



# The Paddlewheel

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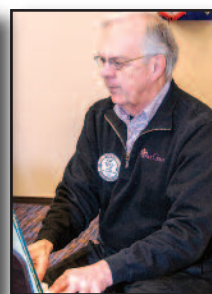
*The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Wednesday of each month.*

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**Other F-M Rotary Clubs**  
Monday: Fargo West  
Noon, Holiday Inn  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: PM/FM  
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub  
Wednesday: Fargo  
Noon, Radisson  
Thursday: AM/FM  
7 a.m., Ramada Plaza

*If you attend meetings of any of these clubs, just check in. We have a reciprocal agreement.*

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**Feb. 26**

## Moorhead Rotary's Gary & Cindy Nolte recount experiences on Haiti missions

Tuesday began with a rousing "Happy Birthday" to members born this month as Moorhead Rotary members prepared to say goodbye to the shortest — yet seemingly longest — month.

Several announcements kicked off the meeting. Registration is now open for the District Conference in Bemidji April 24–27. Another sales pitch was made for our remaining 21 March Madness raffle tickets, with proceeds to retired the debt on the Field of Dreams. Teresa Norwig repeated her request for a host family to step forward for the third leg of foreign exchange student Tasha Fiscarina's stay in Moorhead, whom she describes as "sunny, quiet and pleasant." And Dale Hetland once again had the Peace Coin.

## 'News of the Weird' from Eric Wilkie

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie shared a bracing selection of "news of the weird." One focused on an oven that shot its owner; he'd stored his Glock revolver there and forgot to remove it before preheating the oven. He also shared a



*Photos: (Upper left) Violet Deilke sells Bill Kraft raffle tickets. Once again, though, no one took home the prize; the pot is \$684 next week. (Other photos) Steve Schaefer & Jerry Luther. Vern Goodin. Don Myrvik. President Kay Parries. Rotarians Gary and Cindy Nolte, who reported on their travels to Haiti.*

scientific study that reports that flatulence when flying is good for you.

## Fines and Happy Dollars

Members shared happy moments and paid their fines as Happy Dollars were collected. Noah Fisher paid the price for it being his birthday ... and his being over 36. The Rotary-pin-less were fined. Eric and his wife are expecting, and Gary Nolte announced their granddaughter is in the new Tom Sawyer play at Moorhead High School.

## Member Applications: Ron Hagemann & Barb Elstrom



*Bill Woods & Ron Hagemann*

The board has approved the applications for membership of Ron Hagemann of Moorhead, sponsored by Bill Woods, and Barb Elstrom, sponsored by Dale Hetland.

Ron is a retired educator (history) who is also a volunteer tour guide at the Hjemkomst Heritage Center and the Comstock House in Moorhead. Barb is vice president for human resources for the YMCA of Cass Clay Counties.

If no objection is made to club Secretary Vern Goodin within the next two weeks, they will be invited to join the club.

## Guests

Ron Hagemann, Moorhead  
(prospective member)  
Rick Jones, Minot — Dakota  
Boys and Girls Ranch  
Tasha Fiscarina — Rotary  
Exchange Student,  
Moorhead

## Make-Ups

Roland Barden, Maricopa (AZ)  
Rotary Club, 02/09 and  
02/26/13  
Gary Nolte, District Conference  
Planning, 02/21/13  
Gary Nolte, Recital With a  
Cause Committee Mtg,  
02/22/13  
Gary Nolte, Fargo West Rotary  
Club, 02/25/13  
Eric Wilkie at Fargo Rotary,  
02/20/13  
Paul Suomala, Noel Moore,  
Steve Schaefer, and Vern  
Goodin for 4-way Test Essay  
Competition, 02/26/13

## Club Statistics, 01/2013

Attendance	67.54%
Membership	67

## February Birthdays

Suomala, Paul	Feb 1
Beaton, Timothy	Feb 17
Elmer, Corey	Feb 23
Sederquist, David	Feb 23
Johnson, Eric	Feb 28

## Spouse Birthdays

Uelman, David	Feb 02
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## February Membership Anniversaries

Cater, Alma	25 years
Feb 02, 1988	
Elmer, Corey	10 years
Feb 11, 2003	
Luther, Jerry	11 years
Feb 12, 2002	
Schmidt, Beth	6 years
Feb 13, 2007	
Moore, Noel	14 years
Feb 23, 1999	
Richards, Roger	32 years
Feb 24, 1981	



## Noltes tell of their experiences on Rotary & church missions to storm-ravaged Haiti

Photos (from left): Newzad Brifki & Don Meidinger; Bill Craft; Warren Wenner & Jon Benson.

Gary and Cindy Nolte have been in the "mission" business since 2003, when they went to Haiti for the first time on a medical mission sponsored by their church, Trinity Lutheran of Moorhead. Gary has been on seven trips and Cindy, six. They were on their way in 2012 when their group was forced to turn back because of another earthquake there.

Their groups have been working Pignon, a village 40 miles from Port au Prince, landing at the Rotary International Airport in Pignon — built by Rotarians.

They and fellow volunteers from both their church and Rotary International have performed a variety of tasks requested by people of the village. They've refurbished a school and given it a roof, built a basketball court and provided clean water for the community, among other projects. With physicians and nurses in their party, they have also provided medical relief in two donated surgical suites.

All projects are taken on at the request of

Haitians. Gary explained that otherwise, even well-meaning projects won't be used. He cited a large sun oven that has sat unused among the trees, since the residents don't understand how to use it.

The Noltes shared images of the area they visit, with its scenery, people, the camp where they stay and the Baptist church around which their projects are center. To attend the school, children need sponsors to help with expenses, including uniforms and other fees. In an area with, at best, four hours of electricity a day, the needs are great and the means are scant.

But, they said, there is progress. Though many still live in tent cities, a good hospital has been developed, some roads have been paved, and water projects have brought clean water. Gary predicts that self-sufficiency may still be a generation away.

President Kay Parries praised Gary and Cindy for being great representatives of the very best of what Rotary stands for.

## Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Moorhead Rotary Meetings

### March 5

Travel Drawing  
Program

Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — Steve Schaefer  
Raffle drawing for Alaskan cruise, all-time favorite trip  
Mark Tysver & Dale Rollie, Land of the Dancing Sky  
Area Agency on Aging serving Clay County  
Frost & Uelman

### March 12

Program  
Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — Alma Cater  
Daryl One, F-M Symphony guest conductor & candidate  
Green & Wahlberg

### March 19

Program  
Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — volunteer needed  
Marv Degerness presentation  
Hamilton & Wai