

Upcoming Programs

Dec. 30: Cindy Chadwick—Living at Home/
Block Nurse

Jan. 6: Wilcon Construction—Bill Freitag

Jan. 13: Elder Abuse—Robert Chesley

Jan. 20: Service Above Self Banquet—Best
Western

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



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Log on to our website and look to the lower left of our home page for the "Rotary Club One" icon shown above.

You may contribute to the on-line club if you desire.



Wednesday, December 30, 2009

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 2009-2010

CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Luke Robinson - President
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Jim Santori - Programs
Asst. District Governor—John Murphy

MANKATO ROTARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 23, 2009
Old Main Village
Mankato, MN

WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by Luke Robinson. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Gordon Gibbs gave the invocation. Luke Robinson led members in reciting the Four-Way test.

GUESTS: There were no guests at the meeting today.

VISITING ROTARIANS: There were no visiting Rotarians at the meeting today.

BIRTHDAYS: There were no birthdays this week.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Service Above Self banquet will take place on January 20 at the Best Western. Check with Gordon Gibbs regarding availability of cards. A sign-up sheet was distributed for the banquet.

PROGRAM:

Nick Meyer gave a program about the Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union. The Credit Union is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Thanks to everyone who helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army, and thanks to all who helped make the Christmas Party a success on December 16.



*Happy New Year to Rotarians,
friends, and family. May 2010
be a year of joy and prosperity
for all.*

Concert raises awareness, funds for polio eradication

By Antoinette Tuscano
Rotary International News -- 3 December 2009



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. (left) presents an award to violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in appreciation of his help in fighting polio during a reception following the 2 December concert. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman played to a sold-out audience in New York City's Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts on 2 December, during a benefit concert to raise money and awareness for Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. Perlman received several standing ovations during the fundraiser, a benefit concert for polio. The organization joined with Perlman and the world-renowned New York Philharmonic for the first time to present the event.

"The concert was very uplifting," said Charles Murphy, governor-elect of District 7950 (parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire). Murphy works with people with disabilities, and one of his best friends has survived polio. "I have a vision of polio ending." The polio eradication effort resonates strongly with Perlman, who contracted the disease at age four and overcame physical challenges to become one of the world's most celebrated musicians, winning 15 Grammy Awards as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. presented Perlman with an award for his help in fighting polio during a reception after the concert. "There's no reason anyone should get this disease," said Perlman.

The polio eradication campaign received more good news this week with the announcement that Rotary has surpassed the halfway mark in its effort to raise [US\\$200 million to match \\$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). Rotarians, many of whom traveled from great distances to attend the historic event, deemed the concert a success. Ann Lee Hussey, Murphy's friend and a district governor-elect, said the event really helped raise awareness about polio. Hussey, a member of the Rotary Club of Casco Bay-Sunrise (Portland Area), Maine, is chair of the Rotarian Action Group for [Polio Survivors and Associates](#). A polio survivor herself, she remembers when people with the disease were shunned, and survivors didn't want to talk about it for fear of standing out. But Hussey says she encourages polio survivors to share their story with Rotary clubs and others, because it helps motivate Rotarians to continue the push to end the disease. "It will be such a relief when polio is gone," she said. *Go to www.rotary.org for the full article and more information.*