



# 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 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.

Moorhead Rotary  
P.O. Box 72  
Moorhead, MN 56561



**This week's meeting:** Holly Anderson Battocchi of FM AM Rotary will join us to share plans for the annual Rotary Cycle Race & Bike Repair Station this September. Chuck Matthees is Rotarian of the Day. Troy Nellis is sergeant at arms, and our greeters are two Bills — Craft and Schwandt.

### Exchange student Erhard Hochortler shares his tale & talents with Rotary

President Lynne Kovash welcomed members and guests, including members of our exchange student's host families and former member George Davis, who has joined Rotary in his new home of Northfield, Minn.

The president drew attention to three upcoming off-site meetings. On April 11, we'll be touring the YWCA Women's Shelter in Fargo. Our regular meetings will be suspended on April 25, when we convene at 4:30 for tacos, pool and conversation at Billiards in Fargo; and on May 2, when we conduct our five-year visioning meeting over a light supper at Probstfield Education Center.

She also thanked Teresa Joppa for her years of service as club secretary and official note-taker

The Board of Directors has received two membership applications — Gary Gonser, sponsored by Russ Hanson; and Emily Gess, sponsored by Bill Craft. Gary is a Realtor serving Fargo-Moorhead clients. Emily is an accountant in Concordia's business office. They will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.



Photos/Russ Hanson: President Lynne Kovash. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson and Erhard Hochortler lead singing. Jean Hannig, Rotarian of the Day, introduces our Austrian exchange student Erhard (above), who shared his tale and his talents.

## Classical musicians to perform as if lives depend on it.

Local young, award-winning musicians to perform in an effort to end polio worldwide.

FARGO / MOORHEAD ROTARY CLUB  
**RECTAL WITH A CAUSE**  
BENEFITTING POLIO PLUS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
7:00 PM  
First Lutheran Church  
619 Broadway, Fargo  
Free Admission

**Your donation of \$100 or more to Polio Plus will be matched! For more info: Gary Nolte. Make checks payable to Rotary Foundation.**



The pre-registration deadline for the District Conference is April 10. To register, visit the District 5580 website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580>. Click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page and you will see the District Conference with a link to register. A schedule of events is available for you to download.



Photos: Dave Tranby, Bill Woods, Jerry Rogers & Dale Hetland. Gary Gonser, Gina Monson & George Davis. Gary Storms & Kathryn Halverson.

**Guests March 28**

Gary Gonser, guest of Russ Hanson prospective member  
 Erhard Hochörtler  
 Gary Storms, FES host  
 Kathryn & Gracie Halverson, guests of Violet Deilke

**Visiting Rotarians**

George Davis, Northfield, MN, Rotary  
 Jace Picken, Wahpeton Rotary

**Reported Make-Ups**

Violet Deilke & Jean Hannig, FES home visit, March 21  
 Eric Wilkie, Fargo Rotary, March 22;  
 Fargo West, March 27

**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

for the Paddlewheel and welcomed her replacement, David Wahlberg.

**Sergeant at arms inspires & collects \$\$**

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson shared advice on dealing with stress in our lives, including a quote: "I can't cause light, but I can put myself in the path of the light."

Jean Hannig contributed happy dollars in thanks for the families who've hosted Erhard. Corey Elmer saluted our newest member, Brandon Lunak, our fifth new member in the last year. Jerry Rogers pitched in with thanks for his safe return from a medical mission trip to rural Panama.

**Erhard tells of his life at home in Austria**

Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig introduced Rotary exchange student Erhard Hochörtler, our multi-talented guest for the past year. He brought the club to its feet to honor the

national anthem of Austria, his homeland. Citing frequent confusion, Erhard laughed, "Austria is different than Australia."

He told of his family, and showed pictures of their home in Allerheiligen. He described his hobbies: eating American food, musical theater, classical ballet and acting. The son of two music teachers, Erhard attends a high school of 200. He has been active in all kinds of extracurriculars here at Moorhead High, including the musical, carolers and speech. After graduation, he hopes to be accepted into college at home or possibly the U.S. to study musical theater.

Almost two-thirds of Austria is covered by the Alps, he told us. Vienna, the capital, has 8 million citizens — about a quarter of Austria's total.

"I thank you and Rotary," he told us, "for making possible the greatest year of my life."

**Looking Ahead**

**Tuesday, April 4**

**Board meeting 11 a.m.; regular mtng 11:45**  
 Sergeant at Arms .....Troy Nellis  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Chuck Matthees  
 Program .....Holly Anderson Battocchi, F-M  
 Rotary Cycle Race & Bike Repair Station  
 Greeters: .....Bill Craft & Bill Schwandt

**Tuesday, April 4 — 7 p.m.**

Recital with a Cause, First Lutheran Church

**Tuesday, April 11 — Meet at YWCA Shelter**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Dale Hetland  
 Tour & program .....3000 S University Dr, Fargo  
 (Box lunch will be served.)

**Tuesday, April 18**

Sergeant at Arms .....Dave Sederquist  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Randy Farwell  
 Program .....Heather Johnson, Better Business  
 Bureau of Minnesota & North Dakota  
 Greeters: .....Violet Deilke & John Shockley

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

Rotary social at Billiards in Fargo, 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**

Rotarian of the Day .....Eric Wilkie  
 Program .....TBA  
 Greeters: ....Brad Donabauer & Dale Stenerson

**Tuesday, May 16**

Program ....Finnish exchange student Juho Seil  
 Greeters: .....Paul Dovre & Paul Suomala