

Upcoming Programs

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

January 7: Ken Free, Mankato Symphony

January 14: TBD

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 20, 2008
Board Meeting

December 13, 2008
DG Nominee 2011-12 Interviews
Northern Star Council
BSA
393 Marshall Avenue
St Paul, MN

Look for these on both
our website and the
district website



Wednesday, November 12, 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

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



MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 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 **Doug Johnson** led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: No visiting Rotarians this meeting.

GUESTS: No Guests on November 5th.

BIRTHDAYS: Rotarians celebrating a birthday between this meeting and the meeting on November 12th are **John Ginther, Gerald Roust, Jim Mason, and Jill Klooster**.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – Elizabeth Beske .

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated to the **Holiday Sharing Tree**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Christmas Party December 17
 - 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

PROGRAM: Veteran's Recollections.

Foundation honors four couples for generous giving

Peter and Susan Klock were inducted on 27 October, Charles and Ellen Kurtzman on 28 October, and Jerry and Sharon Franklin and Marjorie and Frederick Hahn Jr. on 29 October during ceremonies at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The couples' portraits now hang in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery.

The Klocks, partners in commercial real estate development, are both members of the Rotary Club of East Hartford, Connecticut, where Susan serves as club president and Peter as treasurer. They are regional representatives for ShelterBox, a disaster relief organization supported by Rotary clubs and districts. Participation in National Immunization Days (NIDs) for polio eradication in Bangladesh and India solidified their commitment to supporting the Foundation.

"We came away feeling that we were definitely doing the right thing," Susan says. The other inductees are also passionate about eradicating the disease.

Past District Governor Charles Kurtzman and his wife, Ellen, became involved in Rotary's first polio fundraising campaign in 1985, which he says crystallized his understanding of the organization's power to change the world.

A 2001 trip to Foundation-supported programs in South Africa gave the couple a new perspective. Before, Kurtzman said, "everything was abstract--the check went into the envelope, the stuff went into a box. Now we were meeting the people who were taking the stuff out of the boxes, using their personal resources to spread those bucks so very far."

Past District Governor Jerry Franklin, president and owner of a commercial real estate brokerage and development company, joined the Rotary Club of Warrensburg, Missouri, in 1986. He was honored with both the Distinguished Governor Award and the Global Quest Award for promoting membership growth.

In his remarks, Franklin acknowledged that not everyone understands giving, which he compared to "experiencing Christmas morning every day of the year."

The Franklins participated in an NID in Nigeria and are involved with a camp for disabled children and adults called Camp Wonderland.

A meeting with Dr. Albert Sabin, who developed the oral polio vaccine, led RI Director-elect Frederick Hahn to get involved with Rotary and polio eradication. Hahn, a board-certified ear, nose, and throat specialist, strongly believes in working hard to make the world a better place.

Hahn joined the Rotary Club of Independence, Missouri, in 1973. He and his wife, Marjorie, have traveled to more than 70 countries, including Ethiopia for an NID, Honduras for literacy projects, and India to deliver medical supplies. While in Kolkata, they met Mother Teresa.

"Rotary is probably one of the best organizations to carry all over the world integrity, goodwill, and the concept of peace," said Hahn.

