

Upcoming Programs

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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Wednesday, August 25, 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 18, 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. **Gordon Gibbs** gave the invocation. **Brian Benshoof** led the club in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: None.

VISITING ROTARIANS: None.

BIRTHDAYS: Jonathan Zierdt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Members were reminded of 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.

“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; segments will 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: A program “Backpack Food for Kids” was presented by **Melinda Wedzina**.

Historic Moments: Rotary's emblem

By Susan Hanf and Joe Derr Rotary International News -- 17 August 2010



In 1905, Montague M. Bear, an engraver and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, sketched a wagon wheel with 13 spokes. When fellow club members began to complain that the design was static and lifeless, Bear added flourishes that made the wheel appear to ride on a bed of clouds. Unfortunately, some members felt the clouds looked like dust, defying the laws of gravity by being kicked up on both sides of the wheel. Bear responded by superimposing a banner with the words Rotary Club over the clouds.

In 1911, Secretary Chesley R. Perry recommended that “action be taken by the National Association to establish the wheel as the basic part of the emblem of every Rotary club.” Clubs were invited to submit designs to an emblem committee before the 1912 convention in Duluth, Minnesota. The Duluth convention provided some definition. “The emblem consists of the basic principle of a wheel with gears cut on the outer edge. ... The spokes are to be so designed as to indicate strength; the object of the gears ... being two-fold; to relieve the plainness of the design, and ... symbolize power.” The word Rotary appeared at the top and International Association at the bottom. Clubs were encouraged to use a similar design, placing the name of their city at the bottom in place of International Association. The number of spokes and cogs was unspecified.

As a result, numerous variations on the emblem were in use by 1918. The Board appointed Charles Mackintosh, of the Rotary Club of Chicago, and Oscar Bjorge, of the Rotary Club of Duluth, to the Special Committee to Standardize the Rotary Emblem. Bjorge drafted an emblem with six spokes and 24 cogs, giving it a sturdy appearance. In this design, the number of teeth and spokes was intended to reflect a real, working gear-wheel, and not any aspect of Rotary's history.

In November 1919, the Board adopted Bjorge's design and a detailed description, and the 1921 convention formally approved them. For many years, descriptions of the emblem simply referred to a 1920 article in *The Rotarian*, “Redesigning the Rotary Wheel,” which announced the Board's decision.

By 1924, Bjorge's design had been modified to include a keyway. This addition has been attributed to Will R. Forker, of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. He was reported to have said Bjorge's design made no provision for the transfer of power to or from a shaft, rendering the wheel idle. Forker perceived Rotary as a “living force,” and inserting a keyway into the hub made the new wheel a “real worker.”

In January 1924, the Board formally approved the emblem that was then in use. Not all written descriptions were updated immediately, however. To clear up any confusion caused by the various decisions about the emblem between 1912 and 1929, a standard description of the existing design, with a keyway, was approved by the 1929 convention.

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