

## Upcoming Programs

- July 23:** Dr. Robert Dalton: Cancer Research
- July 30:** Dr. Louis Schwartzkopf: Global Warming
- August 6:** Susan Kroon: Humane Society Shelter Capital Campaign
- August 13:** Fred Lutz/Mark Smith: Mankato Regional Airport
- August 20:** To Be Determined
- August 27:** District Governor Roy Sjoberg

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 24, 2008**  
Board Meeting
- August 8, 2008**  
Foundation/  
Membership/PR Seminar
- August 15, 2008**  
District Grants Meeting



Wednesday, July 23, 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 2008-2009**

## 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](http://www.mankatorotary.org)  
District: [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)  
International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



## CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

- Gordon Gibbs - President  
Becky Kunst - President-Elect  
Wes Taylor - Secretary  
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
Bob Weiss - Past President  
Angie Hiller - Newsletter Editor  
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Jim Santori - Programs  
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July 16, 2008  
Old Main Village  
Mankato, MN

**WELCOME:** President **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 **Dennis Devito** led members in reciting the Four-Way test. President **Gibbs** described a project in which the Rotary Club of Central Chester County in Pennsylvania, and the Rotary Club of Abaysin Central in Pakistan are Making Dreams Real for residents of Spin Boldak, a city in southern Afghanistan, through a program to train people to weave rugs. There were 49 Rotarians and three guests in attendance for a total of 52 people.

**GUESTS:** **Bill Frietag** (on his 3rd visit) was a guest of **Ken Klooster**, and **Jessie Roscher** was a guest of **Tami Reuter**.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Barb Kaus** is celebrating her birthday on July 16th, **Bruce Gratz** will be celebrating his birthday on July 18th, and **Bob Weiss** will be celebrating his birthday on July 22nd.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars this month are being donated to MRCI.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- President **Gibbs** announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th, starting at 7:30 AM in the second floor conference room in the US Bank building.
- President **Gibbs** distributed a sign-up sheet for members to choose a date on which they will present information about how another Rotary club is Making Dreams Real.

**PROGRAM:** **Elizabeth Beske** introduced the guest speaker, **Carol Beske**, who had recently returned from a missionary trip to China. She described what life was like in Macao, a city with about the same area as Mankato and North Mankato, but with a population of 457,000. Similar to Hong Kong, Macao was governed by Portugal until it was returned to Chinese rule in 1999. It is a very affluent city, with many casinos and resort hotels. It is quite "westernized" boasting many of the same retail stores that one would find in the United States. She found that the people were very friendly, while at the same time very wary of the intentions of the United States.



Join us at the Metrodome on Tuesday, September 9th, as the Twins and Rotary 5950 and 5960 come together to present a fun-filled night: a great fundraising opportunity, followed by the game between the Twins and Royals! \$11.00 from each ticket sold goes back to support the Rotary Foundation or your charity of choice. Cost for this event is \$33.00. This includes:

- An upper club reserved seat (a \$21.00 value); you'll be seated with other members of Rotary.
- Discounted food coupons good for all concessions items (up to a 20% savings off face value).

To purchase tickets, go to District 5960's website ([www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)) and click on MN Twins Night with Rotary. There you will find a link to a form to fill out to purchase your tickets.



#### **G8 RENEW S COMMITMENT TO POLIO ERADICATION**

At their 8-9 July summit meeting in Japan, the G8 nations agreed to "maintain momentum towards the historical achievement of eradicating polio." To do so, their joint statement continued, "We will meet our previous commitments to maintain or increase financial contributions to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative [GPEI], and encourage other public and private donors to do the same." Together, the G8 countries -- Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States -- account for more than half of all funding of the GPEI. The initiative is led by the [World Health Organization](#), Rotary International, the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and [UNICEF](#). Advocacy by G8 leaders for the four remaining polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- is critical to ensure eradication of the disease. Finishing polio worldwide remains Rotary's top goal. Vital to helping achieve that goal is Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, the three-year funding effort to match the Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.