12:20 PM. Those in attendance sang God Bless America accompanied by **Carol Larson**. **Oscar Anderson** gave the invocation and **Jerry Larson** led members in reciting the Four-Way test. There were 50 Rotarians, one visiting Rotarian, one guest and two guest speakers in attendance for a total of 54 people.

ROTARY MINUTE: **Hugh Miller** provided a Rotary Minute, announcing that on his anniversary of being a Rotarian, he was making a donation to the Rotary Foundation for each year that he has been a Rotarian.

VISITING ROTARIANS: **Jerry Yuuman** of the St. Peter Rotary Club was visiting.

GUESTS: **Lina Longmire**, **Don Friend's** mother-in-law was his guest.

BIRTHDAYS: **Bill Anderson** will be celebrating his birthday on June 11th, and **Patty Christensen** will be celebrating her birthday on June 15th.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated by **Roger Kontak**, **Elizabeth Beske**, **Jim Santori**, **Cheryl Olson**, **Jennifer Homer**, **Denise Zernechel**, **Walter Johnson**, **Bruce Gratz**, **Jerry Larson**, **Doug Johnson**, **Don Friend**, **Lina Longmire**, and **Patty Christensen** will be donated to S.T.R.I.V.E.

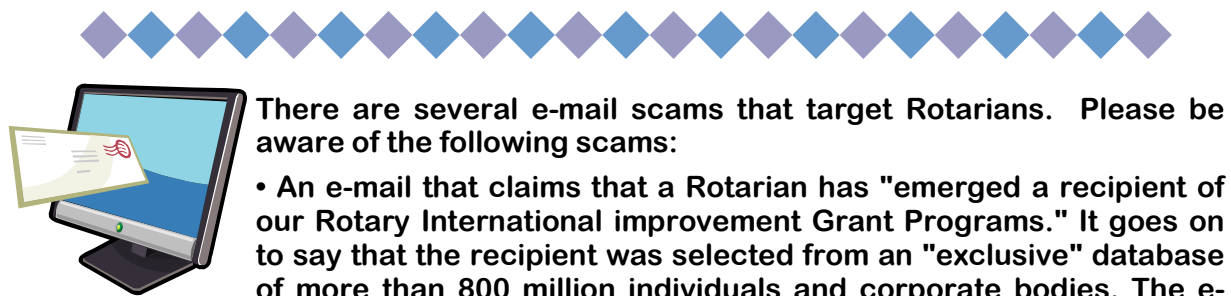
NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: **Angela Hiller**, **Nathan Crane** and **Jesse Reisch** were inducted into membership. This brings the membership of the Club to 105.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Herb Kroon** read a thank you note that he had received from **Kristin Olson**, one of the students recognized during the Forensics Banquet.
- President **Weiss** announced that the date for the Pass the Gavel Picnic has been changed from June 25th to July 2nd. The change was approved by the Board.
- **Cheryl Olson** reminded members that the S.T.R.I.V.E. Banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, at South Central College. There will be no noon meeting on that day.
- **Denise Zernechel** announced that the program for the meeting on the 18th of June will be presented by her son who has just recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. In addition to his experiences in Iraq, he will also talk about his experience post-9/11 as a member of Army intelligence. She also reminded members that there will be an orientation for new members on Thursday, June 12th, starting at 7:29 AM at the Free Press.

- **Gordon Gibbs** read a thank you note that had been received from a student at Mt. Olive. He provided information for members who might be interested in helping to sell tickets to the Mankato Moondogs' baseball game on June 11th as a fund raiser for the Miracle Field. He also announced that he will be providing members with information about the three candidates for the Nominating Committee for RI President for 2010-11. The Club will need to indicate its preference regarding the candidates during the meeting on June 18th.

PROGRAM: **Dan Kapsner** introduced **Pam Year**, the Executive Director of MRCI, and **Jennifer Hlubek**, the Marketing and Development Manager for MRCI. MRCI was founded in 1953, and now serves more than 4,500 people with disabilities, 675 of which are served in Mankato. It is the 4th largest employer in Mankato. It has 13 service sites, five of which are in Mankato. It operates on a \$45 million budget, and generates almost \$7 million in sales annually. More than 100 businesses employ MRCI clients, and more than half of those are outside Mankato. The MRCI Foundation was established in 1999. Its major fund raiser is the Grand Prix Go Cart Race which will be held this year on Saturday, July 19th. A track-sponsorship is \$4,000; a heat-sponsorship is \$1,000, while a team-sponsorship is \$500.



There are several e-mail scams that target Rotarians. Please be aware of the following scams:

- An e-mail that claims that a Rotarian has "emerged a recipient of our Rotary International improvement Grant Programs." It goes on to say that the recipient was selected from an "exclusive" database of more than 800 million individuals and corporate bodies. The e-mail then gives a fake a batch number and contact information for a "cash prize."
- Another scam e-mail claims that a deceased Rotarian has left money to the e-mail recipient to be donated to philanthropic efforts. The sender, who claims to be the executor of the will, then asks for the recipient's personal information in order to claim the inheritance.
- Another e-mail scam from a fake Rotary club claims that the recipient won a sum of US\$ 700,000. The e-mail states that the winnings can't be transferred in the recipient's home country and that they must share an active bank account for deposit of "cash prize".

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