

Upcoming Programs

August 4: Habitat for Humanity 20th

Anniversary—Alison Troidahl

August 11: TBA

August 18: Backpack Food for Kids—Melinda Wedzina

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, August 4, 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 2010-2011

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Wes Taylor - President
Nick Meyer- President Elect
Jo Bailey - Secretary
Gordon Gibbs - Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Luke Robinson - 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—Dean Portner

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 Old Main Village Mankato, MN

WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by Nick Meyer. Carol Larson played *God Bless America* while Rotarians sang. Bill Anderson gave the invocation. David Frietag led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: Drew Campbell, guest of Mark Piepho; Brian Benschhoff, guest of Jo Bailey.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Allen Landgraff, North Mankato Rotary Club

BIRTHDAYS: None

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars were donated to the Boy Scouts of America (100th anniversary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Three new Rotarians (Brian Benschhoff, Gordon Boos and Brent Pattison) will be inducted August 11, 2010.

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

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.

Gordon Gibbs, Executive Secretary / Treasurer, highlighted the 2009-2010 fiscal year that came to a close June 30, 2010. Assets are \$35,293. Preliminarily, income was \$75,483, and expenses were \$78,840, for a deficit of \$3,356 at year end. The operating budget for 2010-2011 (the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010) is not yet complete.

"Minnesota' N'ice – Could Be Worse" is a comical play written by Carol and Gerald Larson and performed recently in New Ulm, with an upcoming performance by Mankato's Merely Players, will also be presented here at Rotary on September 8.

PROGRAM: The Club discussed various Rotary facts then held an informal "getting to know you" session.

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I am a Past President of Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club in Stillwater, MN. I have served as Club International Chair, District 5960 Fast for Hope (member and chair), District World Community Service & District Simplified Grant Committee as mentor for Africa, Fast for Hope Nicaragua committee member, inbound Group Study Exchange Brazil chair for 2008, Inbound Group Study Exchange Chair Sweden 2009, District Water Resources Committee Chair, 2007-9 Group Study Exchange Team outbound selection, District 5950/5960 Youth Foundation, District 5960 Board of Directors and 2006 Ambassadorial Fellow selection committee. I have met many Rotarians and visited your clubs over the past three years in the presentation of the Fast for Hope/Haiti Safe Water project. I have attended Rotary meetings in Australia, Norway, Denmark and Hawaii besides many clubs in our district.

I have been married to my wife, Nina Leiser, for 44 years. We have 3 adult, married children and 5 grandchildren from 6 months to 5 ½ years in age. We have also hosted 9 international exchange students from both Rotary and AFS programs and claim an additional 5 grandchildren by designation as we remain good friends and return hosts to our international students and their families. As a family we enjoy fishing, golf, gardening, travel, card playing and reading. We have visited Australia, Norway, Denmark, England, Ireland, Scotland, Chile, Mexico, and Canada with friends and family as well as making new friends in each destination.

I was born in Cochrane, WI, population 495, went to grammar school in Chicago, IL, high school in Seattle, WA, the University of Washington in Seattle for a BSc. Degree in Ceramic Engineering and the New York State College of Ceramics and Ceramic Engineering at Alfred, NY for an MSc. Degree. I have worked for General Electric, Owens Illinois Glass, 3M, National Guardian Security Services Corp., Ameritech and for the past 12 years have owned my own one person consulting business, Kismet Group, Ltd. In addition to Rotary I am a member and president of the Brown's Creek Watershed District in Minnesota, Board of Directors of Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Board of Directors Stillwater Youth Advantage and have been a member of numerous Washington County and State of Minnesota water management or resource committees and study groups.

I look forward with eager anticipation to learn more about Rotary, its programs and activities. I welcome the opportunity to serve you as Rotarians and the clubs to which you belong in the spirit of leaders past, present and future. I plan on making many more friends and getting very involved in developing challenging and rewarding individual, club, district and international projects and programs. Along the way I hope to meet each Rotarian in our district and share thoughts, ideas and plans about what we can do to make our world better.