



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

- President Lynne Kovash
- President-Elect Corey Elmer
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- President-nominee Corey Elmer
- Past President Jon Benson
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- Director Dale Hetland
- Director Jill Baldwin
- Director Tammy Finney
- Director David Sederquist
- 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

The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month.

- International President  
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- District 5580 Governor  
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- Assistant District Governor  
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- District Governor-Elect  
Craig Lochery
- District 5580 Polio Coordinator  
Cindy Nolte
- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord.  
Gary Nolte

- 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:** Joe Brannan of the Moorhead Police Department talks about the work of their K-9 police unit. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and Violet Deilke & Jerry Rogers are greeters. **Meeting Location:** Concordia College Grant Center, Barry Auditorium (Offutt School of Business). Parking east of the building in lot E. **Please display your parking pass on your dashboard.**

### Valley Water Rescue volunteers show gear & talk about divers' work deep in river

John Andreasen led Rotarians in the verses of "Clementine" as President Lynne Kovash opened Tuesday's meeting. The lyrics drew giggles as he explained why he'd chosen it to go with the program. Listen to the words and judge for yourself.

### Announcements and volunteer ops

Bicyclists are being invited to take part in the upcoming Rotary Ride, the Flatlander, Sept. 10. The five sponsoring clubs are looking for riders on several optional courses, from the 11-mile Family Ride to the 62-mile Metric Century. All circuits begin and end at Lindenwood Park. The ride, sponsors emphasize, is "fast, fun & FLAT." Register at [fmrotaryride.com](http://fmrotaryride.com)

Another walk/run even is scheduled the day before, Sept. 9. That one raises funds for "61 for 61," the Roger Maris-themed charity.

Ron Kolb reminded members of the death of Dave Sederquist's father-in-law, Louis Remark, a former Rotarian and retired dentist.



Photos/Russ Hanson: President Lynne Kovash. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig introduces Juho Seilo of Finland, foreign exchange student hosted by Fargo's AM and PM Rotary Clubs. Pete Fendt discussed Valley Water Rescue. Gregg Nelson demonstrated the special heavy-duty gear VWR divers wear when searching for victims and evidence deep in the water. Handler Bud Myers introduced his bloodhound, Alice, one of several specially trained search dogs he has trained for search and rescue.

Bill Wood announced that 800-some dictionaries have been ordered. They'll be distributed this fall to every third-grader in the area ... a long-standing club project.

### Sgt. Jean shares reasons to love Rotary

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig highlighted 10 reasons to love Rotary, as chronicled in the Rotarian magazine. She also introduced Juho Seilo, a young Finn who's spending the next nine months with hosts from the Fargo AM and FM Rotary clubs.



Photos: Alice, Bud Myers' search-and-rescue bloodhound. Rotarians at lunch. Secretary Teresa Joppy and Jean Hannig.

**Guests August 23**

Pete Fendt, Bud Myers & Gregg Nelson, Valley Water Rescue (& Alice)\*-- Gary Haugo, guest of Dave Wahlberg

Visiting Rotarians  
Christie Gleason & Kriss Burns, FM PM Rotary  
Juho Seilo, FES/Fargo AM & PM clubs

**Reported Make-Ups**

Eric Wilkie, Fargo West, 8/22

**August Birthdays**

Alma Cater Aug 01

**Anniversaries**

- Nolte, Cindy & Gary 47 years  
Aug 01 1969
- Baldwin, Jill & Jerry 47 years  
Aug 02 1969
- Hendrickson, Chuck & Renae 22 yrs  
Aug 13 1994
- Moorhead, Tracey & Richard 52 yrs  
Aug 14 1964
- Beaton, Tim & Joan 5 years  
Aug 17 2011
- Belcher, Barb & David 3 years  
Aug 17 2013
- Myrvik, Donald & Rhoda 59 years  
Aug 17 1957
- Johnson, Eric & Kirsten 4 years  
Aug 21 2012
- Riewer, Jon & Kristine 20 years  
Aug 24 1996
- Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl 35 years  
Aug 29 1981

**Rotary Anniversaries**

- Hannig, Jean 20 years  
Aug 06 1996
- Blackhurst, Anne 4 years  
Aug 14 2012
- Nolte, Cindy 16 years  
Aug 15 2000
- Hutchins, Scott 33 years  
Aug 30 1983

Happy dollars saluted the late Louie Remark, “a wonderful father-in-law and second dad;” a full month with no new polio cases reported on Planet Earth; campus move-in days and Concordia’s Corn Feed; and lunch Friday to “save the Speak Easy.”

Jean wrapped up with a quote from Albert Einstein: “Live for today and hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

**Valley Water Rescue divers aid law enforcement’s river searches & rescues**

Rotarian of the Day Dale Hetland introduced the day’s speakers, Pete Fendt of Valley Water Rescue and his fellow volunteers Gregg Nelson and Bud Myers ... as well as Bud’s personable bloodhound Alice.

The team of divers and support staff traces its beginning to a near-tragedy in 1987 — the rescue of a young boy, Alvaro Garza, from the icy Red River. His recovery was considered the community’s “Christmas miracle.”

“It took awhile to gain the trust of law enforcement, but in time a partnership was

formed,” Pete said.

The team currently has 13 divers and seven tenders, along with five search dogs and four handlers. Laura, who visited the club, specializes in tracking “man scent.” Two of the dogs are trained to find cadavers.

The team trains outdoors every month of the year to be prepared for every kind of weather and water condition — swiftwater, blackwater, and ice rescue when temperatures dip to 30 below zero.

Valley Water Rescue divers are very different from their recreational counterparts. Safety is the primary factor. They wear dry suits costing \$2,000 and more – not the more familiar wet suits – with waterproof seals in the wrists, legs, neck and zippers. All divers have a line on them connected to their harness and weight belt.

A fully dressed backup diver is always standing by, ready to go in to assist the first diver if needed. They have audio communication and also use “line pull” to communicate. VWR also has purchased a remote-control underwater sonar device and a drone for overhead searches.

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, August 30 — at Concordia Grant Center in Barry Auditorium**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Program .....Joe Brannan, Mhd Police K9 unit  
Greeters .....Violet Deilke & Jerry Rogers

**Tuesday, Sept. 6 — at Concordia Grant Center in Barry Auditorium**

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
Program.....Clay County Admin Brian Berg, “New Correctional Facility & Law Enforcement Center”  
Greeters ....Brad Donabauer & Jade Rosenfeldt

**Saturday, September 10 — Flatlander Rotary Bike Ride**

**Tuesday, Sept. 13 — back at Hjemkomst**

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
Program .....Kevin Feeney, MHS football coach  
Greeters .....Paul Dovre & Steve Schaefer

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
Program...Mike Knorr, program on scuba diving  
Greeters .....Dan Eggiman & Bill Schwandt

**Tuesday, Sept. 27**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Program .....Randy Farwell & RYLA students  
Greeters .....Corey Elmer & John Schockley