



# 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.*

**Moorhead Rotary**  
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### Feb. 18 — Members Eric Johnson & Holly Miller introduce themselves & their work

Moorhead Rotarians sat back to listen to a guest's vocal talents Tuesday. President Cindy and Gary Nolte's daughter Angie Schultz, a founding member of Musical Theatre of Fargo-Moorhead, piqued their interest in the upcoming presentation of "Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits" with two selections: a dramatic, heart-touching rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical "Les Miserables" ... and then a highly revised version from the local company's upcoming show that delivered a funny reinterpretation. The show is at the Stage at Island Park through March 2.

### Members new & old invited to Fireside Chat

Newer club members and their sponsors are invited to the Nolte home at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for a special fireside chat — a chance to get better acquainted with the club's opportunities and each other. All members are welcome, Cindy emphasized. There will be snacks!

### 'March Madness' tickets due this week

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie, who also chairs our campaign to sell 80 "March Madness" chances by March 1, reminded members that the stubs from tickets they've sold must be turned in by Feb. 28. Proceeds of the raffle are earmarked to retired the Miracle Field debt.

He tapped John Andreasen to share this



*Photos: President Cindy listens to guest Angie Schultz perform songs from "Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits." Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie with John Andreasen. Rotarians Eric Johnson and Holly Miller presented classification talks.*

week's Rotary "a-ha" moment. John recalled preparing for a presentation about the Rotary Foundation on 9-11... a date that turned out to be exactly right for hearing about Rotary's worldwide efforts to build peace.

He also spoke of hearing Mikhail Gorbachev talk of peace at a Rotary International convention in Spain, keeping the audience spellbound for an hour and a half. "I'm happy to be a Rotarian," John asserted.

### Happy dollars salute high points

The day's Happy Dollars were highlighted by Randy Farwell's tribute to running into fellow Rotarian Mike Hulett and his wife in the most unlikely setting — Maui. Others honored grandchildren coming and going, Angie's music and exchange student Jonathan Junge's bright orange hair. He told us he dyed it for Moorhead High's participation in the swimming sectional competition. "It was a choice of dying it or shaving it," he reported.

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## Looking Ahead

### Feb. 25

Sergeant at Arms D. Sederquist  
Program **Eventide lunch & tour**  
hosted by Mark Bertilrud &  
Jon Riewer

Greeters M Bertilrud  
& J Riewer

### Feb. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

### March 4

Sergeant at Arms J Hannig  
ROD Jon Benson  
Program Classification Talks  
Greeters A Blackhurst  
& J Rogers

### Guests

Angie Schulz, musical performer  
Jonathan Junge, FES  
Cammy Whaley, Day's Inn  
Moorhead (prospective  
member), guest of Cindy Nolte

### Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, presidents  
meeting, 2/14  
Riley Rude, Strive Committee  
meeting, 2/4

The board has approved the membership application of Doreen Filler (sponsored by Corey Elmer). According to the by-laws, if no objection is made to club Secretary Vern Goodin within the next two weeks, she will be invited to join the club.

### 'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Stacy Ackerman	due Feb. 25
John Andreasen	due March 4
Bill Baldwin	due March 11
Tim Beaton	due March 18
Barb Belcher	due March 25

### 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	



Photos: Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson. Gary Nolte presents Jon with the \$5 consolation prize in the weekly raffle. (Above) Eric, Holly & Mark Bertilrud.

### Club gathers at Eventide on Feb. 25

Mark Bertilrud reminded us we meet at Eventide next Tuesday. Parking is available at 16th Avenue and Sixth Street. Guests will enter through the canopy doors. There was a suggestion that Jon Riewer may sing for us. (Or not.)

### Different paths bring members to their present careers as development officials

Eric Johnson, who grew up in the St. Anthony Park area of St. Paul, has been a member since October 2012. A 1982 Cobber and 1985 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, he spent 23 years in the Navy as a JAG stationed in San Diego, Spain and Connecticut. As a military public defender, he traveled the world defending sailors and other military personnel in trouble.

After retirement, he moved with his wife and three children to the Twin Cities, where he

was a prosecutor. He was facing burn-out, he says, when he received a timely offer in Moorhead. Already a member of Concordia's alumni board, he joined the development department as a gift officer. "I'm still an advocate," he said. "Now my call is connecting and advocating for my college and its alumni and students."

Holly Miller joined us two months ago. She is development officer for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation. She has traveled the world as a career athlete. Now the mother of an 11-month-old girl, she coaches area youth sports in addition to helping "broken kids" at the North Dakota charity — first in programming, and now as a fund raiser.

"Live, learn, heal and hope are the keywords of our mission," she said. Their board recently heard from a former student who won Rotary's Strive Scholarship. Now 20, she'll soon complete a degree in social work. "I'm grateful for this opportunity," Holly said.

### Why Am I a Rotarian ... by Bill Woods

First, I joined Moorhead Rotary to enjoy fellowship with a fine group of area professionals on a regular basis in a setting where I can be useful with them to others in the larger community beyond the club.

It is never difficult to stay active as a community educator — retired or not. Community Education begins with birth and extends to death. It can be described as "womb to tomb." Being useful in Rotary can be passing out water or juice at a marathon aid station or helping high school cross-country runners cross a finish line or helping a new resident from a foreign country learn English (using Rosetta Stone on a computer) or distributing dictionaries to third graders in Clay County schools.

It is also having opportunities to serve with other Rotarians worldwide to distribute health-saving medicines and to help construct such facilities as schools and hospitals where they are needed.

There are other service organizations that have similar missions. I was aware of them back in 1969, when I originally chose to join the Downtown Rotary Club in Wenatchee, Wash. At that time I was serving Wenatchee College as its academic dean.

I left Wenatchee in 1972 to join North Dakota State University. Retirement from NUS finally provided the opportunity and time to renew my involvement in Rotary — and to enjoy fellowship with professional friends in a setting measured against the Four-Way Test — where I can continue to be useful.

**Essays must be returned to local Rotary Club by ~~FEBRUARY 15, 2014~~, or as designated by your Local Rotary Club.**

*(Local Club must confirm entry deadline date.)*

## **STUDENT GUIDELINES**

**The Four-Way Test Essay Contest  
Sponsored by Rotary International District 5580**

### **WHAT IS THE FOUR-WAY TEST?**

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is as follows:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

The Four-Way Test is not a code or a creed, but a stimulus to self-appraisal. It is not a pledge, but rather a springboard to voluntary self-improvement. It is not a sermon, although any number of sermons has been preached on it. It aims to encourage the ethical instincts in every person and constitutes a simple and practical guide for people of all cultures.

The Four-Way Test has inspired safe driving programs, fire prevention campaigns, crime and drug reduction activities; it has been the subject of countless secondary school essays. It has been translated into more than 100 languages.

### **WHY DOES ROTARY DISTRICT 5580 CONDUCT THE FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST?**

Our Rotarians believe that the thousands of dollars committed are an investment in our youth. It is a statement of our interest in the ideas of our young people. It demonstrates our belief that it is important to reward our youth for expressing their views. And, it is our way to encourage youth to apply the Four-Way Test to the world around them.

### **PRIZES**

There are three levels of competition and prizes:

1. **Local** --- Rotary clubs will provide prizes for the local winners.
2. **Regional** --- The winning local entry will be entered in regional competition. **A \$150 prize will be awarded to the winners of each of the regional contests (six regions).**
3. **District** --- The regional winning entries will be submitted to the district level to compete for the **Grand Prize of an additional \$1,100. (\$1,250 total prize money for the District Overall Winner).**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to all students in the final two years of high school.

### **TOPIC**

The essay may treat any subject of interest to the student. It may be specific or general. For example, one might choose a topic relating to world peace, to a special friendship, to the environmental issues in general or to some issue in particular, to a choice of life-style, to a choice of occupation. Creative use of one's imagination is encouraged. However, the essay must include the principles of the Four-Way Test and the way they relate to the topic presented.

Here are some of the topics from previous contests: "College Tuition", "Life is Full of Choices", "Should you Multi-task?", "Censorship," and "Cyber-Bullying." "A Feminist Test," was the theme of last year's winning essay.

### **LENGTH**

500 to 1,000 words

### **PRESENTATION METHOD**

A typewritten copy, double-spaced, is to be submitted, along with the signed statement below.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Judging will be based on utilization and application of the principles of the Four-Way Test. Essays received that do not incorporate these four (4) principles will not be considered. Student creativity, organization, language and grammar usage will also be considered as part of the overall judging criteria.

----- **CUT ALONG THIS LINE AND ATTACH TO YOUR ESSAY SUBMISSION** -----

My signature below affirms that I am familiar with The Four-Way Test and I understand that my essay must clearly apply these principles in order to be eligible for this contest.

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Signature of Student