



# The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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District 5580

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

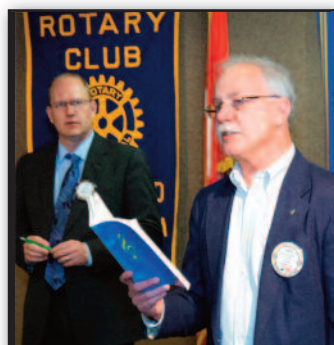
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## Other F-M Rotary Clubs

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:** Clay County Historical & Cultural Society archivist Mark Peihl makes an encore presentation on old Georgetown, the transitional crossroads of Clay County. Dave Sederquist is our sergeant at arms, and Tracy Moorhead & Alma Cater are greeters.



## Rotary foreign exchange student Eric Andersson talks about his life at home

Moorhead Rotarians got an up-close introduction to Rotary International's exchange program at Tuesday's meeting. Our current guest, Eric Andersson, took us on a whirlwind tour of his home town, Nyköping, the province of Södermanland and his native land, Sweden.

President Jon Benson welcomed guests and thanked members for their make-ups, including the board meeting held earlier Tuesday. He introduced Dan Eggiman, who has submitted an application to become our newest Rotarian under Corey Elmer's sponsorship.

Announcements included the need for more door prizes for Thursday's Taste of Moorhead fund raiser, along with more volunteers, plus a reminder of the upcoming District 5580 Conference coming up May 7–9 in Duluth.

## Tracing the history of Rotary Exchange

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig quizzed members on their knowledge of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Begun in the 1920s to offer something special for European youth, it was discontinued during World War II, then



Photos: Song leader Vern Goodin & President Jon Benson. Alma Cater sells raffle tickets to Corey Elmer & Jerry Rogers. Eric Andersson & Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Eric presents his program on his life in Sweden. (Below) Two of Eric's photos of his family and the District's foreign exchange students.



restarted. It expanded beyond Europe in the 1950s and was adopted worldwide by Rotary International in 1972.

The exchange program fits into Rotary's overarching goal of world peace. Our current student has stayed with Steve and Terese Schaefer, David & Heidi Manning and currently Gary and Racheal Storms.

Everyone contributed "happy dollars" in honor of Eric's year in our community. Other dollars

The Board of Directors has received an application for membership for Dan Eggiman. Dan is a mortgage loan officer at Gate City Bank. His sponsor is Corey Elmer. Per our by-laws, if no objections are received by April 24, we will welcome him as the newest member of the Moorhead Rotary Club.

## 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: Jon Benson, Doreen Filler & Teresa Joppa. Stacey Ackerman, Jean Hannig & Kay Parries. Eric Andersson & Ron Kolb.

saluted the board and president Jon; Brad & Corey's Bolivian mission; and Sharon's feeding of drunken birds. Bill Craft honored the planting of a tree in memory of the late Concordia president Pam Jolicoeur.

## Eric helps us brush up on knowledge of Sweden, yesterday and today

Beginning with the Swedish national anthem, "Du gamla, Du fria" ("Thou ancient, Thou free"), Eric offered a bird's eye view of his nation of nearly 10 million citizens in an area about twice the size of Minnesota.

He lives with his parents Gert and Marina in Nyköping, a city of 52,000 in the southeastern province of Södermanland about 90 minutes south of Stockholm. While soccer and hockey are the most popular sports in his school, he did also play American football.

Eric came to be a Rotary exchange student because of his mother, who is a Rotarian in Nyköping. He'd seen a presentation at school in the sixth grade by an Australian girl that

eventually prompted him to apply for the program. "That inspired me," he reported. "I knew I wanted to do this."

Part of the adventure was the distinct differences between the Schaefers, the Mannings and the Stormses. One of the most memorable parts for Eric, who's an only child, was living among the Mannings' young children. "Your host families teach you many things," he noted. "They give you shelter and safety and a chance to share their home and culture and traditions. "I'm grateful for every one of them."

Eric plans to attend university after he completes high school to become an attorney. Part of his future plans, too, is to become an active Rotarian.

## Raffle pot grows unabated

Kay Parries won the opportunity to draw a card for the club's weekly raffle, with a pot that has reached \$730. No luck! She took home the \$5 consolation prize. The pot grows on.

## Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

### 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

Final Travel Drawing — Washington, D.C.  
Sergeant at Arms: .....Mike Hulett

ROD .....Russ Hanson  
Program .....Brad Grondahl, Hearing  
Services, "Can You Really Hear?"  
Greeters .....B Davidson & N Qualey

### Tuesday, May 12

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Program .....Past District Gov. Tom Riley  
discusses his Australian sailing adventure  
Greeters .....G Davis & J Riewer

### Tuesday, May 17

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



# A Taste of Moorhead

April 16, 2015

