

Upcoming Programs

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



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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 18, 2010

Club #2154 District #5960

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 11, 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. **Cindy Amoroso** led the club in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: None.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Steve Carlson, guest of Tom Lenox

BIRTHDAYS: None.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don Putzier gave an announcement for all members to visit the Mankato Rotary web site. www.mankatorotary.org

Sal Frederick discussed the Katoland Connection newspaper and the upcoming Mankato High School Reunion at the Best Western, September 24.

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.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: **Brian Benshoof** (works at MRCI), sponsored by **Jo Guck Bailey** and **Gordon Boos**, (works at United Prairie Bank) sponsored by **Pam Jagdfeld** were inducted into the club. Welcome!

PROGRAM: Mrs. Minnesota, **Breanna Ludeman**, shared with the club her journey to becoming Mrs. Minnesota and what her duties are this year. She will compete in the Mrs. America contest September 7 in Tucson, AZ. Sponsorships may be directed to www.mrsminnesota-america.com/mrs2010.html

Rotary begins plan of action in Haiti

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 3 August 2010



More than six months after Haiti sustained a massive earthquake, Rotary clubs and account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund are beginning to allocate resources to help rebuild schools, provide prosthetics, and equip thousands with adequate shelter.

Despite assistance from around the world, the situation in Haiti remains bleak. An estimated 1.5 million Haitians still live in tent cities, while billions of dollars in aid from foreign countries has yet to materialize. Debris from 280,000 destroyed homes and buildings clogs the streets of Port-au-Prince. Rotarians have contributed more than US\$2 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation.

"By beginning the work on many of the projects, we anticipate that additional funds will be contributed by Rotarians who are motivated to continue that help," says Past RI Vice President Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, an account holder and member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Virginia, USA. "We also hope to encourage other partners and NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] to match these funds so that we can double or triple the impact of the funds in Haiti."

Local Rotarians, the Haiti Task Force, established two years ago to administer financial aid to the nation, and District 7020 (Haiti and parts of the Caribbean) review and coordinate every project. Some of the initiatives include:

- District 6990 (Grand Bahama Island; part of Florida, USA) will raise \$40,000 to help rebuild a medical clinic in Kenscoff. The Haiti fund will provide the balance of the \$80,000 project.
- District 7570 (parts of Tennessee and Virginia, USA) will rebuild Catherine Flon College in Carrefour with help from the Haiti fund.
- Rotarians in Canada has gathered school supplies and furniture. The Haiti fund will allocate \$21,000 to ship the items to Haiti.
- The Haiti fund will contribute \$10,000 toward a vehicle to serve as transportation for midwives.

Go to www.rotary.org for more information.