



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
Club 970
District 5580

- President Lynne Kovash
- President-Elect Corey Elmer
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- President-nominee Corey Elmer
- Past President Jon Benson
- Director Russ Hanson
- Director Dale Hetland
- Director Jill Baldwin
- Director Tammy Finney
- Director David Sederquist
- RYLA Coord. Randy Farwell
- Polio Plus Coord. Cindy Nolte
- Sergeant at Arms Team
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson,
Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
- Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
- Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
- Photographer Russ Hanson
- Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa
- Paddlewheel Editor
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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month.

- International President
John Germ, Chattanooga, TN
- District 5580 Governor
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- District 5580 Vice Governor
Gary Nolte
- Assistant District Governor
Kay Parries, Moorhead
- District Governor-Elect
Craig Lochery
- District 5580 Polio Coordinator
Cindy Nolte
- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord.
Gary Nolte

- 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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This week: Chad Walthall, MSUM head men's basketball coach, gives a season update. Mike Hulett is sergeant at arms. Our greeters are Bill Craft & Neil Qualey

Meeting Location: Concordia College Grant Center, Barry Auditorium (Offutt School of Business). Parking east of the building in lot E.

Rotary Board meeting at 11 a.m., same location



Photos/Tammy Finney: John Andreasen & Chuck Hendrickson lead the club in "Happy Wanderer." Cindy Nolte fills in for President Lynne Kovash. Eric Johnson (left) introduces speaker Jessica Thomasson, president of LSSND,

LSSND executives dispels rumors, myths about refugee resettlement

Past president Cindy Nolte welcomed members to Rotary, standing in for President Lynne Kovash, who is traveling. The club sang "Happy Wanderer" — a salute to the intrepid new Americans making their lives in the community.

The club's own travels continue, too. After several weeks in Concordia College's Knutson Center, we move on Aug. 9 to Grant Center in the southeast corner of Eighth Street and 12th Avenue — also home to the Offutt School of Business — for this week's board meeting (11 a.m.) and regular gathering. We'll occupy that address through Sept. 6.

Holly Batocchi of Fargo Rotary reminded members to sign up for the Rotary bike ride, the Flatlander, on Sept. 10.

Sederquist talks of Olympics & good will

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist quizzed



the club on Olympics facts: the onset of gold, silver & bronze medals (1901), the first modern Olympics (1893), the first televised games (1960), the most appearances by a single athlete (Canadian equestrian Ian Miller, 10), and the number of athletes competing in 2016 (554).

Happy dollars were inspired by Gary Nolte's announcement that no new cases of polio have been recorded worldwide in the past three weeks, Rotary on Facebook, the Woods' 56 years of wedded bliss, trips to Yellowstone and the Tetons, and bicycling in Europe.



Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist



Guests August 9

Kristina Waters
Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul Suomala;

Visiting Rotarians

Holly Battocchi, Fargo Rotary

Reported Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, 3 Rotary meetings in Duluth & Superior, Aug 2-3
Violet Deilke, Josh Frost & Alma Cater, Travel Raffle committee

August Birthdays

Alma Cater Aug 01

Anniversaries

- Nolte, Cindy & Gary 47 years
Aug 01 1969
- Baldwin, Jill & Jerry 47 years
Aug 02 1969
- Hendrickson, Chuck & Renae 22 yrs
Aug 13 1994
- Moorhead, Tracey & Richard 52 yrs
Aug 14 1964
- Beaton, Tim & Joan 5 years
Aug 17 2011
- Belcher, Barb & David 3 years
Aug 17 2013
- Myrvik, Donald & Rhoda 59 years
Aug 17 1957
- Johnson, Eric & Kirsten 4 years
Aug 21 2012
- Riewer, Jon & Kristine 20 years
Aug 24 1996
- Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl 35 years
Aug 29 1981

Rotary Anniversaries

- Hannig, Jean 20 years
Aug 06 1996
- Blackhurst, Anne 4 years
Aug 14 2012
- Nolte, Cindy 16 years
Aug 15 2000
- Hutchins, Scott 33 years
Aug 30 1983

LSS head provides facts on resettlement

Rotarian of the Day Eric Johnson introduced speaker Jessica Thomasson, director of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. Jessica, who was named The Forum’s person of the year for 2015, has been a lightning rod for controversy surrounding the widely misunderstood federal program’s work in the region.

Jessica said 70 percent of the refugees who are resettled in North Dakota come to Fargo and West Fargo, with the balance in Bismarck and Grand Forks. Sites require approval by the U.S. State Department. Four of every five refugees who come here (400 statewide in 2016) are joining family members already living in the state.

LSSND works with resettled families and individuals for their first eight months in

North Dakota. (They also work with Minnesota immigrants, but only for three months).

The ethnicity of arriving refugees has varied over the years, from Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Russia after World War II to today’s Iraqis, Kurds, Congolese, Somalians, Sudanese, Cubans, Liberians, Rwandans, Burundians, Ethiopians and Bhutanese. Transition of the Bhutanese is ending this year.

She explained the rigorous process that precedes their arrival from U.N.-run refugee camps to the U.S. Individuals’ applications go into a lottery; they’re assigned the country where they’ll be moving. The U.S. admits an average of 70,000 per year. Rigorous security checks take 18-23 months, with the U.S. having the right to deny admission when deemed necessary.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, August 16— at Concordia Grant Center in Barry Auditorium

Board meeting11 a.m.
Regular Meeting 11:45 a.m.
Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
ProgramChad Walthall, MSUM head men’s basketball coach
GreetersBill Craft & Neil Qualey

Tuesday, August 16 — Rotary Golf Tournament at Moorhead Country Club

Tuesday, August 23 — at Concordia Grant Center in Barry Auditorium

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramPete Fendt, Valley Water Rescue
Greeters.....George Davis & Jon Riewer

Tuesday, August 30 — at Concordia Grant Center in Barry Auditorium

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
ProgramJoe Brannan, Mhd Police K9 unit
GreetersViolet Deilke & Jerry Rogers

Tuesday, Sept. 6 — at Concordia Grant Center in Barry Auditorium

Sergeant at Arms
Program.....Clay County Admin Brian Berg, “New Correctional Facility & Law Enforcement Center”
GreetersBrad Donabauer & Jade Rosenfeldt

Saturday, September 10 — Flatlander Rotary Bike Ride

Tuesday, Sept. 13 — back at Hjemkomst

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramKevin Feeney, MHS football coach
GreetersPaul Dovre & Steve Schaefer

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Sergeant at Arms
Program...Mike Knorr, program on scuba diving
GreetersDan Eggiman & Bill Schwandt

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramRandy Farwell & RYLA students
GreetersCorey Elmer & John Schockey