

Upcoming Programs

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 website and the district website



Wednesday, December 10, 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

December 10th, 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 **Tami Reuter** members in reciting the Four-Way test.

VISITING ROTARIANS: No visiting Rotarians this meeting.

GUESTS: Guests on December 3rd were **Mary Bode** a guest of **Gordon Gibbs**.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays between December 3rd were **Jeff Juni**, a guest of **Wes Taylor** and **Sheldon Rudd**.

MAKE DREAMS REAL – Laura Bowman.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Happy Dollars donated to the **Salvation Army**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- DVDs for Veterans
- Polio Plus
- Winter Parking
 - Service Above Self Luncheon
 - January 21, 2009
 - Nominations are to be sent to Gordon Gibbs
 - Bring old Rotary magazines for distribution at the luncheon
 - Holiday Tree – Volunteer and contribute!
 - Bell Ringing – Sign up! Contact Dennis Davito
 - Christmas Party - December 17
- Makeups! Please report makeups to Roger Kontak

PROGRAM: Senator **Kathy Sheran**

Father-daughter team makes peace a family affair



Before departing for Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, Brian Farr poses with his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. The club nominated both to pursue peace studies. *Photo courtesy of Brian Farr*

Brian Farr expected to hear inspiring speakers at the Rotary World Peace Symposium last year in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA -- among them, his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, who was delivering the invocation. What he didn't expect was to be so motivated by what he heard that he would enroll in a peace studies program himself. In April, Farr, assistant attorney general for the State of Utah, graduated from the three-month peace and conflict studies program at the Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

He credits Past RI President Charles C. Keller's "visionary" speech for providing the key inspiration. Keller talked of the need to seek more peaceful means of conflict resolution and "emphasized that peace-building is not a spectator sport," Farr says.

Neither he nor his daughter could be accused of standing on the sidelines as far as peace is concerned. They helped build international goodwill before the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and worked on developing the Global Mediation Project, a component of the city's future vision.

"It's been fun to see how our lives continue to cross paths in our work," says Jana, who will graduate from the University of Bradford in December. "Our conversations have become richer during my study in England and his in Thailand. We enjoyed bouncing ideas off each other."

Spending time with Rotarians has been a highlight of Jana's experience, just as it was for her father during the 2007 RI Convention. "It was that international spirit of Rotary that pulled me toward Chulalongkorn nearly as much as Keller's speech," he says.

The father-daughter team is exploring how best to use a combined body of knowledge and passion to meaningfully contribute to building peace. "And we're also looking forward to continued interactions with Rotary," Jana says.