



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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District 5580

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs
Monday: FM/PM Rotary 5:30 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Monday: Fargo West Noon, Holiday Inn
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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No Rotary meeting this week: *Instead of our regular noon meeting on Tuesday, we'll gather at the Bluestem Center for the Arts in south Moorhead for our annual holiday party. Moorhead Rotary will not meet on Tuesday, Dec. 23 ... but we resume our regular meeting schedule after Christmas on Dec. 30.*

Annual holiday collection generates \$1,000 for local charities serving underprivileged

The song of the day was "Silent Night" as president Jon Benson welcomed Rotarians to their last noon meeting until after Christmas.

President Jon Benson and members were reminded of the club's holiday party, which replaces our noon meeting next week. Treasurer Doreen Filler requested that members let her know if they have not received their quarterly dues invoice, since several undeliverable emails bounced back.

Hulett reminds of Rotary's objectives

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett reminded members of the true objects of Rotary: high ethical standards, service above self, the four-way test, advancement of international understanding and goodwill, along with the Rotary Code of Conduct.

Happy dollars showered down for a variety of reasons to smile. Eric announced that he has moved in with his second host family headed by Steve Schaefer. Dave Sederquist's son's surgery went well, and he thanked friends for



Photos: President Jon Benson. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Dr. Paul Dovre (top right & above left) offers his annual Advent meditation on the meaning of the season, waiting. Pianist Sharon Fangsrud accompanies the group in a heavenly version of "Silent Night."

HOLIDAY PARTY

TUESDAY, DEC. 16
BLUESTEM CENTER FOR THE ARTS

6-6:45 Social Hour w/ Hors D'oeuvres
Cash Bar

6:30 Moorhead High School
Vocal Jazz Ensemble

7:00 Dinner
Welcome (George Davis)
Table Prayer (Cindy Nolte)

7:45 MHS Carolers

8:00 Dr. Anne Blackhurst





Exchange student Eric Andersson. Weekly raffle business with Greg Johnson, Dale Hetland, Bill Craft, Dave Tranby & Tracey Moorhead. Paul & Mardy Dovre chat with Alma Cater. (Below) Paul Dovre & Ron Kolb. Jon Andreasen & Dale Stenerson. Paul

Guests, Dec. 2

Mardy Dovre, guest of Paul Dovre
Eric Andersson, FES

December Birthdays

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

Club Anniversaries

Wright, Edgar	59 years
Dec 06 1955	
Baldwin, Jill	14 years
Dec 12 2000	
Nolte, Gary	26 years
Dec 13 1988	
Parries, Kay	26 years
Dec 13 1988	

their support. Newzad Brifki is spending the month as a relief worker in villages of Kurdistan. Moorhead has restored evening hours at the Lake Agassiz Library. Bryan Davidson reported the Northern Light Boy Scouts have reached their local fund-raising goal. Dale Stenerson mentioned the iron lung displayed in the lobby, a hand-pumped model used in areas without electricity. Two of our members, he and Vern Goodin, are polio survivors.

Waiting for gifts in the spirit of Advent

Dr. Paul Dovre set the mood for the season with a meditation tailored for the season. He told of saying goodbye, as an 8-year-old, when his adored older sister left for college ... then counting the days until she came home for Christmas. "Nothing makes you appreciate a gift," he observed, "like waiting."

He spoke of the millions who have waited for gifts in the past, as others still wait today. "This nation has a legacy of progress, followed by backsliding and inaction or uncaring," he said. "Then we progress again."

"Many are waiting now for better lives, better treatment ... salvation," he pointed out. Millions are living in refugee camps as winter



approaches; yet Oxfam, the international relief consortium, reports that the U.S. has only contributed 60 percent of its share to date. "What of the homeless? The Ebola victims?" Paul asked. "What are people here in our community waiting for?"

He urged us to live out Rotary's ideals, especially now as we head into the Christmas season.

Members respond with generous gifts

The Advent season marks the club's only "passing of the hat" among members. On Tuesday, more than \$1,000 was given by our members. The funds will be shared among Churches United for the Homeless, Lakes and Prairies Community Action, and the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality. It's been a club tradition for many years, offering yet another way Rotary brightens the lives of neighbors.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, Dec. 16 — Holiday Party

...No regular meeting at noon...

Dinner at Bluestem/Trollwood Center for the Arts
Details and menu on next page!
Holiday Program:Anne Blackhurst
Music:Moorhead High Carolers

Tuesday, Dec. 23 — no meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Sergeant at Arms:J Hannig
ROD:Gina Monson
Program:Rotarian Dave Sederquist,
"Xcel Energy: Preparing for the Future"
Greeters:G Johnson & Stenerson

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Sergeant at Arms:D Sederquist
ROD:Violet Deilke
Program:Mark & Pam Bertilrud,
"Our Adventures in Africa"
Greeters:M Hulett & R Swenson

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Sergeant at Arms:G Monson
ROD:Holly Miller
Program: Christina Hemmer, clinical director,
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
Greeters:E Johnson & D Tranby