

Upcoming Programs

October 29: Chanhassen Theatre

November 5: Veterans Special: Member recollections

November 12: Dr. Ed Harrington, Health Volunteers Overseas

November 19: Liz Brown, Holiday Sharing Tree

November 26: Veterans Special: Member recollections

December 3: Sen. Kathy Sheran on health care

December 10: Christina Pierson, Partners for Affordable Energy

December 17: Evening Christmas Party

No meetings on December 24th and December 31st

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 20, 2008
Board Meeting

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

Look for these on both our website and the district website



Wednesday, October 29, 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 29, 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 **Dick Clarksean** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Visiting Rotarians in attendance were **Chuck Frost** from North Mankato.

GUESTS: **Randy Farrow** was a guest of **Mark Matthias**.

BIRTHDAYS: Rotarians celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on October 29th are **Jennifer Pfeffer**, **Captain Bill Mealy**, **Jerry Bambery**, **Paul Wilkinson** and **Randy Groff**.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – Pam Jagdfeld.

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.
- 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: Children in Need – **Elizabeth Beske** – Elizabeth shared information about how Mankato Children in Need helps children in the community and how we can help this organization.

Give Us Your Best Shot

Do you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or local club event? The deadline for *The Rotarian's* annual photo contest is 28 February, and we're looking for anything that illustrates Service Above Self.

Richard S. Lawrence won the 2007-08 contest by taking a picture of a boy inspecting a cup of water at a project in Guatemala in which 11 clubs in District 7890 raised more than US\$24,000 to provide water filters, vented pit latrines, and raised vented stoves for 52 families.



In addition, Rotarians will be able to vote for their favorite photo in the People's Choice Award category. Online voting will open 15 April and run through 15 May. So submit your photos now, and tell your friends and fellow club members to visit the Web site starting in April to cast their votes! Please see the RI website for rules and regulations.

Some Projects are a Nightmare

Nightmare at Beaver Lake is one of the creepiest club projects you're likely to run into — but in a good way. Last year, the Rotary Club of Sammamish, Washington, USA, raised more than \$100,000 through its haunted adventure at Beaver Lake Park, entertaining thousands of children and their parents. The Halloween event this year runs from 24 October through 31 October.

Proceeds are used to support club service projects, help local charities, and support RI projects that address the Millennium Development Goals.

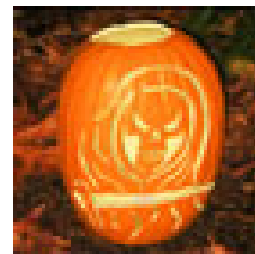
The Sammamish club, chartered in 2003, launched Nightmare at Beaver Lake as a way of involving the city's sizable teenage population in the planning and execution of an event they'd also be drawn to as customers, says Dee Hoeke, the club's 2004-05 president. The event has grown from 4,000 visitors during four nights in 2004 to an eight-night production attracting more than 10,000 visitors.

Through the process, the club has formed a broad partnership with local businesses, youth groups, high school students, and the Sammamish City Parks Department. The event is co-produced by Scare Productions, a nonprofit organization with more than 20 years' experience staging haunted-house events.

"We literally involve hundreds of people in the community to put on the show for the enjoyment of thousands," says Anita Boser, press secretary of the Sammamish club.

Each year's theme is unique. This year, participants encounter scenes of fractured fairy tales and medieval mayhem as they make their way along a three-quarter-mile wooded trail with indoor and outdoor sets.

"A medieval battle is underway to win the castle back from a vampire clan, an evil hag has placed a curse on the poor villagers, and fairy tales are being fractured," says Dana Young, a Sammamish resident and volunteer.



For event details, including hours of operation, visit www.nightmareatbeaverlake.com. Nightmare at Beaver Lake raises money for college scholarships, computers for schools in Uganda, wells in Ethiopia, and a literacy program for third-graders in King County. The event also supports Thanksgiving baskets for needy families and fresh fruit and vegetables for local food banks.

Additional charities supported include Habitat for Humanity, the Life Enrichment Organization for developmentally challenged adults, the YMCA Partner with Youth program, and DECA.