



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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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:** Dr. Heidi Manning, chair of Concordia's departments of physics and math, will discuss her experience working with NASA's Mars mission, which placed the rover "Curiosity" on the surface of the planet three years ago this month. Mike Hulett is sergeant at arms, and he and Rod McLarnan are scheduled as greeters.

### Extra-large crowd welcomes Congressman Collin Peterson to Moorhead Rotary

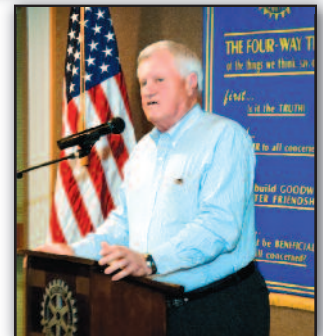
Extra tables and food were called for to accommodate Moorhead Rotarians and their guests Tuesday, when 7th District Congressman visited to discuss key issues facing Congress this fall.

After a rousing rendition of "It's a Grand Old Flag," the club was introduced to two prospective members — Chuck Hendrickson, who represents the Third Ward on the City Council, and Moorhead City Attorney John Shockley. President Eric reminded members that "we are in a period of vibrant growth," with the two prospects joining new member Dan Eggiman, who was inducted last week. All three men have been sponsored by Corey Elmer.

### August is Rotary 'membership month'

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig picked up the theme of growing membership, citing ten facts about the world's largest service organization. Among her points: eating lunch with friends, connecting with other professionals, serving the community, learning about other cultures

Photos: President Eric Wilkie welcomes Congressman Collin Peterson. Rotarian of the Day Anne Blackhurst, Ph.D. Pledging allegiance. (Right) The 7th District congressman discusses the current climate in the Capitol and issues in which he's involved.



and perspectives, supporting projects to make life better for others around the world and expanding your family — as a part of the worldwide Rotary family.

### Peterson has represented Dist. 7 for 25 years

Rotarian of the Day Anne Blackhurst introduced our guest, Congressman Collin Peterson, who has represented Minnesota's 7th District for 25 years. The MSUM graduate, CPA and musician from Detroit Lakes is a founding member of the so-called "Blue Dog Democrats, a conservative faction within the party.

Peterson is spending the summer recess in his district and, he says, "getting a lot of good advice at meetings like this." He is 32nd in seniority among House members. "It takes time to develop relationships. That's how

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from John Shockley, Moorhead's city attorney, a member of the Ohnstad Twichell law firm. His sponsor is Corey Elmer. He will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.



Photos: Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Getting to know prospective members John Shockley (center) and Chuck Hendrickson. Cprey Elmer, who's sponsored both new members, is to their right. Rep. Peterson talks with Anne Blackhurst.

things get done," he observed. He said he's seeing some glimmers of hope that the political climate is finally changing "to make things happen again. I think it's getting back more to the way it used to be so we can get something done," he predicted.

Peterson addressed a number of specific local issues that members inquired about:

**34th Street Overpass:** When Collin first proposed it, people thought it was crazy. It was built with a legislative earmark, along with the I-94 interchange also built ... both contributing the growth now happening in east Moorhead.

He said, "We're probably not going to get back to earmarks as long as John Boehner is in speaker of the House, but earmarks allow for some federal spending decisions to be made by elected officials with the best knowledge of local needs." He is working with Republicans to find revenue to fund what needs to get done so they can support a six-

year transportation plan.

**Agriculture:** "We passed the farm bill, and now we're trying to hold it together. Some want to get rid of the sugar program. We are the biggest sugar district in the nation. Two national groups, the Club for Growth and Heritage Action, both want to kill sugar. If a vote were held today on sugar, we will lose because of fear of these two groups."

**Fargo Diversion:** "The outlook is unclear because of the environmental impact study in progress now. In about a month, when completed, its future will depend on whether or not there will be a DNR permit. The ditch is to be paid for locally, but the dam will have to be federally funded. We'll have more clarity in the fall."

**Iran Nuclear Deal:** "I'll be very surprised if there would be enough votes to override a veto (if a bill rejecting the agreement is passed). I have not decided for myself."

## August Birthdays

Alma Cater Aug 1

## Wedding Anniversaries

Nolte, Cindy & Gary  
46 years Aug 01 1969  
Baldwin, Jill & Jerry  
46 years Aug 02 1969  
Leiseth, Robert & Marilyn  
58 years Aug 04 1957  
Moorhead, Tracey & Richard  
51 years Aug 14 1964  
Beaton, Tim & Joan  
4 years Aug 17 2011  
Belcher, Barb & David  
2 years Aug 17 2013  
Myrvik, Donald & Rhoda  
58 years Aug 17 1957  
Johnson, Eric & Kirsten  
3 years Aug 21 2012  
Riewer, Jon & Kristine  
19 years Aug 24 1996  
Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl  
34 years Aug 29 1981

## Club Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 19 years  
Aug 06 1996  
Blackhurst, Anne 3 years  
Aug 14 2012  
Nolte, Cindy 15 years  
Aug 15 2000  
Hutchins, Scott 32 years  
Aug 30 1983

## Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

### Tuesday, August 18

Sergeant at Arms: .....Mike Hulett  
Rotarian of the Day: .....Russ Hanson  
Program: .....Dr. Heidi Manning, Concordia,  
"Big Mars Science from the Big Mars Rover"  
Greeters: .....M Hulett & R McLaman

### Tuesday, August 25

Sergeant at Arms: .....Dave Sederquist  
Program: .....Abby Tow, executive director,  
Goetz Mental Health Initiative  
Greeters: .....E Johnson & G Monson

### Tuesday, September 1

Sergeant at Arms: .....Eric Johnson  
Rotarian of the Day: .....George Davis  
Program: ..... Matt Frolich, NDSU  
Center for Nano Science  
Greeters: .....G Johnson & N Moore

### Rotary Ride -- September 5

### Tuesday, September 8

Sergeant at Arms: .....Dave Sederquist

Rotarian of the Day: .....Eric Johnson  
Program: ....President William Craft, Concordia  
Fall marks the return of students and buzz to the campus of Concordia College. We're pleased to have fellow Rotarian Bill Craft share his insights on the great things happening this year at Concordia College. Go Cobbers!  
Greeters: .....R Kolb & T Moorhead

### Tuesday, September 15

Sergeant at Arms: .....Jean Hannig  
Rotarian of the Day: .....Corey Elmer  
Program: .....Tim Flaherty, St. Paul, MN  
"How Did Greater Minnesota Fare in the 2015 Legislature?" Our guest is principal lobbyist for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and the city of Moorhead at the Minnesota Legislature. He has represented Greater Minnesota cities at the Legislature for over 30 years. He will provide an insider's perspective on the 2015 legislative session and what the legislature and governor did (or didn't do) for Greater Minnesota.  
Greeters: .....L Kovash & C Nolte