

Upcoming Programs

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 Freed, Mankato Symphony

January 14: TBD

January 21: Service Above Self banquet

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

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 19, 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
Luke Robinson - President Elect
Wes Taylor - Secretary
Roger Kontak - Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Weiss - Past President
Angi Hiller - Newsletter Editor
Kenny Klooster - Membership
Larissa Mrozek - 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

November 19, 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 led **John Murphy** members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: No visiting Rotarians this meeting.

GUESTS: Guests on November 12th were **Larry Franklin**, a guest of **Gordon Gibbs** and **Jane Deeming**, a guest of **Doug Johnson**.

BIRTHDAYS: No Birthdays this meeting.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – Julie Nelson.

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
- **Parking! December 1 there is NO parking on south side of street!**

PROGRAM: Dr. Ed Harrington and Caroline Harrington - Health Volunteers Overseas.



You really can change the world if you care enough. - Marion Wright Edelman

Diabetes conference first of its kind in Mexico

With diabetes a leading cause of death in Mexico, two Rotary clubs in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, organized a conference to bring together medical professionals from both the United States and Mexico to address the issue.

The Diabetes Conference in San Miguel, held 10-12 April, was Mexico's first-ever bilingual conference on diabetes and the first organized entirely by Rotarians. The village, a popular tourist destination, has a sizable English-speaking population.

More than 200 doctors and health care professionals took part in the event, educating health care providers on better detection and treatment of the disease. At least 300 members of the public attended sessions, conducted in both English and Spanish, raising awareness of diabetes, and ways to prevent its onset. Free diabetes testing and glucose monitoring devices were provided.

William B. Webb, international service director for the co-sponsoring Rotary Club of Tallahassee, Florida, USA, said the conference armed more than 500 villages in the area with knowledge and resources to combat the disease.

The event was paid for with a grant from pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly. The Municipality of San Miguel de Allende also provided financial and logistical support.

"We realized that diabetes, especially here in Guanajuato, is a major health problem," said Salvador Quiroz, an internist at Hospital de la Fe and a member of the San Miguel Allende club, in a press release. "That is why we organized this conference."

The three clubs, along with the Rotary Club of St. Francisville, Louisiana, USA, also secured a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation for a digital camera and laser, which will be donated to the town's general hospital, for the diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy, a common cause of blindness in adults.

Webb chose San Miguel de Allende to partner with for a service project because he had been charmed by the town during a visit years earlier. In 2007, he attended a service projects committee meeting of the San Miguel midday club, and knew he'd discovered the core of a project management team. They chose the topic of diabetes because both clubs had experts on the subject, and it's a leading health concern in the country. Dr. Larry C. Deeb, a Tallahassee club member and pediatric endocrinologist, spoke on the modern management of the disease. He noted that Mexico has one of the highest rates of diabetes in the world. Other experts included Dr. José Ángel Córdova Villalobos, health secretary of Mexico; Dr. James R. Gavin III, an endocrinologist specializing in diabetes and member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta; and Dr. Claudia Karina Anaya, an epidemiologist with the Health Center of San Miguel.



Webb gives much of the credit for organizing the event to the host clubs.

"The Rotarians in San Miguel are the real heroes, in my opinion," he says. "They got it all organized in a remarkably short time."