



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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Program Coord. Corey Elmer  
RYLA Coord. Randy Farwell  
Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist  
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud  
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,  
Vern Goodin, Bob Hanna,  
John Andreasen  
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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month.

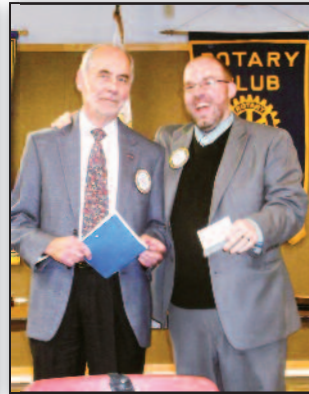
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### Other F-M Rotary Clubs

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:** We're back at the Hjemkomst Center this week for Dr. Paul Dovre's annual Christmas message. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and our greeters are George Davis & David Tranby.

Photos by Gary Nolte:  
(From top left) Eric Wilkie visits with members at lunch. Song leader John Andreasen & President Eric. Ron Hagemann & George Davis. (Right) Sponsor Corey Elmer pins Rotary insignia on new member John Shockley. (Below) Sponsor Gina Monson and president Eric Wilkie help induct new members Tammy Finney (left, sponsored by Russ Hanson) and Troy Nellis (center).



### President Eric conducts mandatory annual club assembly, inducts members

President Eric Wilkie welcomed members to the annual club assembly required by our by-laws — along with the induction of three new members. After John Andreasen led the group in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth," members also joined in a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to those celebrating in November and December.

President Eric announced that there is only one regular meeting at the Hjemkomst Center that remains this month — Tuesday, Dec. 15. We do not meet the week of Christmas. On the final Tuesday of the month, members will again serve lunch as volunteers at Churches United for the Homeless.

Project chair Dale Hetland thanked those who volunteered on Thanksgiving Tuesday and reported that nine have stepped forward for this next engagement at the shelter.

President Eric announced that Vern Goodin has submitted his resignation.

Dictionary project chairman Bill Woods shared more thank-you notes from third-graders who



received Rotary dictionaries this fall — more than 800 in number.

Rod McLarnan passed around sign-up sheets for the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign. Rotarians will again be ringing the bells at Hornbacher's in downtown Moorhead.

### Holiday donations to be collected Tuesday

As is our club's tradition, we'll be collecting Christmas donations at this Tuesday's meeting. Our gifts will benefit needy families in our community. Please remember to bring cash or your checkbook!



Photos by Gary Nolte: The serving line. President Eric conducts the annual assembly. Jean Hannig with prospective member Pat Gulbranson & FES Tangkwa. (Below) Pianist Sharon Fangsrud. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson.

**Guests, Dec. 8**

Pat Gulbranson, guest of Jean Hannig  
Tangkwa, FES

**Make-Ups**

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Duluth Rotary, 11-19, and Fargo PM Rotary, 11-30  
John Andreasen & Kay Parries, Fargo West

**Resignation**

Vern Goodin

**December Birthdays**

Andreasen, John	Dec 05
Deilke, Violet	Dec 20
Moore, Noel	Dec 25
Monson, Gina	Dec 30

**Club Anniversaries**

Wright, Edgar	60 years
Dec 06 1955	
Baldwin, Jill	15 years
Dec 12 2000	
Nolte, Gary	27 years
Dec 13 1988	
Parries, Kay	27 years
Dec 13 1988	

**Johnson shares evaluation giggles**

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson pointed out some relevant articles in this month's Rotarian magazine ... then shared a handful of pithy comments from performance evaluations at work:

- Men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity.
- Opens mouth only to change feet.
- Since last report, he has hit bottom and started to dig.
- This officer should go far — the sooner, the better.
- Works well when under supervision and cornered like a rat.

He collected happy dollars for many much more positive experiences: Seeing Moorhead native Becky Gulsvig onstage in Minneapolis; in thanks for Sharon Fangsrud's piano accompaniment; for assessing property in the best small town in America; in appreciation of the Elmers, who hosted the Christmas party; for the Concordia Christmas concert and the USI Redbirds; and for a Disney World trip with 3-year-old grandchildren.

**Club business meeting addresses progress**

Another Eric, this one our president, gave a brief overview of the three parts of Rotary — Rotary International itself, the Rotary Foundation and 34,000 individual Rotary clubs around the world encompassing 1.2



million members organized in 534 districts.

Members voted to approve the entire club leadership roster, including new President-Elect Lynne Kovash, who will take over the reins in July 2016.

Eric reported the budget is on its way back to sound fiscal ground through careful attention to expenditures. He said negotiations are underway with our meal providers.

He reported club membership has diminished somewhat in recent years, from 72 in July 2011 to 63 in July 2015. Three new members were inducted into membership at the meeting: Tammy Finney, managing editor of Moorhead's newspaper, The Extra; John Shockley, an attorney with the Ohnstad Law Firm; and Troy Nellis, who comes to us from the Brooklyn Park Rotary Club.

Eric emphasized the importance of service to the community. Not only is that part of the Rotary mission; it also gives community members a chance to see us in action and inspire them to want to join our club.

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, December 15**

Sergeant at Arms:.....Eric Johnson  
Program: .....Dr. Paul Dove  
Greeters:..Bryan Davidson & Matt Thomason

**Tuesday, December 29**

Churches United for the Homeless service event. **No club meeting at the Hjemkomst Center today.**

**Tuesday, December 23 .....No meeting Merry Christmas!**