



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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

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**Other F-M Rotary Clubs**  
Monday: Fargo West  
Noon, Holiday Inn  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: FM/AM  
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub  
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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**Feb. 11 — Gary & Cindy Nolte, 'mission junkies,' describe work accomplished on Haiti mission trips since first in 2007**

Moorhead Rotarians focused on service at Tuesday's meeting. The day's program featured our own Gary and Cindy Nolte, self-described "mission junkies" who have traveled much of the undeveloped world on service trips organized by Rotary International and their church, Trinity Lutheran, whose service was the focus of their presentation this week.

**Opportunities to help and to get to know Rotary better**

Steve Schaefer, club chair of the Rotary Essay Contest, told members about the annual contest for junior and senior high school students. The deadline for this year's entries is March 3, with young writers competing for three prizes of \$125, \$100 and \$75. He is looking for two more readers to help judge the event.

President Cindy reminded members of two big upcoming events: the district conference in May (information at right) and the Fireside Chat at the Nolte home Tuesday, Feb. 25. The local event is expressly for new and recent members and their sponsors, as well as other Moorhead Rotarians who want to



Rotary District 5580's annual conference will be in Fargo from May 8 through 10 at the Fargo Holiday Inn. We are hosting the conference along with the four other Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs.

We need volunteers to help with many parts of the conference.

We also need you to register and pay the appropriate fees online. Go to [rotary5580.com](http://rotary5580.com). Click on [ClubRunner](#), then [District Conference](#). You'll find everything you need to know there, including a printable registration form if you'd prefer to register on paper. The Holiday Inn is holding rooms for conference attendees at a special rate.

It's really important that Moorhead Rotary be represented well!

**U.S. Government commits \$205 million to global polio eradication**

The U.S. Government approved a bill in January that provides \$205 million in support of polio eradication in 2014. The resolution also named October 24 as World Polio Day.

Since 1985, the United States has contributed more than \$2.3 billion to the campaign to eradicate polio. In addition, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged \$1.8 billion between now and 2018 to polio eradication efforts. The Gateses are also matching every dollar given by Rotarians.

Only 11 cases of polio have been reported worldwide so far this year ... all in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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Photos: Gary & Cindy Nolte discuss their latest service trip to Haiti.

## Looking Ahead

### Feb. 18

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie  
Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson  
Program Classification talks  
by Holly Miller & Eric Johnson  
Greeters J Benson  
& G Nolte

### Feb. 25

Sergeant at Arms D. Sederquist  
Program Eventide lunch & tour  
hosted by Mark Bertilsrud &  
Jon Riewer  
Greeters M Bertilsrud  
& J Riewer

### Feb. 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Fireside Chat at Nolte home for  
new and recent members and  
their sponsors

### Guests

Doreen Filler, guest of Corey  
Elmer

### Make-ups

Eric Wilkie, Fargo West, 2-10  
Gary Nolte, Conference  
committee, 2-7

### February Birthdays

Suomala, Paul	Feb 01
Beaton, Tim	Feb 17
Elmer, Corey	Feb 23
Sederquist, David	Feb 23
Johnson, Eric	Feb 28

### Club Anniversaries

Cater, Alma	26 years
Feb 02, 1988	
Elmer, Corey	11 years
Feb 11, 2003	
Frost, Josh	1 Year
Feb 12, 2013	
Moore, Noel	15 years
Feb 23, 1999	



learn more about the club's goals and accomplishments. It's from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Sergeants at Arms team up

Eric Wilkie and Gina Monson doubled up as sergeants at arms. They reminded members of Giving Hearts Day on Thursday, the Dakota Medical Foundation's annual drive to collect donations for dozens of area charities. The foundation matches all gifts received through its website that day.

Eric also emphasized F-M Rotary clubs' own charitable effort — selling \$25 tickets for the raffle that will wipe out the debt remaining on Rotary Miracle Field.

### Noltes tell of needs and progress in Haiti

Along with their Rotary service trips, Gary and Cindy have been part of Trinity Lutheran Church's medical and construction missions since taking part in its medical mission in 2003, when Gary scouted possible construction projects that could also become part of its program. They now head that side of Trinity's program, leading 10 or so volunteers to Haiti each winter. They accompany the church's somewhat larger contingent of medical caregivers. The medical team, with whom Cindy, a registered nurse, works on the 10-day trips, spends its time in the local hospital constructed in large part by the Brainerd Rotary Club.

The construction troupe has worked on a long list of projects requested by Pastor Caleb, a Baptist minister (and Rotarian) in Pignon,



Haiti, who heads a church and large school, College de la Grace. Among the Moorhead volunteers' undertakings since their first trip in 2007: a basketball court, playground, large fenced area that became a post-hurricane refugee camp, roof trusses for a computer lab, hot-lunch kitchen and a disaster relief warehouse that will be used to stockpile relief supplies for the next disaster. This year, accompanied by five NDSU architecture students, they built a roof for a gas station whose proceeds will be used to support the 1,200-student school.

Gary and Cindy emphasized the need to work with the local people to support what they need and will use, rather than imposing American ideas upon them. He mentioned a solar oven donated by U.S. benefactors that sits unused — neither wanted nor put to use.

The couple has volunteered in India and Africa on Rotary polio missions, as well as Rotary building project in Nicaragua and medical service in Honduras. Their interest dates back to 1996 when Cindy, as a nursing student at MSUM, completed a nursing preceptorship to Honduras. "You could say," Gary says, "that now we're mission junkies."

**Why Am I a Rotarian** (Weekly series featuring members' reasons)