

## Upcoming Programs

- August 19: Traversing the Ocean Blue—Curt Fisher  
August 26: CO2 and Planet—Benco's Wade Hensel  
Sept. 2: MSU Theatre Lineup—Mike Lagerquist  
Sept. 9: Miss Mankato—Kelsey Malecha  
Sept. 16: Sylvan Learning & Community—James Cassmann  
Sept. 23: RI Convention Review—Luke Robinson

## 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 19, 2009

# 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 2009-2010**

### CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Luke Robinson - President  
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## MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 Old Main Village Mankato, MN

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

**GUESTS:** Fred Viker was a guest of Owen Viker; Ed Putzier and Eddie Putzier were guests of Don Putzier.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars were donated to Junior Achievement.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were no announcements during this week's meeting.

**PROGRAM:** Jim Santori introduced DAV Vice Commander Leo Keyes, who gave a video presentation and spoke about Disabled American Veterans are the mission to offer assistance to veterans. More information is available at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

## August is Membership and Club Extension Month

### Membership

Membership Growth is important! Imagine that your club were to lose ten percent of its members. How would that affect your service program? What projects might not be completed? Which ones might never have been started? Now consider what your club could accomplish with ten percent, five percent or even two percent more members. Think about the expertise you could add to your club's overall profile simply by filling all open classifications. Every new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources and knowledge that can greatly strengthen your club's ability to serve throughout the community and the world.

### Club Extension

Club Extension is the heart of Rotary growth. The initiation of a new Rotary club makes a major contribution to furthering Rotary goals and programs. Because Rotary is interested in not just starting new clubs, but also in maintaining its strong image of leadership, commitment to service and established procedures, extension is the area in which careful preparation and study are essential. Supervision and cooperation of Rotary International, the District Governor, the Extension committee, the sponsoring Rotary club and the organizers within the new club is a must. This committee assists the District Governor in the extension of Rotary in the District, assists the District Governor in a survey of a proposed locality for a new club and renders assistance to the sponsoring club with emphasis on charter night.

More information is available at the District Website.

## Enjoying all the Comforts of Home

By Joseph Derr, RI News, 7 August 2009

Joe Donachie, of the Rotary Club of Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada, enjoyed the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, while staying at home--someone else's home. Donachie, a home-exchange veteran, took advantage of the comforts of a Birmingham Rotarian's house while Birmingham Rotarians enjoyed a home stay in his Nova Scotia community.

The principle of the home exchange is simple. "Basically, it's 'You stay in my home while I stay in yours,'" said Donachie, a Rotarian since 1961, who admits he was reluctant about the concept at first. "I had read about home exchanges, but I didn't like the idea that there was no evaluation [of the participants]." Then Donachie found out about the [International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians](#). "I had been a Rotarian a long time at that point, so I gave it a try," he said.

Donachie found comfort in knowing that he was in a group with fellow Rotarians. Since 1987, he has been on 18 exchanges all over the world through the fellowship, which has about 400 members. "With home exchange, you can vacation at minimal cost, but there are many other intangibles," he said. "Living in a private home is considerably better than living at a hotel. And the Rotarian has usually arranged for family, friends, and fellow Rotarians to be with you and make you feel welcome, so you live like a local rather than a tourist."

Donachie said that after the convention, he went on another home exchange in Normandy, France, staying in the home of a Rotarian who had hosted his Group Study Exchange team in 2008. He encourages Rotarians interested in home exchanges during the [2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada](#), to learn more about the fellowship and consider joining.

Members of the [International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians](#) planned a number of rallies and stopovers on the way to and from the event. The group had about 91 caravans a few miles away from the convention site.

Like those who participate in home exchanges, the caravaners say their Rotary Fellowship enriches their travel experience. "It's pure fellowship -- it's wonderful. We call ourselves the best-kept secret in Rotary," said Eric Matkins, of the Rotary Club of Sevenoaks Amherst, Kent, England. The fellowship members travel in caravans (known in North America as recreational vehicles or RVs) and sightsee on their own during the day, then get together in the evening. "We caravan in small groups of about 10 to 12 couples. We don't travel together, but we keep our units in the same place for about four to five days," Matkins said.

The fellowship, founded in 1967, holds about 40 events each year. It has about 1,400 members in Great Britain and Ireland, but there are smaller groups of caravaners from France, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Sweden. Trips are planned throughout the year, even for New Year's. "We usually have two to three European trips, and in February we went to California. It was brilliant," said Matkins.

Learn more about Rotary Fellowships and other [Global Networking Groups](#) on the RI website.