

Upcoming Programs

August 11: Mrs. Minnesota—Breanna Lude-
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August 18: Backpack Food for Kids—Melinda
Wedzina

August 25: Public Safety Director—Todd
Miller

Sept. 1: ISD 77 Administrator

Sept. 8: TBA

Sept. 15: Club Assembly—Wes Taylor

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



Did you know that you can learn great new things about Rotary and other related topics on-line, and receive make-up credit if you missed a meeting?

Log on to our website and look to the lower left of our home page for the "Rotary Club One" icon shown above.

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



Wednesday, August 11, 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
Herb Kroon and Jim Santori - Programs
Asst. District Governor—Dean Portner

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 Old Main Village Mankato, MN

WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by **Wes Taylor**. The Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bill Anderson** gave the invocation. Members were led in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: None.

VISITING ROTARIANS: None.

BIRTHDAYS: Art Westphal

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Three new Rotarians (Brian Benschhof, 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.

"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.

Next Board meeting is Thursday (third Thursday of the month) August 19, starts at 7:30am, at the U.S. Bank downtown building, 2nd floor conference room.

PROGRAM: The Mankato's Chapter of Habitat for Humanity celebrates its 20th Anniversary and our speaker was Amanda Weiss, an intern, with AmeriCorp.

Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota and AmeriCorps VISTA have been in partnership for almost a decade. VISTA is an acronym for "Volunteers In Service To America" and is known as the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corps.

Nigeria making impressive progress against polio

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News -- 28 July 2010



Bill Gates says he is impressed with the progress Nigeria has made against polio and urges partners in the fight to eradicate the disease not to let up. Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, shared personal observations from his June trip to Nigeria on his blog, [Gates Notes](#). The post, along with others about polio, are appearing this week on the Gates Foundation blog, [Foundation Notes](#). In addition, the Gates Foundation website is highlighting two [videos](#) produced in June for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

"I was very excited to visit northern Nigeria in June, because the progress there since my last visit in February 2009 has been especially impressive," Gates writes. As of 20 July, only six cases of the wild poliovirus have been reported in Nigeria this year, compared with 346 during the same period in 2009.

The Gates Foundation has given Rotary US\$355 million in grants for its work to eradicate polio. In response, Rotary has committed to raising \$200 million. As of 30 June, Rotary has raised \$141.2 million.

On his blog, Gates says he spent most of his first day in the northern state of Kano, which has been vulnerable to polio, meeting with community leaders, visiting a local health center, and stopping at a school where students were studying the Quran in Arabic.

"On the streets and most everywhere else we went, I noticed so many young children around," he writes. "Nigeria has more people by far than any other African country, and more than 40 percent of them are under the age of 15. That makes polio immunization a big challenge."

Gates adds that during his trip, he learned about creative approaches to inform Nigerians about polio immunization. Pro-immunization messages are being woven into the plot-lines of popular TV shows, and one of Nigeria's major mobile phone service providers has agreed to send about 25 million free text messages about polio and health.

He also mentions the importance of engaging local leaders and says the 'commitment from Nigeria's leaders has been crucial' to the fight against polio in the country. While in the capital city of Abuja, he had dinner with the minister of health, and the next day met with the nation's new president, Goodluck Jonathan.

One of the videos on the Gates Foundation website praises efforts that have reduced the threat of polio by 99 percent but stresses the need to finish the job. "If you were an athlete, you would never only run 99 percent of the race," a voiceover on the video announces. "An astronaut wouldn't fly only 99 percent of the way to the moon, and a firefighter would never just put out 99 percent of a fire."