



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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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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**This week's program:** We welcome Daryl Ritchison, former WDAY meteorologist and now a research specialist with the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network, NDSU.

### Heritage Commission volunteers ask questions, gather answers for oral histories

President Jon Benson welcomed guests and visitors with word of the success of Monday's Rotary Foundation Golf Outing: One member of Moorhead Rotary's foursome, Bob Swenson, shot a 60! Other members (whose scores were somewhat higher) included Josh Frost, Greg Johnson and Gary Nolte. A total of \$7,000 was raised for the FM Rotary Foundation at the event.

Jon said that the five Fargo-Moorhead clubs' foundation has given away \$2 million over the past three years.

### More announcements

- Our second annual Rotary Bike Ride for charity begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. It's sponsored by the F-M Rotary clubs and Great Northern Bicycle Co. Information: <https://www.facebook.com/FmRotaryRide>
- F-M Rotary clubs host the International Student Picnic Sept. 14.
- District Governor Tim Kaminski of Hibbing plans to visit the club Oct. 14.
- The annual Foundation Dinner is Nov. 4.

### Swedish exchange student arrives Monday

Dan Stauffer invited members to the airport

Photos: President Jon Benson makes a point. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. Rotarian of the Day Bill Woods. Les Bakke (above, right) & Lauri Winterfeldt (right) discuss the work of the Heritage Education Commission. Photos by George Davis.



Monday, Aug. 18, to help welcome our new foreign exchange student, Eric Anderson of Sweden. Three host families have stepped forward to accommodate our guest, who will be spending his birthday at the International Picnic on Sept. 14.

### Step forward to help students with Strive

Barb Belcher is looking for two Rotarians to fill openings on the Strive Committee, replacing retiring members Violet Deilke and Ron Kolb. The committee works with struggling high school students to help them bring up their grades ... then awards scholarships to those who succeed. Violet told members that, in her opinion, it's the most rewarding program our club offers: "It's a short-term commitment, but it's very, very rewarding."

### Sergeant Eric shares news of the day

Eric Wilkie, the day's sergeant at arms, updated members on news stories they might have missed. Among them: The happiest cities in the nation are in Louisiana, while New York City is least happy ... Canadians have

## Tuesday, August 19

Sergeant at Arms M Hulett  
 ROD: George Davis  
 Program Daryl Richison, Research  
 Specialist, North Dakota Ag  
 Weather Network at NDSU  
 Greeters C Matthees & N Brifki

## Tuesday, August 26

Sergeant at Arms D Sederquist  
 ROD: Gary & Cindy Nolte  
 Program Pete Christopher,  
 Habitat for Humanity's ReStore.  
 Greeters Cater & McLarnan

## Tuesday, Sept. 2

Sergeant at Arms: E Johnson  
 Program: Rotarian Lynne Kovash,  
 Moorhead superintendent, on  
 "An Exciting Time for Moorhead  
 Schools"  
 Greeters Craft & Miller

## Guests – August 12

Les Bakke & Lauri Winterfeldt,  
 Heritage Education Commission,  
 program  
 John Shockley, Moorhead city  
 attorney, guest of Mike Hulett

## Visiting Rotarian

Past District Governor Tom Riley

## Make-Ups

Kay Parries & Jon Benson, 5-Club  
 Presidents Mtng, 8-08

## August Birthdays

Cater, Alma 8-01

## August Anniversaries

Nolte, Gary & Cindy 8-01  
 45 years  
 Baldwin, Jill & Jerry 8-02  
 45 years  
 Skatvold, Paul & Linda 8-03  
 41 years  
 Davis, George & Linda Aug. 4  
 57 years  
 Moorhead, Tracey & Richard 8-14  
 50 years  
 Beaton, Tim & Joan 8-17  
 3 years  
 Belcher, Barb & David 8-17  
 1 year  
 Myrvik, Donald & Rhoda 8-17  
 57 years  
 Johnson, Eric & Kristine 8-21  
 2 years  
 Riewer, Jon & Kristine 8-24  
 18 years  
 Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl 8-29  
 33 years

## Club Anniversaries

Skatvold, Paul 8-02  
 26 years  
 Hannig, Jean 8-06  
 18 years  
 Blackhurst, Anne 8-14  
 2 years  
 Nolte, Cindy 8-16  
 14 years  
 Hutchins, Scott 8-30  
 31 years



developed a hitchhiking robot ... Germany is hosting the world finger wrestling championship ... and America is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the installation of the first stoplight, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Newzad Brifki offered "happy dollars" for the USA's assistance to the Kurdish people in their homeland. Other dollars celebrated first wedding anniversaries, the three families who'll host our exchange student, golf buddies, and family travels to London and Paris.

## Volunteers capture living history of our area through Heritage Commission project

Rotarian of the Day Bill Woods introduced Les Bakke and Lauri Winterfeldt of Moorhead's Heritage Education Commission, who talked about their mission of asking questions — and carefully recording the answers — to enrich understanding of the experiences of older residents who've shaped the community, the state and the nation's history.

Starting in the 1980s, the commission has collected about 220 oral histories from local citizens involved in agriculture, the arts, business, communication, education, government and politics, homemaking, law and law enforcement, medicine, religion and service clubs. The first to be transcribed are available on the website [www.heritageed.com](http://www.heritageed.com)

under "oral history."

Les is one of those who've been interviewing veterans since that aspect was launched with a gift from Lloyd and Bev Paulson in 2000. Nearly 100 have been recorded, with 60 transcribed to date. They include 45 World War II vets, three Korean War, four peacetime vets of the 1950s, and eight from the Vietnam era. The late Roland Dille is among them.

Between 1984 and 1991, members of the commission recorded recollections of 200 local leaders. Their topics run the gamut from the use of prisoners of war as agricultural labor in WWII to James O'Rourke on area galleries. Max Goldberg talks about being a Jewish banker in a non-Jewish town; Joseph Knutson about his years at the helm of Concordia College; Ray Stordahl on his years as mayor; Delia Cornell, who was born in 1888, on her experience teaching in a country school; and Clarence Glasrud about Moorhead Rotary and its history.

Lauri said sponsors are needed to maintain the project. An "adopt a recording" donation form is on the group's website.

## Raffle pot slips through president's fingers

Though Jon Benson won a chance to draw for our raffle pot, the prize of \$1,510 slipped away when he chose the wrong card.

## Why I am a Rotarian ... by

### 'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Randy Farwell	due June 17
Doreen Filler	due June 24
Bob Hanna	due July 22
Paul Holtan	due August 12
Mike Hulett	due August 19
Eric Johnson	due August 26
Greg Johnson	due September 2
Teresa Joppa	due September 9

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