



The Paddlewheel

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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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This week's meeting: Aaron Becher, general manager of The Forum, is today's speaker. Ron Kolb is sergeant at arms and Pat Gulbranson, Rotarian of the day. John Andreasen & Greg Johnson are greeters.

US Attorney Chris Myers brings no good news about region's opiate crisis

President Corey Elmer alerted members to watch for a number of upcoming events. Information will be coming soon on the areas of priority and targets identified by members during our May visioning session — which he also discussed last week.

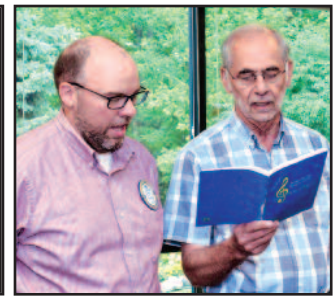
"One thought was clear," he said. "members want community involvement and service on a regular basis." Another priority, orientation for new members, will be addressed with two sessions this year; the first will take place in September.

He also announced that in the future, billing for membership dues will go out in advance rather than after the meetings it covers. Treasurer Doreen Filler will be sending invoices soon.

Chuck Matthees awarded Paul Harris +2

Corey presented Chuck Matthees with his pin for reaching Paul Harris +2. Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows when they reach \$1,000 in giving to the Rotary Foundation, then advance one level for each additional \$1,000 donation. Corey noted that \$1,000 can be used to purchase mattresses, pillows and blankets for 100 disaster victims in Bangladesh. In Gambia, it can buy tools for deaf youth or

Photos/Russ Hanson: President Corey Elmer presents Paul Harris +2 award to Chuck Matthees. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Singing to whet the appetite. Interim/acting US Attorney Chris Myers. President Corey, Eric Wilkie and John Andreasen lead the singing.



deep-water wells providing clean water for 300 people. Locally, it may be used for projects like the Miracle Field on 40th Avenue South, a project of the five local Rotary groups.

Sergeant at arms: Don't miss Rotarian ads!

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett spent a few minutes updating members on astounding bargains advertised in The Rotarian magazine. "I'm afraid maybe you missed this," he pointed out. "How do you spell Pearl Neckless'? And look — it's FREE, I hope you are not too late. I'm thinking about just driving down there to pick mine up."

After levying fines for forgotten pins, he collected happy dollars: New member Emily Gess's very first happy dollar; Alma Cater's return from two weeks in London and Paris; Pat Gulbranson's thanks to Alma Cater and



Photos/Russ Hanson: Greeter Gina Monson, secretary Dave Wahlberg & Chuck Matthees. Dave & guest Brenda Amenson-Hill. Chris Myers visits with Gary Nolte and Gary Gonser.

Guests

Brenda Amenson-Hill, guest of David Wahlberg
 Liz Brandenburg guest of Corey Elmer
 Erhard Hochhortler

Visiting Rotarian

Steve Shark

Reported Make-Ups

Emily Gess
 Eric Wilkie, Fargo West

August Birthdays

Cater, Alma Aug 01

Wedding Anniversaries

Nolte, Cindy & Gary Aug 01 1969 48 years
 Baldwin, Jill & Jerry Aug 02 1969 48 years
 Hendrickson, Chuck & Renae Aug 13 1994 23 years
 Moorhead, Tracey & Richard Aug 14 1964 53 years
 Beaton, Tim & Joan Aug 17 2011 6 years
 Belcher, Barb & David Aug 17 2013 4 years
 Johnson, Eric & Kirsten Aug 21 2012 5 years
 Riewer, Jon & Kristine Aug 24 1996 21 years
 Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl Aug 29 1981 16 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 21 years Aug 06 1996
 Blackhurst, Anne 5 years Aug 14 2012

Troy Nellis for helping out with programs; and a few headlines that made Mike Hulett go “hmmm,” including “Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800 pounds on leg” ... “Homicide victims rarely talk to the police” ... “Starvation can lead to health hazards” ... and “The total eclipse will be broadcast live on Northwoods Public Radio.”

US Attorney: ‘We can’t give up.’

Rotarian of the Day Pat Gulbranson introduced acting/interim U.S. Attorney Chris Myers. Chris has held the position since March 2015 after 13 years as assistant in the federal office. Before that, he spent four years as assistant Clay County attorney. He has also served as an assistant Cass County states attorney and as a special agent with the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Chris offered an unencouraging update on the local opiate crisis since he last addressed the club a year ago: “The whole valley has been hit hard since 2015, and it hasn’t stopped. It hasn’t gotten better.”

Chris has participated in a dozen community forums since then and spoken to virtually every service and community organization. “I’m really tired of talking to

the parents of kids who have died from an overdose,” he said, speaking of personal frustration. “There is hope,” he added. “Many people want to make a difference.”

The US attorney noted this crisis does not discriminate. It affects families from all sections of our community and all walks of life.

“There are not enough treatment facilities or funding to support those treatment facilities we do have ... not enough access to them,” he cited. “Treatment programs are not long enough to handle opiate addiction.”

He said the community needs much greater awareness of the gravity of the Fentanyl and Carfentanil situation.

The stigma of addiction, he stressed, needs to be erased. “This is a medical situation more than it is a choice. Overdose is now the leading cause of deaths for 15- to 25-year-olds.

Sometimes, Chris said, he’s asked, “Why don’t you give up that war on drugs? You are losing that battle.”

His response, “Yes, t’s complex, and it’s frustrating. But wWhen you look at the consequences, we can’t just give up.”

Looking Ahead

August 1

Sergeant at ArmsRon Kolb
 Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbranson
 ProgramAaron Becher, general manager of The Forum
 GreetersJohn Andreasen & Greg Johnson

August 8

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbranson
 Program.....Kevin Wallevand, WDAY, “Orphans of the Nile, Uganda”
 Greeters.....Jill Baldwin & Nathan Johnson

August 15

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig

Rotarian of the Day
 Program
 GreetersTim Beaton & Teresa Joppa

August 22

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program
 GreetersBarb Belcher & Ron Kolb

August 29

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
 Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbranson
 ProgramTerry Horan, head football coach, Concordia College
 GreetersJon Benson & Brandon Lunak