

Upcoming Programs

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

January 28: 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

Don't forget to sign up
for the Christmas Party!

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

Look for these our web-
site and the
district website



Wednesday, November 26, 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 26, 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 **Nick Meyer** members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: No visiting Rotarians this meeting.

GUESTS: Guests on November 19th were **Eric Plath**, a guest of **Luke Robinson** and **Jane Deeming**, a guest of **Doug Johnson**.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays between November 19th and this meeting are **Roger Kontak**, **Owen Viker**, **Dennis Davito**, **Kurt Fisher** and **Steve Mangskau**.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – Roger Kontak.

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: Liz Brown – Liz shared the history and current status for the Holiday Sharing Tree. The program provides Christmas gifts for more than 2,000 children and adults in Blue Earth and Nicollet counties.

Chicago Rotary club puts its past online

The Rotary Club of Chicago has put 20,000 items from its archives into a new online collection.

The online archives feature photos, correspondence, and other writings from VIP members like Paul Harris, Chesley Perry, and Silvester Schiele; minutes of board of directors meetings dating back to 1920; a scrapbook assembled by Perry; a collection of documents about women of Rotary from 1921 to 1995; and other important records such as bylaws and early newsletters.

Richard McKay, past club president and founding secretary treasurer of the Rotary Global History Fellowship, and his wife gave more than US\$40,000 to launch the project.

"Through working with the Rotary Global History Fellowship, I could see what Rotary historians around the world are doing to preserve Rotary history, and I thought that Rotary One (the Rotary Club of Chicago) should certainly promote its archives too," says McKay.

Past club president David Templin headed the archives project, and consultants Jane Kenamore and Laura Lorenzana were hired to begin electronically archiving the massive collection.

"The Rotary One archives are fantastic," says Kenamore. "The files contain early correspondence of Paul Harris and other leaders of Rotary. They have a tremendous amount of material."

Some of the team's favorite items are correspondence between Perry and Harris about the role of women in Rotary, Perry's letter of resignation, and photos of early members enjoying a belly-dancing performance at a Rotary celebration.

Templin helped publicize the project among club members by making photocopies of some of the interesting finds and passing them out at meetings.

The club introduced the electronic archives at its booth at the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles. Templin says the club plans to continue scanning documents from the collection as they're requested by members and other Rotarians worldwide. Archives visitors can also search through a list of archived materials not yet posted online—including dozens of documents related to other Rotary clubs, such as a letter from a Japanese club in the 1930s and letters from a club in Shanghai in the 1920s.

"We thought this was a great opportunity to give something back, to get 20,000 documents scanned and onto the Internet and make them available to Rotarians and historians worldwide,"



Chicago club members kick back at a weekend retreat at Paw Paw Lake in Michigan, USA, July 1910. *Courtesy of the Rotary Club of Chicago*