

Upcoming Programs

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

October 22: Mankato Area Children in Need

October 29: Chanhassen Theatre

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 23, 2008
Board Meeting

October 11, 2008
GSE Sweden Interviews
St. Paul



Make Dreams Real

Wednesday, September 24, 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



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MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 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 **Duane Olenius** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Visiting Rotarians in attendance were **Phyllis Votca**.

GUESTS: No guests attended this meeting.

BIRTHDAYS: Rotarians celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on September 24 are **John Votca**.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated to LEEP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Service above Self Award Luncheon
January 28, 2009, 11:30 Best Western
- Rotary Board Meeting, September 25 – 7:30 @ US Bank
- Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 17, 2008.
- Public Image Chair – We currently have this position vacant. If anyone is interested in this opportunity to serve please contact Gordon Gibbs.
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PROGRAM: **Bukata Hayes**, the Executive Director of the Diversity Council shared with us the history and future of the Diversity Council. He also shared current and future trends for diversity in the greater Mankato area.



Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls. - David Thomas

Districts Hit by Hurricane Ike Seek Help



At 72 years old, Rotarian Fred Sandberg was less inclined to ride out the aftermath of Hurricane Ike than he might have been in his younger days.

"Roughing it isn't as much fun now as it was when I was a cub scout," says Sandberg, a resident of Santa Fe, Texas, USA, and governor-elect of District 5910.

So when he received an invitation from Past District Governor Hugh Summers to stay at his home 240 miles north of the hurricane-stricken Texas coastline, he jumped at it.

Sandberg was one of many Texas Rotarians who found shelter in the homes of other Rotarians, either before or immediately after Ike hit. District 5910's Web site included a list of Rotarians willing to provide shelter for other Rotarians.

Safe Harbor

District 5890 (Texas) created a *Safe Harbor* program on their Web site serving the same purpose, where district Rotarians offered up spare bedrooms, dens, or floor space to their fellow Rotarians fleeing the storm. District Governor-elect Ed Charlesworth of Houston was one of the first to sign up his home as a safe harbor.

"A couple days before Ike hit, I said let's get this up on the Web site," Charlesworth recalls. "Within 10 minutes, we got our first call asking if the offer was still good. We said, 'Absolutely, come on down.'"

Charlesworth ended up hosting three Rotarians he knew from his district travels. Three others were scheduled to stay with him as well, but they decided to seek refuge further inland. Charlesworth, who lives on the north side of Houston -- about 60 miles from the coast -- lost five trees, including one that fell on his roof.

"The neat thing is how Rotarians pooled together," Charlesworth says. "While we were hosting, everyone pitched in. It's a very good feeling being here and seeing how people are pulling together."

The storm has left many in need. District 5910 includes the counties of Galveston, Jefferson, and Orange -- all declared disaster areas -- and is home to 18 of its 42 clubs.

District Governor Roger McCabe says the district will use its donor advised fund to channel money to those who can put it to good use. Summers gave the Red Cross a check for US\$5,000 on 18 September to help with the housing of displaced people.