



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

- President Eric Wilkie
- President-elect Lynne Kovash
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- President-nominee Corey Elmer
- President-nominee Mark Bertlrud
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- Director Russ Hanson
- Director Dave Wahlberg
- Director Dale Hetland
- Director Jill Baldwin
- Director Bryan Davidson
- Director Mark Bertlrud
- Director David Sederquist
- Member at Large Gary Nolte
- Program Coord. Corey Elmer
- RYLA Coord. Randy Farwell
- Sergeant at Arms Team  
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson,  
Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
- Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
- Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,  
Vern Goodin, Bob Hanna,  
John Andreasen
- Photographer Russ Hanson
- Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa
- Paddlewheel Editor  
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

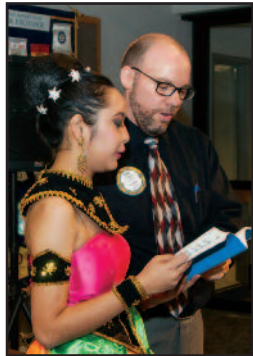
The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month.

- International President  
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka
- District 5580 Governor  
Craig Loughery, Ely
- Assistant District Governor  
Kay Parries, Moorhead
- District Governor-Elect  
Herb Schmidt, Fargo
- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord,  
Gary Nolte
- Rotary Endowment Committee  
Cindy Nolte

- 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.

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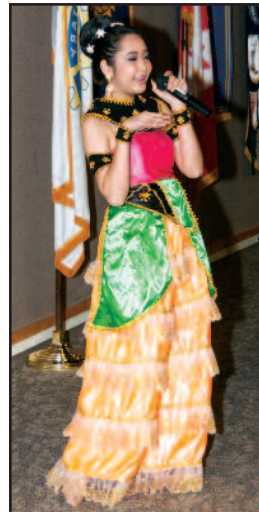
**This week:** Rocky Schneider, public affairs strategist with the F-M Diversion Authority delivers a project update on the project. It will be the biggest public works project in area history at \$1.8 billion, establishing permanent flood protection with a 36-mile diversion channel and 32,500 acres of upstream staging. Steve Moore is Rotarian of the day, and Mike Hulett is sergeant at arms. Randy Farwell and Neil Qualey are greeters.



### Exchange student Tangkwa offers Rotarians a glimpse of her Thailand home

President Eric Wilkie welcomed members and guests Tuesday, especially exchange student Tangkwa Simasthien's host parents, Joe & Katherine Halvorson and Gary Storms. Eric and Tangkwa — whose impressive musical talents brightened our day — led the club in her favorite song, "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

The president inducted Moorhead Rotary's newest member, Pat Gulbranson, as sponsor Jean Hannig stood by. He is the CEO of Family HealthCare in Fargo.



Photos: Tangkwa & President Eric Wilkie lead singing. Eric inducts Pat Gulbranson into membership under the eye of his sponsor, Jean Hannig. Mark Bertlrud & Violet Deilke announce February's raffle winners. Sergeant at arms Jean Hannig. Tangkwa speaks up.

### 5-club project needs volunteers Feb. 19

Kay Parries invited members to join in a volunteer project sponsored by all five local Rotary Clubs — packing food for the "Feed My Starving Children" relief program. Twenty Rotarians are needed for the shift from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 19.

Meanwhile, guest Deb Martens of FM PM Rotary invited members to purchase coupon books ... a fund raiser for their charity,



Greeters Dan Eggiman & Kay Parries chat with Alma Cater. Noel Moore & Sam Wai. Tracey Moorhead, Jill Baldwin & Alma enjoy their chili.



Rotarians enjoyed a purely social event Feb. 2 at Junkyard Brewing in Moorhead, where they learned about both process & product.

**Guests, 2/02/16**

Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien, FES, program  
 Joe & Katherine Halvorson and Gary Storms, FES host families,  
 Steve Dalen, guest of Dave Keller  
 Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul Suomala  
 Sarah Miller, Moorhead High School counselor  
 Pam Bertilrud

**Visiting Rotarians**

Deb Martens, FM PM Rotary  
 Leann Wolff, Fargo West Rotary

**Make-Ups**

Gary & Cindy Nolte  
 Jean Hannig, FES winter event

**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

**Club Anniversaries**

Cater, Alma	28 years
Feb 02 1988	
Elmer, Corey	13 years
Feb 11 2003	
Frost, Josh	3 years
Feb 12 2013	
Moore, Noel	17 years
Feb 23 1999	

CHARISM, which works with New Americans. The \$20 books are available on [www.pushsave.com](http://www.pushsave.com); each includes \$450 in coupons that can be downloaded to your phone and accessed as an app.

**Raffle committee announces winners**

Violet Deilke and Mark Bertilrud of the Travel Raffle Committee unveiled February's winners ... including Gary & Cindy Nolte, who won the trip to Tucson, Arizona. Gary sold Keith Brokke the ticket that won him a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica, while Violet's customer Steven Swanson of Fergus Falls won \$200 cash.

**Donate to Recital for a Cause, get match**

Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs' annual Recital for a Cause is coming up on March 15. Gary & Cindy Nolte announced that they will match any \$100 contributions made to Rotary's Polio Plus crusade from now until the concert date. Gary also announced that no new cases of polio have been reported

anywhere on earth in the past two weeks.

**Happy dollars celebrate achievements**

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig collected happy dollars for good news, including our former Icelandic exchange student; Sam Wai's retirement; Paul Suomala's 80th birthday; and the art show upstairs in the Hjemkomst Center. Jean levied fines on members who have never hosted exchange students.

**Tangkwa charms club with stories, dance**

Our exchange student shared photos, stories and music from her home in Thailand. She attends an all-girls school there. In addition to 10 years of English and some Japanese, she has mastered classical dance, Thailand's leading art form.

Tangkwa comes to us from District 3360, which sends about 30 students outbound every year. Her mother is president-elect of one of the district's four Thai Rotary clubs.

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, February 9**

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Moore  
 Program .....Rocky Schneider, public affairs strategist, F-M Diversion Authority —“Project Update.” The F-M Area Diversion Project. It will be the biggest public works project in area history at \$1.8 billion, establishing permanent flood protection with a 36-mile diversion channel and 32,500 acres of upstream staging.  
 Greeters .....Randy Farwell & Neil Qualey

**Tuesday, February 16**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Program.....Matt Lieseth, “The Hornbacher’s Success Story.” President Matthew Leiseth began bagging groceries for Hornbacher’s 24 years ago as a student at Concordia College. Matt now has responsibility for eight stores in Fargo, Moorhead and Grand Forks. He will

share the Hornbacher's story since its founding in 1951, including the development of the recent south Moorhead location.  
 Greeters .....Doreen Filler & Jon Riewer

**Tuesday, February 23**

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
 Program .....Clay County Attorney Brian Melton, “And Justice for All.” First elected in 2006 while stationed in Iraq’s Anbar Province with the Minnesota National Guard, Brian was re-elected in 2010 and 2014. He oversees a team of attorneys and staff who handle criminal and civil matters for county.  
 Greeters.....Tammy Finney & Jerry Rogers

**Tuesday, March 15**

**FM Rotary Recital with a Cause**

First Lutheran Church .....7 p.m.