

## Upcoming Programs

- 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: World of Hot Rods!—Greg Bednar
- Nov. 11: India Foreign Exchange Student—  
Sagar
- Nov. 18: Holiday Sharing Tree & Kiwanis—  
Liz Brown/Stewart Ross
- Dec. 9: Christmas Party (evening)

## 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 14, 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  
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## MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 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. **Hugh Miller** gave the invocation. **Jennifer Homer** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

**GUESTS:** **Randy Mages**, guest of **Jo Bailey**; **Mariana Karanyan**, from Old Main Village.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** There were no visiting Rotarians this week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Roland Meyer** has a birthday on October 9; **Elizabeth Beske** has a birthday on October 11.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Happy Dollars were donated

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The annual History Fest is at the McGowan Farm on October 10.

Old Main Village open house will be held on October 8.

Sagar's luncheon schedule has changed to every other week due to class conflicts.

### PROGRAM:

Jim Gullickson, from KMSU, discussed public radio in Mankato, and also discussed KMSU's differences from Minnesota Public Radio.

## Child mortality rate drops worldwide

By Ryan Hyland and Diana Schoberg  
Rotary International News -- 8 October 2009



Improved antimalaria measures and simple health practices have contributed to the decline of child deaths worldwide, according to a report released by UNICEF in September. The study showed that an estimated 8.8 million children under five died in 2008 compared with 12.5 million in 1990, a drop of 28 percent and the lowest since recordkeeping began in 1960, UNICEF says.

"These new figures underscore the importance of the work that Rotary does," says 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who chose to focus on child mortality during his term. "The great majority of child deaths are preventable, and most of them can be prevented with relatively inexpensive interventions -- something as simple as a water filter, antibiotics, or a trained birth attendant."

The UNICEF report attributed the drop in child mortality largely to health interventions such as immunizations, vitamin A supplements, improved prevention of mother-to-child HIV/AIDS transmission, and the use of antimalaria mosquito nets. Although all regions of the world have made progress, millions of children still die each year, with 40 percent of those deaths occurring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, and Nigeria, according to the report.

Lee's emphasis on reducing child mortality inspired clubs and districts to initiate new projects and come together for two international conferences devoted to the issue.

In 2008, more than half of all World Community Service health projects focused on reducing child mortality, involving medical clinics, health care training, and nutrition, according to Rotary International's ProjectLINK database.

Here is one example of innovative Rotary club projects that are addressing child mortality:

- Rotary clubs in Great Britain, Ireland, and Tanzania collaborated to form Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania. The group used two Matching Grants and one Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant to provide more than 200,000 mosquito nets to communities in and around Arusha.

For the full article, please refer to the RI website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)