



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Other F-M Rotary Clubs

Monday: FM/PM Rotary 5:30 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Monday: Fargo West Rotary Noon, Holiday Inn
Wednesday: Fargo Rotary Noon, Radisson
Thursday: FM/AM Rotary 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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Tuesday's program: Our foreign exchange student, Eric Andersson, is wrapping up his year in Fargo-Moorhead. Today he'll share more about his experiences here and his "real" life in Sweden. Noel Moore and Newzad Brifki are greeters, and Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms.

Swedish guests visit while Rotarian Newzad Brifki recounts relief mission

Moorhead Rotary's meeting on April 14 had a decidedly international flavor. Exchange student Eric Andersson's parents, Gert & Marina Andersson of Nyköping, Sweden, were the club's guests. Our own Newzad Brifki shared the story of his relief mission to refugee camps in Kurdistan, the region of Iraq from which he emigrated to the United States in 1992.

In honor of the global theme, Vern Goodin led the club in a rendition of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

April winners of travel raffle unveiled

Travel Raffle chair Violet Deilke and member Alma Cater made the day's big announcement — winners of the April prizes. Mike Hulett sold a lucky ticket to his brother David Hulett, who lives in Florida; it will carry him on the first-prize trip to New York City.

Greg Johnson's wife Kelley won second prize of \$200. Judy Videen receives the \$100 dining certificate for Usher's House; Josh Frost sold her ticket. The year's final winners will be announced on May 5.



Photos: Interim president Cindy Nolte with FES Eric Andersson & his parents, Marina & Gert, who are visiting from Sweden. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Travel raffle committee members Violet Deilke & Alma Cater announce April's winners to the cadence of a drum roll by Dave Sederquist. Newzad Brifki poses with children from a refugee camp he visited in December.



Three of the four Moorhead students who participated in Moorhead Rotary's STRIVE this year: Sam Wallert, Cheyanne Underdahl & Josephine Agyeiwaa. Sam & Josephine each received a \$500 scholarship to the college or tech school of their choice.

Guests, April 7

DeAnn Lien & Dan Eggiman, guests of Corey Elmer
 Newzad Brifki, speaker
 Dan Guyla, prospective member
 Eric Andersson, FES
 Gert & Marina Andersson, Eric's parents from Sweden

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Riley, past district governor
 David Manning, FM/AM Rotary

Make-Ups

Eric Wilkie, Fargo West, 4-06
 Barb Belcher, Riley Rud & Dave Wahlberg, STRIVE

Resignations

Dan Stauffer
 Paul Skatvold

April Birthdays

Leiseth, Robert Apr 29
 Woods, William Apr 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah 4 years
 Apr 14 2011
 Hanson, Russ & Nancy 40 years
 Apr 19 1975

Club Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 23 years
 Apr 01 1992
 Stenerson, Dale 2 years
 Apr 09 2013
 Johnson, Gregory 3 years
 Apr 10 2012
 Matthees, Charles 22 years
 Apr 13 1993
 Ackerman, Stacey 13 years
 Apr 16 2002
 Hetland, Dale 13 years
 Apr 16 2002



Photos: Newzad Brifki shows images from Kurdistan. Cindy & Marina Andersson exchange Rotary flags of Moorhead & Nyköping clubs.

STRIVE winners announced

Four Moorhead High students completed the STRIVE program this year. Sam Wallert and Josephine Agyeiwaa will receive \$500 scholarships to the college or tech school of their choice. Committee chair Barb Belcher promised more information on the Children's Legacy Foundation in coming weeks. Cindy thanked her and committee members Dave Wahlberg, Riley Rude, Mark Bertilrud and Bob Hanna for their service.

Sergeant at Arms Eric salutes the Swedes

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson offered a special welcome to the Anderssons. Citing his own Swedish roots, he implied he appreciated the reinforcements. He also reviews many good works Swedish Rotary clubs, including Eric's mother's Nyköping Rotary Club, have been involved in.

Happy dollars flowed, including the sergeant's "10 kroner" in honor of his genetic countrymen and Jean Hannig's saluting the reunion of parents and their only son who's been abroad

since September. Others honored the MHS speech students' success along with the Spuds, the engagement of Kay Parries's daughter, Vern Goodin's newborn grandnephew, and Alma Cater and Country Greenery, who provided Easter flowers.

Newzad describes relief trip to Kurdistan

Rotarian Newzad Brifki spent much of December and January in Kurdistan. He brought supplies, encouragement and hope to residents of two of the 12 refugee camps that house Kurds driven from their homes by conflict in the failed state of Iraq. He displayed a photo of his own family from 1992, when they too were living in a refugee camp.

Funds for the aid he and colleagues distributed came from several charities and individuals. He funded his own travel and expenses to the chaotic area. "I hope the children we visited will remember this help, as I did," he reflected. "Perhaps someday it will inspire them, too, to become humanitarians and to help others — instead of becoming terrorists."

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, April 14

Sergeant at Arms & ROD:J Hannig
 Programs:.....FES Eric Andersson
 Greeters:.....N Brifki & N Moore

Thursday, April 16: Taste of Moorhead
 6 p.m. at Heritage Hjemkomst Center

Tuesday, April 21

Sergeant at Arms:D Sederquist
 ROD:Russ Hanson
 Program:Mark Piehl, "Old Georgetown Transition Crossroads to Clay County"
 Greeters:A Cater & T Moorhead

Tuesday, April 28

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
 ROD:G Johnson
 Program: Matt Stenehjelm, Bell State Bank, "Bank fraud, credit card fraud & scams"
 Greeters:W Craft & K Parries

Tuesday, May 5

May Travel Drawing — Washington, D.C.
 Sergeant at Arms.....Mike Hulett
 ROD.....Russ Hanson
 Program.....Brad Grondahl, Hearing Services, "Can You Really Hear?"
 Greeters.....Davidson & Qualey

Tuesday, May 12

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 ProgramPast District Gov. Tom Riley discusses his Australian sailing adventure
 GreetersDavis & Riewer

Tuesday, May 17

Sergeant at Arms.....Jean Hannig
 Program....Ruth Denton-Graber, Prairie St. John's counselor in depression, substance abuse & relationships
 Greeters.....Deilke & Rogers