

## Upcoming Programs

Sept. 8: Mankato Merely Players: Minnesota 'n' Ice, It Could be Worse—Judy Sellner, Gerry and Carol Larson

Sept. 15: Club Assembly—Wes Taylor

Sept. 16: Board Meeting—US Bank 7:30 a.m.

## 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, September 8, 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, September 1, 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. **Dan Hoehn** led the club in reciting the Four-Way test.

**GUESTS:** **Loren Becker**, guest of **Dan Kapsner**; **Tami Enfield**, guest of **Ken Klooster**; **Jerry Kolander**, guest of **Cindy Amoroso**; **Valentina**, our International Exchange Student.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars were donated.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mankato Rotary's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary upcoming program – we need any old photos, articles and other items of interest for the program. Volunteers are needed to prepare a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program. Please contact Luke, Gordon or Wes if you'd like to help.

Our International Exchange Student arrived August 21. Valentina is from Columbia. She is going to West High School, is a junior and is on the tennis team. Don Friend is again coordinating and Patty Christenson is the Counselor. Rotarians are encouraged to participate so if you have something interesting coming up, please contact the host family, which is the Scott Olson family for the first three months, or Don and Patty.

The upcoming Club Assembly meeting will be September 15. One of the activities will be the updating of the member portion of our website with pictures and bios.

Next Board Meeting is September 16, 7:30am, downtown at US Bank, first floor.

### PROGRAM:

Mankato Area School District 77 Director of Curriculum **Cindy Amoroso** and District 77 Business Manager **Jerry Kolander** discussed the upcoming 2010-2011 school year that begins Tuesday, September 7. Of special interest this year is the grand opening and dedication on Thursday, September 16, for the **new Rosa Parks Elementary School** at 1001 Heron Drive, south of the MSU, between Monks Avenue and Pohl Road. The school can accommodate up to 700 students and will start this year with 350. Area voters approved the \$23 million land purchase and building construction. The facility is LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). There are also six baseball fields adjacent to the school for public use. In addition, the **Eagle Lake Elementary School was updated and expanded**. The remodeling open house is scheduled for Thursday, September 23. Current enrollment is 300 and now the facility can accommodate 450. The \$6.4 million dollar project was completed within budget.

## Rotary clubs remain committed to Katrina recovery effort

Wayne Hearn [wayne.hearn@rotary.org](mailto:wayne.hearn@rotary.org)  
Rotary International News -- 26 August 2010



Humanitarian group's international convention in New Orleans, delayed four years by the storm, will pump millions into the local economy in May 2011

**NEW ORLEANS (Aug. 26, 2010)** – Five years ago, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina made it impossible for New Orleans to host the Rotary International convention as planned in June 2007.

But even as they coped with their own personal and professional losses and pitched in to rebuild their communities, New Orleans area Rotary club members remained determined that the humanitarian organization's most important annual meeting would return when the city was ready. Their dream will be realized May 21-25, 2011, when more than 17,000 Rotary members from around the world will convene in the Crescent City for the first time in 35 years, injecting a much needed infusion of at least \$20 million into the local economy.

After Katrina ravaged New Orleans and the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005, Rotary members worldwide raised more than \$19 million in donations and grants for relief and recovery efforts throughout the region. This includes a special Katrina Relief Fund that eventually exceeded \$1.9 million, with support from Rotary clubs as far away as Australia, Japan, Sweden, Panama, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

New Orleans Rotarians were particularly involved in the restoration of Warren Easton High School, which was severely damaged by the floodwaters that inundated much of the city. Rotary clubs in California, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and Germany helped raise \$60,000 for repairs. Rotary volunteers from California and other states joined their New Orleans counterparts during the sweltering summer of 2006 to get the school ready for its reopening. Project coordinator Henry Lowentritt, of the Rotary Club of New Orleans, said opening the city's schools was crucial to the overall recovery. "Teachers, parents, and kids who have left New Orleans won't be back without quality schools," he said.

In the immediate aftermath of the hurricane, the UK-based charity ShelterBox, supported by Rotary clubs worldwide, provided 1,320 emergency shelter kits benefiting 13,200 people. Rotary clubs launched and continue to support scores of humanitarian and educational projects throughout the region, such as re-supplying a library and establishing low-income housing in Pass Christian, Miss.; replacing surgical instruments at a medical center in Houma, La.; providing a van for a senior center in Slidell, La., to help with the influx of new clients; and building a new community center in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Looking ahead to the 2011 New Orleans convention, Rotary's volunteer service again will be front-and-center as registrants can opt to participate in a local housing project and a wetlands restoration effort immediately before and after the sessions.