



# 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
- Director Cindy Nolte
- Director Russ Hanson
- Director Dave Wahlberg
- 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  
John Germ, Chattanooga, TN
- District 5580 Governor  
Herb Schmidt, Fargo
- Assistant District Governor  
Kay Parries, Moorhead
- District Governor-Elect  
Craig Lochery
- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord,  
Gary Nolte
- Rotary Endowment Committee  
Cindy 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.

**Moorhead Rotary**  
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**This week:** Jessica Thomasson, executive director of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, has been in the eye of the storm with refugee resettlement in North Dakota. Today she offers the straight story and answers your questions. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms, and our greeters are Alma Cater and Kay Parries. **LOCATION: Concordia College Knutson Center**

Photos/Tammy Finney: Past president Dale Hetland presides. Jean Hannig, Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Justin Forde of Fargo Downtown Rotary talks about Midco's expansion plans. Dave Tranby. Jon Riewer draws a losing card.



### Midco executive briefs Rotarians on Internet speeds, fiber optics & plans

Past president Dale Hetland, who completed his term five years ago, stepped in Tuesday to wield the gavel on behalf of President Lynne Kovash. After Eric Johnson led the group in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," Dale welcomed guests, including Justin Strinden, an intern at Heartland Trust, and Nathan Johnson, the new executive director of Eventide Moorhead (and a prospective member).

### Sergeant at arms reminds members to support 'cone zone' businesses

Eric Johnson, our song-leading sergeant at arms, reminded members complaining about the pain of Moorhead's epic construction season that, when it's complete, the outcome will be worth it. He urged members to patronize the Moorhead businesses enmeshed in the web of Cone Zones.

Eric summarized opportunities to make up for missed meetings. He also highlighted new modes of membership that might be considered, including corporate and family



memberships. He also taught members several secret Concordia code words so they, too, can speak Cordanese ... including the presidents' nicknames and the Norwegian names and pronunciation of campus landmarks.

Happy Dollars flowed in honor of the Minnesota Gophers, National Coloring Day, Trollwood's "Little Mermaid," Matt Cullen's party, "American Idiot," a daughter's move to a Florida air base, and trips to Medora.



## Guests August 2

Jacob Strinden, guest of Tim Beaton  
Nathan Johnson, guest of Jon Riewer

## Visiting Rotarians

Justin Forde, Fargo Downtown Rotary,  
speaker

## Reported Make-Ups

Kay Parries & Jean Hannig, F-M Rotary  
Foundation, July 27

## 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

## Midco moves forward in metro area

Justin Forde, Midco's director of public affairs, brought members up to date on the Sioux Falls-based telephone, Internet and cable TV company. Originally known as Midcontinent Communications, the company got its start with movie theaters across the Midwest, and once was also involved in call centers and radio.

Its three founders were North Dakota natives. Today the company employs 1,300 in the Dakotas and Minnesota. Its fiber optic system covers more than 8,000 miles in the Upper Midwest, including most of Moorhead

and Fargo. The company is bringing gigabit Internet to Fargo-Moorhead, providing service that is 35 times faster than the national average and 5 times faster than Midco's current fastest speed. The gig service will be available to all North Dakota towns by the end of 2017.

Midco provided \$150,000 in grants to regional charities in the past year. Since its inception in 1987, it has donated \$3.6 million. The company sponsors many community events throughout its service territory. Grants are accepted semiannually. Justin, who's a member of Fargo Downtown Rotary, encouraged us to apply.

## Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

### Tuesday, August 9 — at Concordia

**Jones A & B — Knutson Campus Center**  
Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
Rotarian of the Day .....Paul Dovre  
Program.....Jessica Thomasson of LSS/ND  
discusses refugee resettlement in the area.  
(Please email questions you'd like to ask to  
daleh@starionfinancial.com this week.)  
Greeters .....Alma Cater & Kay Parries

### Tuesday, August 16— at Concordia

**Grant Center in Barry Auditorium**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
Program .....Chad Walthall, MSUM  
head men's basketball coach  
Greeters .....Bill Craft & Neil Qualey

### Tuesday, August 16 — Rotary Golf Tournament at Moorhead Country Club

### Tuesday, August 23 — at Concordia

**Grant Center in Barry Auditorium**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
Program .....Pete Fendt, Valley Water Rescue  
Greeters.....George Davis & Jon Riewer

### 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 .....  
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 — at Hjemkomst

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

### Tuesday, Sept. 20

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

### Tuesday, Sept. 27

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Program .....Randy Farwell & RYLA students  
Greeters .....Corey Elmer & John Schockey