

Upcoming Programs

October 22: Mankato Area Children in Need

October 29: Chanhassen Theatre

November 5: TBD

November 12: TBD

November 19: Holiday Sharing Tree

November 26: TBD

December 3: TBD

December 10: TBD

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



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 27, 2008
Board Meeting

November 1, 2008
7th Annual District 5960
Foundation Event
Prom Center
Oakdale, Minnesota
Keynote: Bob Scott, Ro-
tary Foundation Trustee
and Rotary International
PolioPlus Campaign
Chair.

Look for these on both
our website and the
district website



Wednesday, October 22, 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

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Gordon Gibbs - President
Becky Kunst - President Elect
Wes Taylor - Secretary
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Weiss - Past President
Angi Hiller - Newsletter Editor
Kenny Klooster - Membership
Jeremy Sullivan - Public Image
Don Putzier - Website
Mark Piepho - Community and Club Service
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

October 22, 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 **Art Westphal** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Visiting Rotarians in attendance were **Jack Gibbons** from Lakeville, **Ruth Vorterm** from Le Seuer, **Margaret Preska** from St. Paul, and **Gary Peer** from Stephenville, TX.

GUESTS: **Ake** (Rotary Exchange Student) and **James Taylor** were a guests of **Wes Taylor**.

BIRTHDAYS: Rotarians celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on October 22nd are **Cheryl Olson** and **Scott Olson**.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – Patty Christensen.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated to the **Girl Scouts**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Service Above Self Luncheon
 - January 21, 2009
 - Nominations are to be sent to **Gordon Gibbs**
 - Bring old Rotary magazines for distribution at the luncheon
- Rotary Youth Exchange – There is a need to individuals to volunteer to help with the program.
- Board Meeting October 23, 2008, 7:30 a.m., US Bank Building
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing - **Nathan Crane** and **Dennis Devito**
- Foundation Event - November 1, 2008, 6-10 p.m. at the Prom Center - \$48 per person

PROGRAM: Nicollet County Historical Center. **Ben Leonard** – Ben shared information about how Nicollet County has been a gateway and a gathering place for thousands of years. The County continues to be an important crossroads today with growing cities, important businesses and industry, recent immigrants, and productive agriculture.
<http://www.nchsmn.org/>

Computer Supplies Pour In

Collecting donated computer equipment for budget-strapped middle schools in and around northern Tarn, France, has become a central cause for the forward-looking Rotary Club of Carmaux, which is providing students with the tools needed to keep pace with fast-moving technology.

For years, club member Jacky Cathala, with the support of District 1700 (Andorra; France), sent donated computer supplies to underequipped Romanian schools that taught French. After media reports on the success of Cathala's efforts, requests for equipment began to pour in from school authorities in northern Tarn. So the club launched the Better Computer Learning Conditions in Schools vocational project.

"After visiting a few schools, mostly in rural areas, I realized [their] computer technology was almost obsolete," Cathala says. Seeing underprivileged schoolchildren at such a disadvantage motivated his club to help level the playing field.

Now Cathala and fellow club members spend hours networking with French organizations that are willing to donate old computer equipment. Rotarians also coordinate with information technology specialists to ensure the systems are working and up-to-date.

Since its launch in December 2006, the project has delivered more than 180 computers and 24 printers to 40 schools.

André Marty, 2007-08 governor of District 1700, says other clubs could easily reproduce the effort, which could enhance Rotary's image. "Operations of this type allow clubs to get involved for the first time in underprivileged populations, where Rotary may not be known," he explains.

Contributing to the project's success are its dramatic, tangible results. "Computers are now a vital educational tool. The acquisition of this new skill will be essential once the students graduate," says Bruno Delvallée, primary school inspector for the French Ministry of Education. "Because of Rotary, students now have the opportunity to excel in school."



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