



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Welcome Our New Members!



Patrick Gulbranson
President, Ramsey State Bank
New Member #1
Club Total #66

Brett Drevlow
District Executive, Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts of America
New Member #2
Club Total #67



Liz Brandenburg
Marketing Dir. Northwestern Bank
New Member #3
Club Total #67



Rob Mounts
Sr. Portfolio Mgr. Bremer Bank
New Member #4
Club Total #69

Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
Club 970
District 5580

- President Corey Elmer
- President-Elect
- Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter David Wahlberg
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- Past President Eric Wilkie
- Director Dale Hetland
- past president & advisor
- Director Tammy Finney
- public relations & promotion
- Director Kay Parries
- past president & advisor
- Director David Sederquist
- fund-raising & projects
- Director Matt Thomasson
- 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 Nancy Edmonds Hanson

- International President Ian Riseley
- District 5580 Governor Debra Warner
- District 5580 Vice Governor Gary Nolte
- Assistant District Governor Kay Parries, Moorhead
- District Governor-Elect Blaine Johnson
- District 5580 Polio Coordinator Cindy Nolte
- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord, Gary Nolte



This week's meeting: Rotarian Brandon Lunak, assistant superintendent for finance with Moorhead Public Schools, will update us on the coming school year. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms, and Pat Gulbranson is Rotarian of the day. Emily Gess and Teresa Joppa are our greeters.

Kevin Wallevand shares glimpses of Africa

Moorhead Rotary said a final goodbye to exchange student Erhard Hochörtler, who's returning home to Austria. He told the club, "Thank you for all your support. This year would not have been nearly so fantastic without you. I am so glad that I was able to extend my stay into the summer months." Jon Andreasen led members in "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" in his honor.

President Corey Elmer then introduced Rei (pronounced "Lay") Yajima, our new Rotary exchange student from Japan, who said, "I am looking forward to meeting you."

Corey added several announcements, including reminders that Kay Parries is

Can you welcome an international student into your home for a home-cooked meal on Aug. 22?

Concordia's Dr. Vinny Reusch is recruiting hosts to introduce the newcomers to America with an evening of conversation and good American cooking. Volunteers will pick up their guests at 5 p.m. and return them to campus by 8.

If you can help, contact Dr. Vinny Reusch, vreusch@cord.edu ... or Rotarian Steve Schaefer, schaefer@cord.edu, who says, "Merci. Danke. Gracias. Spasibo. Xie xie. Takk. Thank you!"



Photos/Russ Hanson:
Outgoing exchange student Erhard Hochörtler & incoming Rei Yajima. Song leader Jon Andreasen & President Corey Elmer. Rotarian of the Day David Wahlberg. (Right) Kevin Wallevand, who's been a reporter at WDAY-TV since he started as an intern in the early 1980s, shared some of the stories of his international documentary trips.

working on logo apparel and Mike Hulett is pursuing Rotary signs at city entrances. Plans are underway for a five-club dinner when District Governor Debra Warner visits in September, with more details forthcoming.

Sergeant drafts three 'Rotary Minutes'

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett called for three short and sweet "Rotary Minutes," starting with his own: "I'm in Moorhead Rotary because of the RYLA program, and the reason I stay is the dictionary project."

The Board of Directors has received four membership applications — possibly a district record for a single week! All will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.

- Patrick Lorenson, president of Ramsey National Bank (Corey Elmer)
- Brett Drevlow, district executive, Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts (Eric Wilkie)
- Liz Brandenburg, marketing director, Northwestern Bank (Corey Elmer)
- Rob Mounts, senior portfolio manager, Bremer Bank (Corey Elmer)

Photos/Russ
Hanson: Sergeant
at Arms Mike
Hulett. Barb
Belcher chats with
Rei Yajima. Gary
Nolte with Rei and
Erhard.



Guests

Exchange students Erhard Hochörtler & Rei Yajima
Rob Mounts, prospective member, guest of Corey Elmer
Brett Drevlow, prospective member, guest of Eric Wilkie
Dorothy Sumola, guest of Paul Suomala

Visiting Rotarians

Jay Schmallen, Fargo West
David Manning, FM AM

Reported Make-Ups

Kay Parries, 5 Club Presidents Meeting
Gary Nolte, Rotary Zone webinar
Mike Hulett, Fargo Downtown Rotary
Violet Deilke, foreign exchange student meetings (2)

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

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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Jean Hannig, who's been a member for 21 years, offered, "I remain in Rotary because of Rotary Youth Exchange, and also of the worldwide projects that Rotary does."

Dave Sederquist: "I have been in Rotary for 24 years because of the great members and the great programs."

Members shared "grateful dollars" for a number of things: Ron Kolb, for safely crossing the new Stillwater bridge; Eric Wilkie, for his guest, prospective member Brett, "who'll bring down the average age of the club considerably;" Gary Nolte, for guest speaker Kevin Wallevand, who was on Gary's first mission trip to Haiti; Jean Hannig, for the future of world peace through our 8,000 Rotary exchange students; Jon Benson, in memory of Corey Elmer's father, Don Elmer, who passed away last Sunday; and Corey himself, who honored his father's memory. Mike Hulett asked for moment of silence.

34-year TV veteran loves telling stories

Rotarian of the Day David Wahlberg introduced Kevin Wallevand, who has been a reporter at WDAY since 1983 and has traveled the world reporting the stories of

Red River Valley people helping others. Kevin has also taught hundreds of journalism students at MSUM. On the website Rate My Professors, one wrote, "Kevin is the best person and best professor I have ever had in my life."

Kevin showed a clip from his documentary "Orphans of the Nile" and told stories about its production. The documentary tells of the story of Fargoan Deb Dawson's group African Soul, American Heart, which strives to make leaders out of young women who fled their homes in war torn South Sudan.

Reflecting on his Haitian travels, he told the group, "Rotary is such an outstanding organization in Haiti. You support so much in Haiti to support the people." Asked what he likes best about his job, Kevin said, "This is a great place to tell stories. There are people from here who go around the world to do good things, and their stories need to be told. It's not work," he added.

Good try ... but no prize

Stacy Ackerman (who bought three tickets in hopes of winning) got half of her wish. She drew the 10 of clubs, not the ace of spades.

Looking Ahead

August 15

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbranson
ProgramBrandon Lunak, Moorhead Schools
GreetersEmily Gess & Teresa Joppa

August 22

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
Rotarian of the DayJean Hannig
ProgramIan Manning & Emily Slicer,
"FES Experiences in Argentina & Taiwan"
GreetersBarb Belcher & Adam Nordin

August 25 — District 5580 Foundation

Golf Scramble3-5 p.m.
Luau Foundation Dinner & Program6 p.m.
Perham Lakeside Golf Club

August 29

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

September 5 – No meeting

September 9 — International Student Picnic

September 12

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramCarol Knodle, Rotary trip to
Dominican Republic
GreetersTim Beaton & Ray Grefsheim



District 5580 Foundation Celebration Dinner



A fun social evening...good food, good entertainment and good friends!

Friday, August 25th, 2017

Perham Lakeside Golf Club, Event Center

Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00

Program at 8:00



Come join in celebrating all that the D5580 Foundation has accomplished *with your help.*



Participate in the D5580 Foundation 9-hole Golf Scramble
from 3:00 – 5:00, \$35 including cart.

Register for events at

<https://d5580luau.eventbrite.com>

<https://d5580golf17.eventbrite.com>

"This is an awareness and celebratory event. It is not intended as a fund raising event."