



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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

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### 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.

Moorhead Rotary  
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**This week's meeting:** Since Thursday is Giving Hearts Day, we'll have a program by the Dakota Medical Foundation on its popular charitable-gift matching program. Eric Wilkie is sergeant at arms, and John Andreasen and Tracy Moorhead are greeters.

### Moorhead investigator Jeff Larson describes current state of drug war in FM

Past president Cindy Nolte wielded the gavel, welcoming guests. Exchange student Erhard Hochörtler led several verses of "The More We Get Together," demonstrating the outstanding voice he's lent to MHS musicals and vocal groups this year.

### Raffle winner gets prize, then gives it back

Cindy presented a check for \$413 to Chuck Matthees, who'd won the weekly club raffle the preceding week. Chuck then returned it ... as a donation to the club's Paul Harris Fund. Erhard drew a card that'll be the winner in the upcoming raffle round.

### Violet takes first turn as sergeant at arms

Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke asked past presidents and committee chairs to identify themselves. She thanked them ... and asked members who have not yet served in either capacity to consider stepping forward.

Violet discussed the Rotary Friendship Exchange coming up in April. Openings are still available for the Louisiana trip. Others on the calendar are exchanges with Mexico, Russia

Photos/Russ Hanson: Past president Cindy Nolte. Exchange student Erhard Hochörtler led us in song, "The More We Get Together." Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke. Cindy presented raffle winner Chuck Matthees with a check for \$413, which he in turn donated to the Paul Harris Fund. (Right) Lt. Jeff Larson filled us in on the state of the war on drugs in Fargo-Moorhead.



and Germany. All members are welcome to participate.

She recommended that everyone toss in happy dollars this week. Erhard saluted the MHS speech and debate team's recent successes. Others celebrated a daughter's birthday and new achievement of RN status; the Rotary ideals of friendship and service across borders; and our prospective members, Ray Grefsheim and Emily Gess.

### Moorhead police detective offers alerts

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced Detective Jeff Larson, who joined the

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from Ray Grefsheim, sponsored by Corey Elmer. He is a business banking VP at Bremer Bank in Moorhead. He will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.



Photos: Greeter Barb Belcher with Violet Deilke, Bill Craft, John Andreasen and Paul Dovre.

**Guests Jan. 31**  
FES Erhard Hochörtler

**February Birthdays**

Suomala, Paul	Feb 01
Thomason, Matthew	Feb 12
Beaton, Tim	Feb 17
Elmer, Corey	Feb 23
Sederquist, David	Feb 23
Johnson, Eric	Feb 28

**Rotary Anniversaries**

Cater, Alma	29 years
Feb 02 1988	
Elmer, Corey	14 years
Feb 11 2003	
Frost, Josh	4 years
Feb 12 2013	
Moore, Noel	18 years
Feb 23 1999	

Moorhead Police Department in 1999 and spent seven years on patrol before being assigned to the Fargo-Moorhead Drug Task Force. He's one of four detectives currently working drug investigations in the city.

He welcomes the role, which enables him to follow cases through the entire process and trace them to their source. In recent days, the task force completed an investigation begun last September that involved seizure of 13 pounds of methamphetamine.

He said that the local drug trade involves a variety of illegal drugs:

- Ecstasy: "It's hard to come by, but it's here," he said. "Dealers are substituting other drugs, mostly meth."
- Marijuana: "There's no shortage."
- Cocaine: "It comes and goes."
- Methamphetamine: "We see it most often in powder or crystal form," he said. "It's snorted, injected, smoked or taken orally. The profit margin is huge."
- Prescription drugs: "This is the primary source of heroin addictions."

- Hallucinogenic mushrooms and LSD: "The mushrooms show up at the colleges, and they're rare. LSD might show up twice a year."
- Synthetic drugs: "We're seeing much less now due to laws at the state and federal level," he said.
- Opioids: "This is the new big thing," he asserted, leading to what he termed a "ridiculous" number of overdose deaths. He cited heroin, fentanyl, carfentanyl ... "the police can't even keep up with all of them," he added. China white, a white powder, is seen most often; black tar heroin, a low quality product that's a last resort, hasn't been seen for several years.

Police and ambulance crews now carry the antidote naloxone, though police don't usually administer it themselves for legal reasons. They rely instead on EMTs. The antidote is available at Minnesota pharmacies, but still cannot be legally sold in North Dakota.

"So many people are using," he said. "We can't arrest our way out of this problem."

**Looking Ahead**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**

Sergeant at Arms .....Tim Beaton  
Rotarian of the Day .....Eric Wilkie  
Program:....."Giving Hearts Day," Dakota Medical Foundation  
Greeters:..John Andreasen & Tracey Moorhead

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**

Sergeant at Arms .....Dave Sederquist  
Rotarian of the Day: .....Kay Parries  
Program: .....International Rotary Council Legislation & New Changes, PDG Tom Riley  
Greeters: .....Jill Baldwin & Adam Nordin

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**

Sergeant at Arms .....Jon Benson  
Rotarian of the Day: .....Russ Hanson

Program: .....Phil Holtan, "DNA Research for Deep Human History"  
Greeters: .....Anne Blackhurst & Kay Parries

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Rotarian of the Day: .....  
Program: .....Jeff Herman, CEO, Prairie St. John's, "Mental Health Services"  
Greeters: .....Jon Benson & Neil Qualey

**Tuesday, March 7**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day: .....  
Program: Linda Boyd, FM Symphony, "PDQ Bach from Sill to Slapstick"  
Greeters: .....Lisa Borgen & Jon Riewer