

Upcoming Programs

June 23: S.E.R.E.—Dr. Robinson

June 30: History of Downtown Mankato—
MSU's Dave Engren

July 7: Pass the Gavel Picnic

July 8: Board Meeting at US Bank

July 14: Life as Supreme Court Justice—
Justice Barry Anderson

July 21: Early Learning Initiative—Laura
Bowman

July 28: Mrs. Minnesota—Breanna Ludeman

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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You may contribute to the on-line club if you desire.



Wednesday, June 23, 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, June 16, 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. **Duane Olenius** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: **Drew Campbell**, guest of **Mark Piepho**; **Brian Benschopf**, guest of **Jo Bailey**

VISITING ROTARIANS: **Dean Portner**, North Mankato Rotary Club and new Assistant District Governor

BIRTHDAYS: **Lloyd Miller**, Mar. 4; **Duane Olenius**, Mar. 7; **Tom Buck**, Mar. 8

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars were donated to the Harry Meyering Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Get Well: **Lloyd Miller**, hip replacement surgery which went well and **Keith Stover**, heart attack while in Chicago visiting son and he is fine now.

STRIVE Banquet – Wonderful success on June 9, 6 p.m. at the Best Western. Special thanks and appreciation for the dedicated work spanning many years of **Cheryl Olson**.

11th Annual PAR (Polio Ain't Rid) Golf Outing, Red Wing, Friday, June 25, Mississippi National Golf Links, registration at 10:30, noon shotgun start. Contact **Bruce Gratz**.

Mankato Rotary 75th Anniversary program, June 16th – 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.

Pass the Gavel Picnic will be on July 7th and not June 30 because incoming President **Wes Taylor** will be attending the International Rotary Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Also, North Mankato Fun Days is taking place so the new venue is Sibley Park

International Exchange Student is arriving August 21. **Don Friend** is again coordinating. Rotarians can participate in a number of constructive ways even if not one of the three host families.

Major Fundraising Program Change: After many discussions at Board meetings and Club Assemblies, plus historic and recent fundraising effort results, it is clear that the preferred method of raising funds for charitable causes IS NOT selling raffle tickets or other items. However, clearly, we still want and need to financially support charitable causes. This is at the heart of our mission. Therefore, we are exploring options and ideas for an annual, major, signature fundraising event. Until that's determined, shortfalls will need be funded by the Club's General Fund. Also, until such major fundraising event comes to fruition, to cover this increased expense, there will be a \$2 weekly fee added to the meal expense, which today is \$10. Thus, our weekly meal charge will be \$12.

PROGRAM: Club member **Jim Santori** spoke about his family visit to Italy in search of family history.

A Farewell Message from RI President John Kenny



My fellow Rotarians:

In February, I attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minn., USA. After dinner that evening, a young lady came up to me and asked, "Of everything you have seen this year in Rotary, what has touched your heart the most?"

For such a simple question, it was nearly impossible to answer – only because I have seen so much that has touched my heart so deeply and made me so proud to be a Rotarian. These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address.

It is one thing to see photographs of the devastation in Haiti caused by January's earthquake. It was another thing entirely for me to walk among the rubble, to see the collapsed buildings, to understand that the true scope of the tragedy will never be known.

In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, where Rotary has done so much to rebuild the city shattered by the 2004 tsunami, I thought I understood the scale of the disaster before my visit. But I was not prepared for the sight of a large freighter in a field 2 miles inland, swept there by the tsunami.

In China, at a Rotary-supported orphanage, I held a two-month-old girl who had been abandoned on a train. With that baby in my arms, I realized that what Rotary provided to the orphanage – food, warm clothing, a clean and safe home – was only one part of what was needed. What that child wanted most of all, in that moment, was simply to be held and to feel loved, and that touched me very much.

There is so much we can do as Rotarians that will mean so much to others. And as important as it is to give material assistance – to help in the areas of water, health and hunger, and literacy – it is equally vital that we give that help freely, with true caring for others. Because often, simply caring is what helps others most of all.

As this Rotary year and my term as RI president draw to a close, I thank you all for your service to Rotary and your support. I have been honored to serve as your president, and remind you that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International