



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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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: Moorhead Rotarian Lynne Kovash, superintendent of schools, discusses why this is an especially exciting time for our school district.

Habitat for Humanity builds simple, affordable homes for low-income families

Moorhead Rotary opened Tuesday's gathering with the classic tune "Home on the Range" — an homage to guest speaker Pete Christopher's organization, Habitat for Humanity.

Grant recipients say 'thanks'

President Jon Benson read thank-you messages from several area charities who have received grants from Moorhead Rotary this year, including Junior Achievement, F-M Symphony and Rotary Foundation.

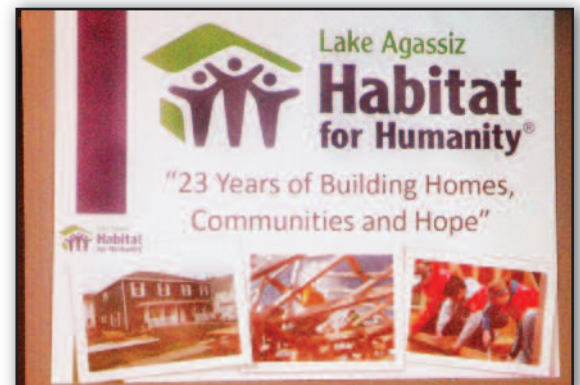
September chock full of Rotary dates

Members highlighted a number of special events coming up in the next month.

Tim and Gary are looking for Rotarians to ride along in a cool car representing our club in the **Greater Moorhead Days parade**, starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5. As a "candy chucker," you're guaranteed a warm reception by kids in the crowd!



Photos: Members at the Hjemkomst Center. Tim Beaton invites members to F-M Area Foundation's Moorhead Community Voices events Sept. 9-11. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. (Below) Pete Christopher, resource development manager, gave an overview of Habitat for Humanity's 23 years in Fargo-Moorhead. Photos by Gary Nolte.



The board of directors has received a membership application from John Schaffer, sponsored by Corey Elmer. He is a commercial lender at Northwest Bank. He will be approved for membership after a 10-day comment period.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Sergeant at Arms: E Wilkie
Rotarian of the Day: Bill Woods
Program: Rotarian Lynne Kovash,
Moorhead superintendent, on
"An Exciting Time for Moorhead
Schools"
Greeters: Craft & Miller

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Sergeant at Arms: J Hannig
ROD: Eric Wilkie
Program: Rotarian Eric Wilkie
& Aaron Zinter, "Oak Grove
Moving Ahead"
Greeters: Davidson & Monson

Tuesday, Sept. 16

MEETING AT BLUESTEM

Sergeant at Arms: D Sederquist
ROD: Russ Hanson
Program: Jon Evert, Clay County
Commissioner, on county issues
Greeters: Davis & Moore

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Sergeant at Arms: E Johnson
RODs: Jon Benson & Eric Wilkie
Annual Club Assembly. Lots of great
ideas & opportunity for input by
all of our membership.
Presentation of checks to grant
recipients: Sam Wai
Kickoff, Annual Travel Giveaway
raffle program: Violet Deilke
Greeters: Deilke & Moorhead

Guest – August 26

Pete Christopher, Habitat for
Humanity, speaker

Make-ups

John Andreasen, FM/AM Rotary
Chuck Matthees & Gina Monson,
F-M Ride committee

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
43 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

Violet Deilke and the **Travel Giveaway Committee** asked members to review names and addresses of past purchasers for a direct-mail campaign kicking off this year's ticket sales.

Bicyclists and volunteers alike are needed for the **F-M Rotary Ride** on Saturday, Sept. 6. Chuck Matthees is looking for helpers. Please see him about lending a hand. The charity ride is a benefit to help retired the debt on Rotary Miracle Field in Moorhead.

Tim Beaton invited members to play a part in charting our city's future by participating in **Moorhead Community Voices**, three gatherings at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9, 10 and 11. The focus is on what makes Moorhead a great place to live and how we can improve into the future.

Our big **International Student Picnic** is slated for Sunday, Sept. 14, at Lindenwood Park.

Sederquist assesses fines for infractions

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist quickly announced fines for overlooking pins, bad singing, and not wearing Rotary blue or gold. Happy dollars were offered for taking the kids to the Minnesota State Fair, anniversaries noting 24 and 18 years of happiness, the FM/AM club's football tickets, and other high notes.

Dave wrapped up with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "A man builds a fine house, and now he has a task for life."

Habitat needs volunteers to build success

Pete Christopher, resource development officer for Habitat for Humanity, brought members up to date on the local volunteer

group's progress and programs. Forty-seven simple, affordable houses have been built since its inception in 1991, including the one constructed by Moorhead Rotary in 1994. Some 100 families have applied for the three houses been built this year, with another three scheduled for 2015.

Pete said that houses can be built for \$32,000 on average. Habitat finances each house for the chosen family at zero percent annual interest; in 23 years, only one has resulted in foreclosure. Family members must commit to putting in "sweat equity;" Habitat conducts classes for them on home ownership topics like maintenance, finance and energy conservation.

During construction, 10 to 15 volunteers work at the site each day. Groups and individuals often sponsor a day, a week or a month of the "build" financially as well as stepping in to help erect the home.

Habitat's ReStore helps raise funds, but contributes even more in terms of reusing and recycling furniture, cabinets, lumber, carpet and flooring. ReStore volunteers can pitch in to deconstruct homes that are being torn down, salvaging doors, cabinetry, windows and other elements to be sold to new owners. Pete said 7 million pounds of building materials have been kept out of landfills since the ReStore program began.

Upcoming fund raisers include the Tour de Habitat bike ride, Toppers Car Cruise for Habitat and an auction of original art created from salvage materials, scheduled for 2015.

At last! Chuck snags raffle pot

Picking from just 10 cards, Chuck Matthees won the raffle pot of more than \$1,200. Next week, we start over from scratch.

Why I am a Rotarian ... by Randy Farwell V

Volunteering has always been a part of my personal commitment. For a number of years the Jaycees offered that opportunity and then the Chamber of Commerce. Rotary extends that opportunity along with getting to know many likeminded men and women in our community. Giving a little yields so much more in return and truly fits with Service above Self. Thanks for the invite Vi!

'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Bob Hanna	due July 22
Paul Holtan	due August 12
Eric Johnson	due August 26
Greg Johnson	due September 2
Teresa Joppa	due September 9

Please mail your comments to
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FM Area Foundation
Connecting people and purpose.

Join

the FM Area Foundation for



Moorhead

COMMUNITY VOICES

Share your thoughts with friends and neighbors about what makes Moorhead a great place to live, and how we can improve into the future at a community gathering this September.

Ideas will be shared with the community.

For more information, visit areafoundation.org.

Find a community gathering
that fits your schedule:

Sept. 9, Hjemkomst Center, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 10, Courtyard by Marriott, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 11, Bluestem Center for the Arts, 6:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!