

Upcoming Programs

Oct. 7: Mankato's Public Radio—Jim Gullickson

Oct. 14: Hands on Disaster Response—Andrew Kerr

Oct. 21: Flu: Facts & Myths—Kathleen Frederick, ISJ

Oct. 28: Four Way Test—Four Rotarians

Nov. 4: TBA

Nov. 11: TBA

Nov. 18: Holiday Sharing Tree & Kiwanis—Liz Brown/Stewart Ross

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, October 7, 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
Wes Taylor- President Elect
Becky Kunst - Secretary
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Gordon Gibbs - 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
Jim Santori - Programs
Asst. District Governor—John Murphy

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Old Main Village

Mankato, MN

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

GUESTS: **Sagar**, our exchange student; **Karl Sorenson** (MSU Engineers without Borders); **Joseph Hamm**, guest of **David Frietag**; **Becky Aspelund**, guest of **Sal Frederick**.

VISITING ROTARIANS: **Timothy Stone**, from North Mankato; **Jack Gibbons**, from Lakeville.

BIRTHDAYS: **Ken Klooster** has a birthday on October 5.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jack Gibbons represented the Rotary International Foundation in presenting Hugh Miller with a Paul Harris Society certificate.

The Annual History Fest at the McGowan Farm is October 10.

Karl Sorenson, student at MSU and member of Engineers Without Borders described his club's service programs and offered to partner with the Rotary Club in volunteer projects.

PROGRAM:

Luke and Shannon Robinson presented a program about the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, UK.

Historic Moments: Women in Rotary

Rotary International News -- 1 October 2009

Excerpts from article by Susan Hanf and Donna Polydoros

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. "My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings. The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000.

In 1977, after years of discussion and consideration to allow women to be members of Rotary, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978, only to be reinstated in September 1986.

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club in 1983, the California Superior Court rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

On 4 May 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Board "encourages all clubs in the U.S. to give fair and equal consideration to candidates for membership without regard to gender."

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May 1987. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members. Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

In 1989, at its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has nearly 188,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide.

Excerpt from RI website. For the complete article go to www.rotary.org.