



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

- President Eric Wilkie
- President-elect Lynne Kovash
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- President-nominee Corey Elmer
- President-nominee Mark Bertilrud
- Past President Jon Benson
- Director Cindy Nolte
- Director Russ Hanson
- Director Dave Wahlberg
- Director Dale Hetland
- Director Jill Baldwin
- Director Bryan Davidson
- Director Mark Bertilrud
- Director vacant
- Member at Large Gary Nolte
- 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
- 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  
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka
- District 5580 Governor  
Craig Loughery, Ely
- Assistant District Governor  
Kay Parries, Moorhead
- District Governor-Elect  
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- 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.

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**This week:** Merry Christmas! Moorhead Rotary does not meet for the next two weeks to give you more time with family. Next Tuesday, Dec. 29, the members who signed up last week will gather at Churches United for the Homeless, 1901 First Ave. N., for our second shift as volunteers on the lunch line.

### Moorhead Rotary welcomes Christmas with charity collection, talk by Dove

President Eric Wilkie welcomed Moorhead Rotary members and their guests to a festive meeting — our last of 2015. He congratulated our pianist, Sharon Fangsrud, who was named Grace Methodist Church's woman of the year.

### Merry Christmas, Tangkwa!

Our exchange student, Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien, was brought forward to open her gift from the club -- a variety of warm and fuzzy Moorhead Spuds logo gear.

### Members give to make Christmas merrier

Perhaps the most important measure was passing the hat for our annual Christmas contribution to charity, with all proceeds going to less fortunate families in Clay County. According to Ron Kolb, donations of \$1,270 were divided among the Lakes and Prairies Community Action Agency, Dorothy Day House of Hospitality and Churches United for the Homeless — all to be used to make the



Photos: Our foreign exchange student, Tangkwa Simasthien, opens her gift from the club as President Erica Wilkie looks on. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Speaker Paul Dove, who delivered his traditional Christmas message. New members Jade Rosenfeldt with sponsor Corey Elmer, and Heidi Fitzgerald and sponsor Jerry Rogers.



holiday brighter for our neighbors.

### Two women inducted into membership

Moorhead Rotary welcomes two new members who were inducted last week. Jade Rosenfeldt is an attorney with the Vogel Law Firm; she was "pinned" by her sponsor, Corey Elmer. Linda Fitzgerald, a physician assistant at Essentia Health in Moorhead, received her membership pin from sponsor Jerry Rogers.

### Hjemkomst needs holiday volunteers

The Hjemkomst Center is looking for volunteers to help with afternoon sleighrides Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Ron Hagemann urged us



Photos: Cindy and Gary Nolte with grandson Hunter Tran. Foreign exchange student Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien shows off her gift of Moorhead Spuds gear from the club.

### Guests, Dec. 15

- Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien, FES
- Pam Bertilrud, guest of Violet Deilke
- Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul Suomala
- Kate Rolhrich, guest of Troy Nellis
- Alicia Gorder, guest of Jon Reimer
- Alex Jorgenson, guest of Paul Holtan
- Mardi Dovre, guest of Paul Dovre
- Hunter Tran, guest of Gary & Cindy Nolte

### December Birthdays

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

### Club Anniversaries

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|---------------|----------|
| 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   |          |

to consider volunteering — a good time for volunteers and children alike.

### Happy reasons for happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson voluntarily shortened his “witty banter and edification” in anticipation of our special holiday message. Members contributed happy dollars for all kinds of good reasons: Bob Hanna’s successful stent placement at Essentia Sunday; Jean’s pleasure at Tangkwa’s choir concert; Norwegian sons in law home for the holidays; the Nolte’s grandson’s visit; Paul Dovre’s inspirational messages over the years; winter graduates at MSUM and Concordia; and the nine new members we’ve welcomed since July.

### Former President Paul Dovre shares reflections on the message of Christmas

Eric introduced a man who really needed none — Dr. Paul Dovre, who has spent 53 years on the Concordia campus, half of the college’s lifetime.

Paul focused on how music helps us enjoy and better understand the holidays. He noted that the Advent symphony, unlike most, starts slowly, in contrast to the brisk openings of most others. John is in the wilderness, beginning to warn and foretell of the coming.

“Members who have been ringing bells for the Salvation Army may recognize how some approach us not really wanting to walk by,” he said. “We have little reason to know joy if we are content, if we have no need of healing, if

we have no illness.”

Paul decried the warlike demagoguery of today’s presidential candidates and wars for “so-called religious aims,” with guns the weapons of choice.

He said taking inventory of our shortcomings forms the middle of the symphony — making the road straight, clearing a path, and repenting to bring justice, healing and hope. God’s mercy comes as a balm: Let the oppressed go free, share your bread with the hungry.

He said Rotary is an example in service to make the rough road plainer and less bumpy.

“Many needs still exist in this community of abundance,” he said, “but our club is donating to social services so they can provide gifts.”

The third, presto movement’s title is “Celebration,” he said— giving thanks that the Lord is our salvation.

Wars, anxiety and hopelessness prevail in some places, he said, “but we are the hands and feet and heart of Jesus. We share our abundance,” he said. “And we bring peace and joy and hope to others.”

### Weekly raffle jackpot eludes winner

Doreen Filler won the club’s weekly raffle, giving her a chance to draw the lucky card — but it escaped her. She received five dollars as a consolation prize.

## Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

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

**Tuesday, December 29**  
Churches United for the Homeless service event. **No club meeting at the Hjemkomst Center today.**