

Upcoming Programs

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

September 3: To Be Determined

September 10: To Be Determined

September 17: To Be Determined

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

August 28, 2008
Board Meeting

August 8, 2008
Foundation/
Membership/PR Seminar

August 15, 2008
District Grants Meeting

September 12, 2008
“What’s best for Kids”
Golf Event



Wednesday, August 6, 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

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?

Past Mankato Rotary Moments



Rotary Websites

www.mankatorotary.org
District: www.rotary5960.org
International: www.rotary.org



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**August 6, 2008
Old Main Village
Mankato, MN**

WELCOME: President-Elect **Gordon Gibbs** opened the meeting with a greeting at 12:20 PM. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bill Anderson** gave the invocation and **Jasper Hhunt** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Visiting Rotarians were Dr. Margaret Prescott and Phyllis Votca.

GUESTS: **Don Friend** brought his two children – **Stanley and Riley**.

BIRTHDAYS: **Oscar Anderson** will be celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on July 30.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy dollars donated by **Duane Olenius, Paul Wilkinson, Carol Larson, John Votca**.

NEW MEMBERS: **Bill Frietag** from Wilcon Construction was sponsored by Ken Klooster. **Jessica Roschen** from Junior Achievement was sponsored by Tami Reuter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- District Seminar – Membership and Public Relations seminar on August 8, 2008
- Rotary Night with the Twins! – September 9, 2008 - \$33 per person. Purchase tickets at www.rotary5960.org.
- Moondog Night – Wednesday August 6, 2008
- Web Site Photos – Wednesday, August 6, 2008 Don Putzier and Wes Taylor will be taking photos before and after the noon Rotary meeting. These photos will be included in our membership area on our web site. Dress well!
- Rotary Classification Committee – Becky Kunst will be leading a group to look out our club's classification system. If you are interested in participating please contact Becky.
- Rotary Youth Scholar Exchange Program – Don Friend reminded us that we will be needing volunteers to work with him on this project. We currently need home evaluators and host families.

PROGRAM: Global Warming, Bill Anderson introduced Dr. Louis Schwartzkopf, Dr. Schwartzkopf is currently a MSU-Mankato professor in the Physics and Astronomy department. He presented on the status of global warming and current data and predictions for the near future of earth's climate.

Nigerian president declares commitment to polio eradication

The proportion of children missed during immunization campaigns in Nigeria has been significantly reduced from more than 50 percent to 20 percent in key areas of the country. *Rotary Images*.

Nigeria's President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua pledged his continued commitment to eradicate polio in Nigeria as he received Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership in support of ending polio.

The award honors heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions toward polio eradication.

"The award has given me a great responsibility to do everything humanly possible to ensure that polio is finally and totally eradicated from Nigeria," Yar'Adua said during a presentation on 24 July at the State House in Abuja. The award was presented by Jonathan Majiyagbe, the first African chair of The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"As an African and resident of Kano, I am honored to present this award to President Yar'Adua," said Majiyagbe. "I thank him for the progress being made in reaching more Nigerian children with the necessary vaccine."

Yar'Adua has been a strong supporter of polio eradication efforts in Nigeria, one of four polio-endemic countries. Under his leadership, Nigeria announced it would fulfill its US\$34 million pledge to support polio immunization rounds. Yar'Adua also recently created an initiative to intensify efforts and speed progress toward polio eradication.

Earlier this year, Yar'Adua's wife, Turai, personally launched immunization campaigns.

Majiyagbe noted that Yar'Adua, while governor of Katsina State in 2002, launched a safety study of the oral polio vaccine that helped restore public confidence in national immunization efforts.

Since then, renewed engagement of political, religious, traditional, and community leaders and new initiatives, including Quranic school engagement and community dialogues, have led to progress in Nigeria. The proportion of children missed during immunization campaigns has been significantly reduced from more than 50 percent to 20 percent in key areas of the country.

To date, more than two billion children worldwide have been immunized against the paralyzing and sometimes deadly poliovirus. Tremendous progress has been made in the last two decades, as polio cases have declined by 99 percent. Yet, challenges remain in the four polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

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.