

Upcoming Programs

September 10: Todd Hunter, MSU Football Coach

September 17: Diversity Council

September 24: How Our Schools are using
Technology

October 1: Lee McGrath, Institute for Justice on
“eminent domain”

October 8: Twin Rivers Arts Council

October 15: To Be Determined

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 25, 2008
Board Meeting

September 19, 2008
MoonStruck! Golf Tour-
nament

September 20, 2008
RACE FOR ROTARY

Look for these on the
district website



Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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 2008-2009

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



Roy Sjoberg taking the Rotary oath



CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Gordon Gibbs - President
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Jeremy Sullivan - Public Image
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Jonathon Zierdt - Literacy
Don Friend - International Service
Dave Sunderman & Doug Johnson - Rotary Foundation
Jim Santori - Programs
John Murphy - Area 3 Assistant District Governor

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2008
Old Main Village
Mankato, MN

WELCOME: President **Gordon Gibbs** opened the meeting with a greeting at 12:20 PM. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. **Oscar Anderson** gave the invocation and **Don Putzier** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: No visiting Rotarians were in attendance.

GUESTS: Don Keepers was a guest of Jerry Keenan.

BIRTHDAYS: Rotarians celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on September 10 are Dick Palmetier, Norm Krediet, Jim Santori.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated to LEEP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- November Meeting Date - We will meet on Wednesday, November 26th
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- December Meeting Dates - Cancel the 24th and the 31st; December 17th party
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- Sustainable Communities - Community committee role
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PROGRAM: John Cross and Tim Krohn



If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito. –Unknown Author

Celebrating life 100 times over

On 22 July, Josiah Ntoko Tongo from Dakar, Senegal, became the 100th child to receive a heart operation through RI District 6560's (Indiana, USA) Gift of Life program.

Run in partnership with Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, the program provides treatment for children who wouldn't have access to it otherwise because of where they live.

The hospital performs the surgeries for free, while Rotarians cover costs such as lodging and travel. The Indiana program is part of the larger Gift of Life International network, which has helped nearly 10,000 children since 1975.

District 6560's Gift of Life program started in 1998 and has benefited children from about 30 countries.

The project made international headlines after a one-year-old boy, who had been examined by a doctor in the Indiana National Guard at an Afghan refugee camp, was found to have a congenital heart defect. A Rotarian serving with the unit connected him with Gift of Life, and he was brought to Riley Hospital.

Unfortunately, the boy died days after returning to Afghanistan, despite receiving what was hoped to be a life-saving heart surgery.

After operating on three children from Iraq in 2006, the project's medical team was inspired to travel on medical missions to the Middle East, going to Jordan in March 2007 and again in March 2008, says Jim Graham, a past governor for District 6560.

The second trip was funded through a Matching Grant between the district and the Rotary Club of Amman Cosmopolitan, Jordan, and was assisted by Gift of Life Amman. The team plans to return in October and is planning a trip to Uganda to train doctors at the Kampala Heart Institute.



Josiah Ntoko Tongo from Dakar, Senegal, became the 100th child to receive a heart operation through District 6560's Gift of Life program. *Photo courtesy District 6560*