



The Paddlewheel

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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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Tuesday's program: Gyda Anderson of Clay County Public Health presents the first of two programs on preschool and early childhood education. The Travel Raffle committee will also announce the winners of February's trip to Cancun. Stacey Ackerman and Eric Wilkie are greeters.

Coalition for Secure Energy Future lobbies for 'sensible' rules on coal emissions

Interim president welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to last week's meeting along with a very special "guest" — president Jon Benson, who is recovering at home after surgery for thyroid cancer at Mayo Hospitals last month. He thanked his friends for their thoughts, messages and prayers.

She also introduced two guests. Tim Bogenreif, manager of Moorhead's new Microtel, has applied for membership, while prospect Faye Johnson came to visit.

Members could see Cindy and each other better, thanks to improved lighting installed by Russ Hanson. A podium light has also been added for our speakers' (and sergeants at arms') convenience.

Directory information sheets were distributed.

The board of directors has received a membership application from Tim Bogenreif, sponsored by Violet Deilke. He is manager of the new Microtel in Moorhead. Tim will be approved for membership after a 10-day comment period.



Photos: Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. President Jon Benson. Rotarian of the Day Dale Stenerson. Interim President Cindy Nolte. Joel Johnson (above left) and Luke Hellier (above right), Minnesota Coalition for a Secure Energy Future.

Please complete them and return them to secretary Teresa Joppa.

Sergeant at arms comments on weather

Sergeant at arms Dave Sederquist aimed some pointed remarks at the East Coast's "snowpocalypse" that failed to live up to its advance billing. On a more serious note, he also shared poems about the beauty of winter and coming of spring.

Abundant happy dollars were shared for Jon Benson's successful surgery and recovery in progress. Others saluted our new and prospective members, the 50th anniversary of Moorhead Spud Hockey and the 20th year of girls hockey at Moorhead High.

Enlightening facts about Minnesota power

Rotarian of the Day Dale Stenerson introduced Joel Johnson and Luke Hellier of the Coalition for a Secure Energy Future, a business--



Dave Sederquist & Ron Kolb chat with Joel Johnson, left; Bill Woods * Dale Stenerson welcome speaker Luke Hillier, right.



Guests, Jan. 27

Faye Johnson, prospective member
 Tim Bogenreif, proposed member,
 sponsored by Violet Deilke
 Luke Hellier & Joel Johnson, MN
 Coalition for a Secure Energy
 Future, speakers

Make-Ups

Kay Parries, presidents meeting
 Kay Parries & Gary Nolte, Feed My
 Starving Children volunteers
 Dale Stenerson, Fargo West

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	27 years
Feb 02 1988	
Elmer, Corey	12 years
Feb 11 2003	
Frost, Josh	2 years
Feb 12 2013	
Moore, Noel	16 years
Feb 23 1999	

based group that’s lobbying to insure that while Minnesota focuses on diversifying its energy sources (especially renewables) lignite coal generation remains part of the picture.

Their group advocates what it calls an “all-of-the-above” regional energy policy utilizing, Luke said, “a healthy balance of fossil fuels and renewable energy sources.” He said that balance would protect the economy and provide affordable electricity.

In an opinion piece that appeared in the St. Cloud Times, coalition co-chairs (and former Minnesota legislators) Roger Moe and Mike Beard wrote that Minnesota is right to take conservation and environmental stewardship seriously ... but “when looking to the future, we can’t forget about the present.”

Minnesota has a solid lead in diversifying its energy sources toward the Minnesota Legislature’s goal of meeting 25 percent of needs with solar and wind energy, established in the 2007 Next Generation Energy Act. Today 46 percent of the state’s electricity comes from the eight lignite-fired generating

plants in North Dakota coal-mining area and 11 more in Minnesota. The plants have made dramatic progress in reducing emissions, with the American Lung Association giving them a prime rating. By 2016, Minnesota utilities are projected to have reduced mercury emissions 90 percent from the levels of the mid-1990s.

Hellier warned that Minnesota electrical rates — now low in comparison to most states — may rise 10 percent as a result of the regulations as they now stand. The group is advocating that the state receive credit from the EPA for the work that’s already been done. They also hope to modify the proposed standards before they take effect.

The Coalition is a nonpartisan group including Democrats and Republicans along with members from the manufacturing and small-business sectors, as well as Otter Tail Power, Minn-Dak Power Cooperative and other utilities and the state of North Dakota. Members don’t disagree with the need to reduce carbon emissions, Hellier stressed: “We just want it done in a sensible manner that doesn’t threaten our economic success.”

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Sergeant at Arms: J Hannig
 ROD:George Davis
 Program: ...Gyda Anderson, Clay County Public Health, preschool development, part 1
 Travel Raffle: ...February winner announcement
 Greeters:S Ackerman & E Wilkie

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Sergeant at Arms:D Sederquist
 ROD:George Davis
 Program:Joelle Hofer, Moorhead Early Childhood Center, preschool, part 2
 Greeters:L Kovash & B Woods

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
 ROD:Russ Hanson

Program:Mark Peihl, Clay County Archivist, “Pioneer Photographers Flaten & Wange”
 GreetersJ Andreasen & R Leiseth

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
 Program:Charley Johnson, F-M CVB
 Greeters: J Baldwin & C Matthes

Tuesday, March 3

Sergeant at Arms:M Hulett
 Rotarian of the Day:Barb Belcher
 Program:Mary Jean Dehne, Legacy Children’s Foundation
 Greeters:T Beaton & R McLarnan

Thursday, March 26: Recital for a Cause
Thursday, April 16: Taste of Moorhead