



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: 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.

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Farmer Carl Peterson introduces club to his 'little seed house on the prairie'

President Cindy Nolte welcomed Rotarians and guests to a packed house at the Courtyard by Marriott Tuesday. She welcomed visiting Rotarian Dan Narr of St. Paul, the executive director of Mano a Mano — an international partnership to improve the lives of people in Bolivia that many of our Rotary clubs support.

Bolivia has the highest rate of rural poverty in the world — 94 percent. Three out of 10 children before their first birthday. Mano a Mano began in 1994 with salvaging usable medical supplies to send there. The charity, which is supported by many of our Rotary clubs, has built nine health-care clinics along with the infrastructure to support them.

President congratulates president

Cindy and the club congratulated our member Anne Blackhurst, who has been named Minnesota State University Moorhead's 11th president.

Rotarian David Green dies

Alma Cater shared memories of Moorhead Rotarian David Green, who passed away April 27. The funeral for the former Moorhead Rotary president and District 5580 governor, who joined the club in 1955, is at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Cormorant Lutheran Church.

Dr. Green chaired the modern languages department at Concordia College and was



Photos: Noel Moore & Jill Baldwin congratulate Anne Blackhurst. President Cindy with visiting Rotarian Dan Narr of Mano a Mano. Alma Cater. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Rotarian of the Day Holly Miller. Carl Peterson of Peterson Farm Seeds.

instrumental in founding the International Language Villages and other ground-breaking programs encouraging better understanding among people and nations. He was a zone trainer for Rotary leaders and was honored with Rotary's "Service Above Self" award for his work with Polio Plus — the organization's highest honor.

A big week ahead with concert, conference

George Davis gave us a taste of what's in store next week at the District 5580 Rotary conference. Its opening reception Thursday coincides with the fifth annual Recital for a Cause, the benefit concert featuring some of the area's most talented and accomplished young musicians.

A bus will carry Rotarians from the opening reception at the Holiday Inn to First Lutheran Church, where the concert takes place, then return them to the Holiday Inn for the rest of the reception. All registered Rotarians and their spouses are invited to the reception.



See you Thursday, Friday & Saturday at the District 5580 conference!

April 29, 2014 Looking Ahead

Tuesday, May 6

Meet at **MPS WATER PLANT**
307 Highway 75 North
* Use east entrance
Sergeant at Arms D Sederquist
Drawing for 7th Trip — Montreal
ROD: Bill Schwandt
Program Mhd. Water Plant tour
Greeters C Elmer & P Suomala

Thursday, May 8

Social/reception at Holiday Inn —
District Conference
Recital with a Cause
First Lutheran Church 7:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, May 9-10

Rotary District 5580
District Conference
See attached schedule

Tuesday, May 13

Sergeant at Arms E Wilkie
ROD Gary Nolte
Program Habitat for Humanity
(Moorhead Rotary helped build
the first Moorhead house many
years ago)
Greeters R Farwell & B Swenson

Guests

Dakhwaz Gardi, MSUM Leadership
class
Carl Peterson & Jason Miller,
Peterson Seeds, program
Jonathan Junge, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Dan Narr, St. Paul Rotary
Keith Brokke, FM/AM Rotary

Make-ups

Sam Wai & Russ Hanson, Recital
with a Cause committee, 4/22
Gary Nolte, Russ Hanson, Dale
Hetland, George Davis, Ron
Hagemann — District Conference
committee, 4/24
Bryan Davidson, Westgare, TX,
Rotary, 4/25

May Birthdays

Hannig, Jean 5/09
Skatvold, Paul 5/11
Tranby, David 5/14
Moorhead, Tracey 5/27

Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa & Richard 5/05
24 years
Goodin, Vern & Helen 5/20
42 years
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan 5/22
32 years
Tunheim, Nick & Ann 5/22
10 years
Matthees, Charles & Barbara 5/26
35 years
Schaefer, Steve & Terese 5/22
5/30

Club Anniversaries

Swenson, Bob—5/01 20 years
Monson, Gina—5/05 5 years
Barden, Roland—5/08 23 years



Photos: Vern Goodin & Keith Brokke. Greeter Neil Qualey with Jon Benson. Members at lunch. John Andreassen. Drawing for raffle.

A full schedule of conference events is included in this edition of the Paddlewheel.

First-time sergeant at arms doffs beanie

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson wore a Concordia Cobber beanie Tuesday in observance of his freshman status in our sergeant rotation. Of course, it was stolen by an MSUM Dragon earlier in his presentation. After its return, he presented it to MSUM President Blackhurst so that she will have a “legal beanie” of her own in her own office.

On a serious note, he focused on Rotary’s Shelter Boxes and the role they play after natural disasters like the tornadoes that have ravaged the south central U.S. Each box includes a temporary shelter, provisions and supplies (cookstoves, water filters and jugs, solar lighting) for those who have lost their homes.

Many “happy dollars” were offered to congratulate Anne and honor Dave Green’s memory and years of service.

Feeding a hungry, crowded world

Rotarian of the Day Holly Miller introduced Carl Peterson of Peterson Farms Seed, the third-generation farmer whose seed business began in 1993 as a result of an epidemic of the wheat disease vomitoxin.

Until then, Carl and his wife Julie had been farming the acreage near Prosper originally acquired by his grandfather in 1918. The disease infestation prompted them to purchase several pieces of seed-cleaning equipment to remove the scab from their crop. After spending the winter cleaning seed 24 hours a day, they began to sell their seed to area farmers.



Their first line of seed was dubbed “Ole,” soon followed by an early-maturing variety they christened “Lena.” (“Because,” Carl pointed out, “everyone knows girls mature faster than the boys.” Today the firm also grows early-maturing corn and soybean seed.

‘Why I Am a Rotarian’ Assignments

Anne Blackhurst	due April 22
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

The company’s motto: “We will sell no seed we wouldn’t want to grow on our own farm.” They focus on offering over-the-top product knowledge and quality, for which Carl credits his 40-member team — including Jason Miller, who has been with them since their early days.

Peterson Farms Seed maintains its own air force, Peterson revealed. Its fleet of drones takes pictures of crops from an angle that can be seen in no other way, enabling close watch on its culture and progress.

The speaker emphasized the herculean responsibilities of American farmers, who feed the world. The population of seven billion today is projected to double within a few decades. Farmers, he said, need to produce more food on less land using less water and chemicals ... more cheaply. He added, “In 1929 Americans spent about 25 percent of their income on food. Today they spend less than 10 percent on their needs.”

Raffle goes hungry, still waits for winner

Another meeting concluded with no winner of the weekly raffle, which now is \$933. Next week you may be the winner!

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A Taste of Moorhead — May 8, 2014





**ROTARY DISTRICT 5580
DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014
Holiday Inn and Convention Center
Fargo, ND**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All functions listed are at Holiday Inn unless otherwise indicated.

THURSDAY, May 8:

10:00am - 8:00pm	Registration/Credentials Desk Open
1:00pm -4:30pm	Grant Management Seminar (registration required)
6:00pm -8:00pm	Ice Breaker Social and Dinner with Optional attendance at
7:00pm-9:00pm	Recital with a Cause –Foundation Fundraiser (First Lutheran Church, Fargo)

FRIDAY, May 9:

7:00am -7:00pm	Registration/Credentials Desk Open
9:15am -9:45am	Opening Ceremonies Welcome Remarks, Flag Presentation by Youth Exchange Students Group Study Exchange Presentation (Outbound Team Finland)
10:15am -10:30am	BREAK / Project Fair
10:30am -11:15am	Breakout Session #1 - District Training Assembly 1. Membership (PDG Don Cavalier) 2. Foundation Panel 3. Structure of Rotary (DGE Tim Kaminski)
11:20am -12:05pm	Breakout Session #2 - District Training Assembly 1. Membership (PDG Don Cavalier) 2. Foundation Panel 3. Structure of Rotary (DGE Tim Kaminski)
12:05pm -1:15pm	Keynote Lunch (Speaker: Roger Kueter, Zone 28 Public Image Coordinator)
12:30pm	Program only registrants join
1:15pm-5:00pm	Guest Tour #1 -Downtown Fargo-Moorhead
1:15pm -2:00pm	Plenary Session #1: Jon Stillman, Zone 28 Polio Chair
2:00pm -2:30pm	District Awards (Julie Rothmeier)
2:30pm -3:00pm	District Conference 2015 Promotion
3:00pm -3:15pm	BREAK / Project Fair
3:15pm -4:00pm	District Training Assembly Breakout Session #3 1. Water Projects (Bob McLean and DGN Craig Loughery/Diane Loughery) 2. Mano a mano

	3. Grant Project Ideas (Keith Brokke and David Gottenborg)
4:05pm -5:00pm	Plenary Session #2 - Nancy Hoffman (Rotary Foundation Representative) and Kent and Justin (Healthy Brains)
5:00pm -6:00pm	Project Fair
6:00pm -9:00pm	Social, Dinner and Silent Auction (Proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation)
9:00pm -11:59pm	Hospitality Rooms

SATURDAY, May 10:

7:30am -8:30am	Paul Harris Breakfast and Foundation Awards (Registration required)
7:30am -3:00pm	Registration and Credentials Desk Open
8:30am -9:15am	Memorial Service
9:30am -10:15am	Plenary Session #3 - Serena Christiansen (Williston Rotary Club) "Rotary through the Ages"
10:15am -10:30am	BREAK / Project Fair
10:30am -11:45am	Youth Exchange Presentation
11:45am -1:15pm	Keynote Luncheon / Roxana Saberi -Ambassadorial Scholar
12:30pm	Content only registrants join
1:15pm -5:00pm	-Guest Tour #2 -Bonanzaville Pioneer Village
1:15pm -1:45pm	Awards (Julie Rothmeier)
1:45pm -2:00pm	BREAK / Project Fair
2:00pm -2:45pm	District Training Breakout Sessions #4 1. RYLA (Stephanie Kitchen and Marty Byrnes) 2. Detroit Lakes Rotary Club Student KIVA Project 3. Interact/Rotaract
2:45pm -3:15pm	BREAK
3:15pm -4:15pm	District 5580 Annual Business Meeting
6:00pm -6:45pm	Governor's Gala Cocktail Social
7:00pm -9:00pm	Governor's Gala Banquet - John Boag,(RI President's Representative) Awards (Julie Rothmeier) Entertainment
9:00pm -11:59pm-	Hospitality Rooms

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.