



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
District 5580

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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/PM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Wednesday: Fargo
Noon, Radisson
Thursday: AM/PM
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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Speaker Mark Boen says much more goes into premium veggies than soil & water

Moorhead Rotarians were finally bathed in spring sunshine as they gathered Tuesday at the Courtyard by Marriott for their weekly meeting, with Kay Parries presiding.

Rotarian Bill Schwandt led us in "Happy Birthday" for the seven members who celebrated their increasing age in March, along with "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

Support Rotary's polio campaign next week

Gary Nolte points out that next week is a great time to support Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign.

Our third annual Recital for a Cause — co-sponsored this year with the other four F-M Rotary groups — is April 4 at First Lutheran



Photos: Bill Schwandt leads a chorus of "R-O-T-A-R-Y." President Kay Parries. Jason Davis. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Speaker Mark Boen of Bluebird Gardens with Don Myrvik behind tomato.

Church. It features some of the most outstanding young musicians in the region. Instead of selling tickets to raise funds for the eradication of polio, admission is free ... with a free-will offering taken among the audience.

Gary also notes that Rotarians who donate to "End Polio Now" next week will receive points matching the donation, doubling your money.

Randy is still looking for students for RYLA

Randy Farwell says that the club is still looking for students for District 5580's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

The young people who are selected will receive all-expense-paid trips to Camp RYLA in July, a week of intense leadership training. Campers—also referred to as RYLarians—learn about what it takes to be an effective leader.

*Have you registered yet for the District Conference in Bemidji?
Go online to <http://www.bemidji2013.com/> to make arrangements.*

Member Application: Dale Stenerson

The board has approved the application for membership of Dale Stenerson of Moorhead, sponsored by John Andreasen.



John Andreasen & Dale Stenerson

Ron is a retired farmer; his category is Ag Business.

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



Guests

Mark Boen, Bluebird Gardens CSA, speaker
Dale Stenerson, prospective member
Chad Hansen, Moorhead, guest of Eric Johnson

Last week:

Dale Stenerson, Moorhead, prospective member
Marv Degerness, Moorhead, program
Barb Elstrom, FM YMCA, and Ron Hagemann, Moorhead, new members

Make-Ups

Roland Barden, Rotary of Maricopa, AZ, 3/05 & 3/19
Jean Hannig, FM/AM Rotary, 3/7
Teresa Joppa, Duluth Rotary Club, 3/14
Russ Hanson, Rotary rep to Bremer Foundation presentation for Rotary English Language project, 3/16
Russ Hanson, Sam Wai, and Gary Nolte, Recital For A Cause mmtg, 3/19
Vern Goodin, presentation to Mhd Parks Board re: Rotary Peace Pole, 3/19
Gary Nolte, District Conference committee mtng, 3/21
Eric Wilkie, Fargo West Rotary, 3/25
Tim Beaton, Fargo PM Rotary, 3/19

Club Statistics, 02/2013

Attendance 52.59%
Membership 67
(1 new member added this month and 1 departure)

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	



Mark Boen's veggies flourish with his care

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced Mark Boen, who operates Bluebird Gardens near Fergus Falls. The CSA (community-supported agriculture) has been providing weekly shipments of locally grown organic produce to subscribers since 2010. His customer base has grown from 454 to more than 2,000 this year.

During his 34 years as a teacher, his passion was teaching third graders succeed at reading and writing. He won many awards, including WalMart's National Teacher of the Year.

Mark's current passion has turned to raising and sharing nutritionally dense foods. Accompanied by a huge, vigorous tomato plant, he spoke of his love of the land and being a vegetable farmer. He and his wife sold their produce at stands in Fergus Falls and the F-M area for 30 years before switching to the CSA approach upon his (first) retirement.

Building up the soil is the key, he said, to raising crops of top-quality vegetables, including many varieties that aren't generally considered suited to our area.

It's not the climate that makes many of them strangers to local gardeners; instead, he said, it's the soil and its complex nutrients. He described the 60 — yes, 60 — important elements that must be in balance in the soil for his crops to flourish.

Raffle kitty grows unabated

The club raffle kitty is taking on serious dimensions. The total reached \$900 this week. Members purchase tickets at each meeting. One is selected, and that person gets to draw from a deck of cards. If he or she wins, the prize is half the pot, with the balance going to the club.

Randy Farwell was lucky enough to have his ticket chosen ... but not lucky enough to draw the eight of diamonds. The deck is down to fewer than 30 cards, and the odds are getting better every week.

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Rotary Meetings

April 2

Program

Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — Mike Hulett

Randy Wimmer of Fargo, "40th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War. Randy is a former B-52 navigator who served there..
Hannaher & Wilkie

April 9

Program

Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — Alma Cater

Lynn Sperial, chief development officer, American Red Cross Minnkota Chapter, "Red Cross Ready." (Lynn is also president of Fargo Rotary.)
Hannig & Woods

April 16

Program

Greeters

Rotarian of the Day — Sam Wai

Final candidate for F-M Symphony conductor post
Ackerman & Hintermeyer