



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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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.

Moorhead Rotary

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March travel winners announced; Rollie explains Community Action senior services

Vern Goodin led Moorhead Rotary in his favorite song, "This Is Rotary," as President Kay Parries opened Tuesday's meeting ... featuring the monthly drawing for prizes in our Travel Raffle.

Familiar names are winners in travel drawing

Committee members Alma Cater and George Davis announced that the winner of the year's most popular trip, the Alaskan cruise, is Linda Davis. No, not *that* Linda Davis (George's wife)! An Oxbow, N.D., woman of the same name purchased her winning ticket from Violet Deilke.

The monthly cash prize of \$200 was won by Jerry Baldwin of Fargo, proving the value of supporting your spouse in her charitable endeavors. He bought his ticket from wife Jill.

And Jerry Rogers was singing much the same tune. The ticket he bought himself delivered the \$100 dining experience at The Speak Easy.

More winning but losing

Vern Goodin was a winner, too, in our weekly raffle to draw a lucky ticket for the ever-growing club kitty ... now \$765. He could have won half of that cash (with the balance going to the club), had he drawn the lucky Eight of Diamonds. But he didn't.

Volunteers are needed!

After thanking members who bought tickets in



Photos: (Upper left) Neil Qualley, Jon Benson & Eric Johnson.

President Kay Parries. The travel raffle cros—Alma Cater & George Davis; drummer Dave Sederquist. (Above) Dale Rollie of Lakes & Prairies Community Action. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett.

the March Madness raffle sponsored by all five local Rotary Clubs, President Kay introduced two calls for volunteers. A helper is needed to man the Rotary booth at MSUM's Volunteer Fair on the morning of April 18. Will it be you?

Dale Hetland is looking for someone to replace him in planning Taste of Moorhead, one of our most successful fund-raisers. He is retiring from the project, but will be happy to help train the new committee head.

Member Applications: Ron Hagemann & Barb Elstrom

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

Christopher Birch-Jensen,
Concordia, guest of John
Andreassen

Make-Ups

Gary Nolte & Warren Wenner,
PETS training, 3/05/13
Eric Wilkie, Fargo West Rotary,
3/04/13
Noah Fischer & Violet Deilke,
STRIVE committee, 3/5/13

Club Statistics, 01/2013

Attendance 67.54%
Membership 67

March Birthdays

Swenson, Robert	Mar 7
Rogers, Jerry	Mar 13
Wilkie, Eric	Mar 13
Holtan, Paul	Mar 14
Hulett, Michael	Mar 17
Ackerman, Stacey	Mar 20
Goodin, Vern	Mar 21

Spouse Birthdays

Johnson, Kirsten (Eric) Mar 4

March Membership Anniversaries

Wai, Samuel	12 years
Mar 01, 2001	
Wenner, Warren	2 years
Mar 15, 2011	
Goodin, Vern	17 years
Mar 26, 1996	



Read your 'Rotarian'

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett urged members to read the March issue of The Rotarian, especially the article "The Joy of Reading." He also drew attention to the magazine's ad for Gravity-Defying Shoes with "twin stabilizers" and an air-circulating system.

Clay County Seniors help elderly live independently with dignity

Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer introduced Dale Rollie, program director of . It's a program of the Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership.

Clay County Seniors provides information, assistance and referral services to help senior citizens maintain their independence as long as possible, living happy, productive lives with dignity. Its services include health information, education, income maintenance, referrals, recreational and social activities.

The program provides a free tax preparation service for seniors. To qualify, clients must reside in Minnesota, meet income guidelines (\$50,000 per family or \$30,000 for

Photos (from left): Kay, Jean Hannig & Teresa Joppa (taking notes for the Paddlewheel). Song leader Vern Goodin. Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer.

individuals), and not be operating a small business or working as an independent contractor.

Lakes and Prairie, he said, is sponsoring a summer project in which young people will be hired to do construction and remodeling for senior citizens. They'll work out of Hawley. One hundred work requests have been received for their session July 14-20 — especially for ramps to make homes accessible.

The agency also sponsors senior meals in congregate settings like the Hjemkomst and Carriage House.

Dale does a lot of counseling on Medicare coverage and Parts A, B and D plans via the Senior Linkage telephone hotline. For more information, he pointed us to the website www.lakesandprairies.net.

To a round of applause, Mike Hulett thanked Dale for his work "helping people his whole life."

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Moorhead Rotary Meetings

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, "American Traditions of Baseball:
Casey at the Bat"
Hamilton & Wai

March 26

Program
Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — Russ Hanson
Mark Boen, Bluebird Gardens CSA, serving 2,000+
families with weekly boxes of his fresh produce.
Hanna & Wenner

This letter to district governors was forwarded to our club by Governor Donald Cavalier at the request of Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

A Perspective on Media Coverage about New Allies in the Fight Against Polio

By now, many Rotarians and friends of Rotary have read the February 28th edition of The Wall Street Journal, which includes a news report as well as an op-ed column about New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's decision to donate US\$100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative through his charitable foundation.

It's great to have such leaders join our fight. As we all know, over the last three decades, Rotarians have contributed more than \$1.2 billion and countless hours to end this scourge. As advocates and fund-raisers in this cause, we welcome help from all who share our vision, and we thank Mayor Bloomberg for stepping forward. In fact, on behalf of all Rotarians, Dr. Robert S. Scott, chair of our International PolioPlus Committee, publicly thanked the Mayor as soon as the announcement was made last Friday. At this critical time in the battle, we want and need to encourage other philanthropists and business leaders to join us.

In addition to the Bloomberg donation, the WSJ coverage describes philanthropist Bill Gates' commitment to polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed more than \$1.5 billion to fight polio, including the \$355 million challenge grant to Rotarians, who successfully raised more than \$228 million by early 2012. You'll recall that the Gates Foundation was so impressed by our success that they quickly added another \$50 million.

When supporters such as Mr. Gates and Mayor Bloomberg join ranks with Rotary for a cause as important as the eradication of polio, it demonstrates the immense contribution the private sector can make in addressing the world's most pressing needs.

Again, we want and need to encourage philanthropists and business leaders to generously step forward. To achieve this objective, however, we must remember that the world is watching how Rotarians respond when such announcements make the news.

I understand that we may not always like how the media tell the story. However, I believe that we can all agree that announcements such as the Bloomberg donation are urgently needed if we are to win the battle against polio. Let's all remember that polio, after all, is our common enemy. We are in this battle to beat polio once and for all. In short, it is not helpful when we criticize our partners or allies, or even the very media upon whom we rely to carry our message.

Ultimately, history will tell the whole story of how polio was eliminated from the human experience. And, we can be confident that the role of Rotary will not be missed or dismissed. In fact, over the past 18 months, we have greatly increased our PR outreach, and we are seeing significant results. For proof, we need only remember some of the most recent coverage from the world's major media: a cover story in the international edition of TIME Magazine, a full page in Discover Magazine, a first-person column in the New York Times India web site, and major stories on national networks in Taiwan and Korea. And, let's keep in mind that all of these news reports are just since the start of 2013.

Another thing to keep in mind is that we can and must be confident in our partners and allies. Mr. Gates has repeatedly given credit to our hard work and leadership. As but one of many examples, consider that on the evening of the Bloomberg announcement,

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Mr. Gates and Mayor Bloomberg appeared on the popular Charlie Rose television talk show in the United States. During the program, Mr. Gates praised Rotary's leadership in polio eradication: "They've been involved from the very beginning," he said. "We wouldn't be anywhere near where we are without Rotary's key partnership."

I hope you will agree that the quote from Mr. Gates says everything.

As Rotarians, let's welcome announcements of new partners and allies with a spirit of generosity and gratitude. I would deeply appreciate it if you, as District Governor, would share this perspective with your clubs. Ultimately, it is in the best interest of every Rotarian – and all who share our passion to end polio forever – to encourage and welcome more organizations like the Gates Foundation and more individuals like Mayor Bloomberg.

Sincerely,

John Hewko
General Secretary
Rotary International