



# 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 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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Moorhead, MN 56561



**This week's meeting:** Instead of our regular noon meeting, Moorhead Rotarians meet for a relaxing evening of beer, billiards and ... conversation. The event convenes at 4:30 and continues to 7:30 at Billiards in downtown Moorhead.

### Better Business Bureau speaker cautions members about online scam

President Lynne Kovash welcomed Rotarians and began with a couple of important reminders.

The most critical: **No noon meeting on April 25!** Instead, club members and their guests will enjoy billiards, beer and each others' company from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Moorhead Billiards, 701 Center Ave.

She also reminded everyone to complete the online questionnaire mailed out last week. The deadline is April 25. It's an important part of the groundwork for our visioning session Tuesday, May 2, taking the place of next week's noon meeting. It's scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. at Probstfield Learning Center; a light supper will be served.

Following up on our tour of the YWCA Women's and Children's Shelter in Fargo ... Kay Parries is bringing a laundry basket to the next few meetings to collect your donation of clothing and toiletries.

### New members inducted into Rotary

President Lynne inducted three new members



Photos: Dave Sederquist, Violet Deilke and Gina Monson. New members and their sponsors: Sponsor Corey Elmer with Brandon Lunak and (far right) Ray Gresheim, and Russ Hanson with Gary Gonser. (Below) Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell and our speaker, Heather Johnson of the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota.



into Moorhead Rotary, two sponsored by Corey Elmer and one by Russ Hanson. Corey's recruits are Brandon Lunak and Ray Gresheim, while Russ introduced Gary Gonser.

### Sergeant at Arms: 2 Good Spring Things

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig cut her list of 10 great things about spring down to two in the interest of time — finally, no ice and a glimpse of emerging green.

She summarized highlights planned for the District 5580 Conference April 27-29 in Tower, Minnesota, which she, Gary and Cindy Nolte plan to attend. Its theme: The Great Spirit in Rotary. The same three members plan to attend the international convention in Atlanta in June.

She called for happy dollars, and many were



Photos: Kay Parries, Barb Belcher & Tammy Finney. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Corey Elmer, Stacey Ackerman & Barb.

**Guests April 18**

**Visiting Rotarians**

**April Birthdays**

Woods, Bill April 30

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah Apr 14  
6 years  
Hanson, Russ & Nancy Apr 19  
42 years

**Rotary Anniversaries**

Sederquist, David 25 years  
Apr 01 1992  
Fangsrud, Sharon 3 years  
Apr 09 2014  
Stenerson, Dale 4 years  
Apr 09 2013  
Johnson, Gregory 5 years  
Apr 10 2012  
Matthees, Charles 24 years  
Apr 13 1993  
Ackerman, Stacey 15 years  
Apr 16 2002  
Hetland, Dale 15 years  
Apr 16 2002

forthcoming. She added \$5 from our exchange student, Erhard, because he's been so happy to be part of the club; Lynne Kovash for our new members; Dale Stenerson for the table of wisdom where he was seated; and Stacey Ackerman, for her husband Todd Pringle's stepping up to help after her recent promotion increased her workload. According to Corey, Todd texted Stacey more than 60 times on a recent grocery shopping trip. "He's an electrical engineer," she explained. "When you send a detail person, you should expect texts." Finally, Russ donated \$47 for his and Nancy's 47th anniversary. *(Editor's note: It was actually our 42nd, but it may seem longer to him.)*

**BBB expert warns of common scams**

Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell introduced our speaker, Heather Johnson of the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota. BBB promotes ethical practices and warns consumers of fraud.

Begun in St. Paul in 1912, there are now 112 BBBs promoting self-regulation by

businesses. It receives 16,000 complaints a month from the two states.

Heather said older adults are targets because of their wealth and vulnerability, but they're not alone. Has profit and non profit arms. Millennials are also targeted through online scams, but thieves get less.

She mentioned several recent scams. In November, police in India found a 700-person call center that told people they owed the IRS money. The IRS is highly unlikely to call to collect.

Scam callers make try to make a personal connection, then introduce an element of chaos, such as "police are on the way" or "a grandchild is in a foreign jail and needs immediate bail money." If you answer their call, you get a check mark in their database. and your name can be sold to other scammers.

Heather's advice: Don't answer if you don't recognize the number on caller ID. Use your voicemail. Technology allows masking so the scammer appears to be local.

**Looking Ahead**

**Tuesday, April 25 — social at Billiards**

Rotary social at Billiards in downtown Moorhead, 4:30-7:30 — tacos, billiards and BS

**April 27-29 — District 5580 Conference**

.....Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, Tower, MN  
.....More information: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50019>

**Tuesday, May 2 — Visioning Session (membership meeting) 5-9 p.m.**

**\*Required attendance**  
.....Session conducted by Cheryl Knudson  
.....Probstfield Education Center  
.....Light buffet meal will be served.

**Tuesday, May 9 — Oak Grove Arts Center**

Joint meeting with Kiwanis on Oak Grove High School Campus  
Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
Rotarian of the Day .....Eric Wilkie  
Program .....Oak Grove Lutheran High School Choir and Band  
Greeters .....Brad Donabauer & Dale Stenerson

**Tuesday, May 16**

Sergeant at Arms .....Gary/Cindy Nolte  
Program ....Finnish exchange student Juho Seil  
Greeters .....Paul Dovre & Paul Suomala