



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
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: FM/AM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Wednesday: Fargo
Noon, Radisson
Thursday: FM/AM
7 a.m., Ramada Plaza

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

Moorhead Rotary
P.O. Box 72
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US Attorney tells story of epic battle against sales of heroin & other drugs

Moorhead Rotarians opened Tuesday's meeting with a tick-tocking rendition of "Grandfather's Clock," led by Bill Schwandt and accompanied by pianist Sharon Fangsrud. It was a timely meeting all around — with updates on two of the biggest events on the Rotary calendar, our Taste of Moorhead fund raiser on May 1 and the District 5580 conference May 8–10.



Photos: Bill Schwandt & President Cindy Nolte. ADG Herb Schmidt & Kay Parries. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Gary Nolte with Taste tickets. Chris Myers, US Attorney's Office for North Dakota.

'Taste of Moorhead' tickets distributed

Gary Nolte distributed books of tickets for the club's 17th "Taste of Moorhead" dinner and fund raiser, which comes up Thursday, May 1 at the Hjemkomst Center.

Each member receives six tickets, for which he or she will be billed \$100 with dues. You can choose either sell your tickets or pass them out to your friends..

We need silent auction donations! If you can contribute, talk to Dale Hetland.

The evening begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Moorhead High School speech students will also perform.

Our program, too, was eerily well-timed, focusing on federal law enforcement's battle against heroin and other illegal drugs ... just two days before the largest heroin bust in Minnesota history last Thursday.

Conference registration deadline extended

District 5580 conference co-chair George Davis shared good news for those who have been meaning to sign up for the convention ... but haven't. The deadline, originally Tuesday, has been extended until May 3.

Register online at www.Fargo2014.com or by printing and mailing the registration form attached to this issue of the Paddlewheel.

George stressed the importance of completing the process as soon as you can: "It's very important to have a good Fargo-Moorhead representation ... and we need a head count for meals!" Attend whatever you wish — one session, a couple or every single moment.

"With the conference here at home, it will definitely cost you less than a trip to Thunder Bay or Williston or Dickinson," he pointed out.



Step up for the District Conference!
Registration deadline is May 3.

District 5580
Conference
Fargo Holiday Inn
May 8–10

www.Fargo2014.com

April 15, 2014

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, April 22

Sergeant at Arms G Monson
 4-Way Test S Schaefer
 RDO Russ Hanson
 Program Sam Wai on Rotary's
 Recital With a Cause 2014
 Greeters B Donabauer
 & N Qualey

Tuesday, April 29

Sergeant at Arms E Johnson
 ROD: Holly Miller
 Program Carl Peterson & Jason
 Miller, Peterson Farm Seed.
 Greeters P Dovre & D Stenerson

Tuesday, May 6

Meet at **MOORHEAD WATER PLANT**

Sergeant at Arms Bill Schwandt
 ROD: Holly Miller
 Program Mhd. Water Plant tour
 Greeters C Elmer & P Suomala

May 8-10

Rotary District 5580 District Conference,

Guests

Chris Myers, US Attorney's Office, speaker
 Jonathan Junge, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Herb Schmidt, FM/AM Rotary, ADG

Make-ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Jean Hannig — presidents meeting, FM Foundation, & Red Cross meeting for charities, 4/11 & 4/15
 Board of directors, monthly meeting, 4/09
 Gary, Cindy, George Davis, Russ Hanson, Ron Hagemann — district conference planning committee, 4/10

April Birthdays

Leiseth, Robert 4/29
 Woods, William 4/30

Club Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 22 years
 Apr 1, 1992
 Stenerson, Dale 1 Year
 Apr 9, 2013
 Johnson, Gregory 2 years
 Apr 10, 2012
 Matthees, Charles 21 years
 Apr 13, 1993
 Ackerman, Stacey 12 years
 Apr 16, 2002
 Hetland, Dale 12 years
 Apr 16, 2002



Rotary's tradition of supporting youth

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett talked about Rotary clubs' long dedication to supporting youth projects with efforts like ours. Citing *The Rotarian*, he mentioned other clubs' efforts, including the Lawton, Okla., group that has been doing so for 94 years ... and set a new record this year.

Battling heroin & synthetic drugs

Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduced Chris Myers, first assistant U.S. attorney for the District of North Dakota. Myers was a narcotics agent for the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation before completing law school at Drake University. He worked with the Cass County Attorney and served as chief assistant Clay County attorney before joining the US Attorney's office 12 years ago.

Along with national security, kidnappings, bank robberies and crimes on North Dakota's four Indian reservations, Myers said one of his office's biggest responsibilities is prosecuting large-scale drug cases. The office takes pride in its relationship with area law enforcement. "You might be surprised by

how much and how often we all work together."

Chris said the focus of drug law enforcement has shifted since he began working in the area nearly 20 years ago.

"Methamphetamine is the drug of choice," he said, "and you'd be amazed at the money dealers make selling it." He noted another big trend toward abuse of opiates like hydrocodone and oxycodone. Young people, he said, seem to regard them as being somehow OK because "it's just pain medication." The addiction potential is huge.

Heroin use is exploding, he said, because it is far cheaper than the prescription pills and more available here and all over the region.

Myers also noted the growing issue of synthetic or analog drugs. "Kids have no idea what they're taking," he said. The consequences can be deadly, as in the 2012 case of two "good, educated, normal kids" from Grand Forks who were dead within minutes of taking one. "Most of the kids I see every day have no clue about the deadly dangerous drugs out there," he told us.

Why Am I a Rotarian ... by Jon Benson

For me it starts with Olaf Cartford saying "we can do more."

I joined Rotary many years ago at the invite of Stacey Ackerman who asked if I wanted to have lunch with some great local leaders. Walking into that room and seeing all of the familiar faces that I have been blessed to know throughout my life, I knew that this was an organization that I had to be a part of.

The individual character and conviction within the club and the gracious community and international service that followed has only served to reassure me that I was in the right place. We are not content with the status quo or the accomplishment of the past; we are proactively moving forward, engaging others and touching lives in immeasurable ways.

I have witnessed the profound impact and have been graciously associated with efforts of Moorhead Rotary and the good deeds we do for those in need. We are truly living our Rotary mission and vision in remarkable ways but in the true essence of service above self, I will always here a voice, "we can do more."

'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Anne Blackhurst	due April 22
Alma Cater	due April 29
William Craft	due May 6
Bryan Davidson	due May 13
George Davis	due May 20
Brad Donabauer	due May 27
Paul Dovre	due June 3

Please mail your comments to nancy@hansonphoto.com

ROTARY DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE

May 8-10, 2014

Holiday Inn and Convention Center
3803 13th Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58103



Hotel and On-Line Registration Information:
Visit www.fargo2014.com

Rotarian Name (as you want it to appear on your badge): _____

Rotary Club Name: _____ City: _____

Rotarians Only: Check here if this is your **FIRST** District Conference.

Guest Name: (as you want it to appear on your badge)

Note: GUEST option is only available to NON-ROTARIANS who accompany a ROTARIAN.

Rotarian's Contact Information:

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Country _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Daytime Phone () _____ - _____ Email: _____

2013-2014 Officer Information (please check):

DG DGE DGN ADG Other District Office (please specify): _____

Check if you are: 2013-14 Club President 2014-15 Club President



REGISTRATION FEES (US FUNDS)

All events are at Holiday Inn unless otherwise noted.

CHECK THE DESIRED PACKAGE TYPE(S)

PRICE

INCLUDES

_____ **FULL** ROTARIAN PACKAGE

\$300

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY – May 8, 9, 10:

All programming including speakers and entertainment, **THURSDAY** Evening Ice Breaker, **FRIDAY** Lunch, **FRIDAY** Dinner, **SATURDAY** Lunch and **SATURDAY** Gala Banquet, all breaks and materials.

_____ **FULL** GUEST PACKAGE
(Non-Rotarian)

\$150

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY – May 8, 9, 10:

THURSDAY Evening Ice Breaker, **FRIDAY** Lunch and Dinner, **SATURDAY** Lunch, **SATURDAY** Gala Banquet and **GUEST TOUR**.

_____ **FIRST DAY** ROTARIAN PACKAGE

\$150

THURSDAY and FRIDAY – May 8 and 9:

THURSDAY Evening Ice Breaker, **FRIDAY** programming, including speakers and entertainment, **FRIDAY** Lunch, **FRIDAY** Dinner, all **FRIDAY** breaks and materials.

_____ **FIRST DAY** GUEST PACKAGE

\$ 75

THURSDAY and FRIDAY – May 8 and 9:

THURSDAY Evening Ice Breaker, **FRIDAY** Lunch and **FRIDAY** Dinner and **GUEST TOUR**.

_____ **SECOND DAY ROTARIAN PACKAGE** \$150

THURSDAY and SATURDAY – May 8 and 10:
THURSDAY evening Ice Breaker, **SATURDAY** programming, **SATURDAY** Lunch, **SATURDAY** Gala Banquet, all **SATURDAY** breaks and materials.

_____ **SECOND DAY GUEST PACKAGE** \$ 75

THURSDAY and SATURDAY, May 8 and 10:
THURSDAY Evening Ice Breaker, **SATURDAY** Lunch, **SATURDAY** Gala Banquet.

_____ **PROGRAM ONLY ROTARIAN PACKAGE** \$150

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, May 8, 9, 10:
THURSDAY Evening Ice Breaker, all programming and materials only. **NO FRIDAY or SATURDAY MEALS INCLUDED.**

OPTIONAL

_____ **THURSDAY, May 8, 2014(1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.)**
(Qualifies Club to participate in 2014-2015 District Grants Program)

GRANT MANAGEMENT No Charge SEMINAR

SATURDAY, May 10, 2014 (7:30 A.M.) **PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST** # ___ @ \$15 = \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ _____

OPTIONAL TOUR INCLUDED WITH PACKAGE SELECTED: Please check if planning to attend.

_____ **GUEST TOUR** **TOUR OF DOWNTOWN FARGO-MOORHEAD** **FRIDAY 9:30am-4:15pm, MAY 9**

The tour includes transportation.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2014.
CANCELLATION FEE AFTER April 20, 2014 is \$75.00.
NO REFUNDS MADE AFTER April 30, 2014.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

[] **PERSONAL CHECK**
Payable to: Rotary District 5580 Conference

CREDIT CARD
Type: [] MasterCard [] Visa
Card No. _____

Mail this form to:

Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digit Security Code []

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Tom Thompson - Registration Chair
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tom@fargovtc.org

Total Charge: \$ _____ (US Funds)

Cardholder Signature _____