



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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District 5580

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

International President Ron Burton, Norman OK
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District Vice Governor Gary Nolte, Moorhead
District Governor-Elect Tim Kaminski, Hibbing
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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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Regular weekly Moorhead Rotary meetings resume Tuesday, Jan. 7

Our regular schedule of Tuesday meetings resumes next week. See you on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Marriott!

Thanks to Eric Johnson and Bill Craft for hosting our lunch and tour of the new Offutt School of Business at Concordia on Dec. 17.

Greetings from President Cindy!

Happy New Year! As we begin the final six months of this Rotary year, I would like to share a few thoughts with you.

Having been an honorary member of Rotary International, and now serving as club president, I have had the gift of watching this club membership from both within and without. As a part of District 5580's polio eradication effort, I have had the privilege of visiting most of the clubs within our district. And as a part of the Zone leadership, I have also been able to witness the service and activities, successes and failures of nationwide clubs.

The secret to a successful club is Rotarians, not members of Rotary. The question is: Are you a member of Rotary or are you a ROTARIAN?

Our club has participated in the club visioning process. Our successes include dictionaries for every third grader in Clay County; our STRIVE program; four RYAL students every year; sponsorship of a new club; the Travel Giveaway and Taste of Moorhead, important fund-raisers that allow us to contribute to

projects, including the Miracle Field; collaboration with the Rotary clubs in the F-M area to include the foreign students picnic and Recital with a Cause.

Areas in which we have not improved include membership; greater participation in international service projects; 100 percent sustaining membership in Paul Harris (\$100 per year/member); regular and good media coverage; and having each member worked into an active role.

In May, our local clubs are sponsoring the District 5580 Conference.

The RI Presidential Citation gives us a guideline for a successful club. The board is actively pursuing every avenue of service. We have six months left of this Rotary year to become active Rotarians who will sustain this club into the future. Let us endeavor to Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Yours In Rotary,
Cindy Nolte, President\

Board elects Newzad Brifki treasurer

Rotarian Newzad Brifki is Moorhead Rotary's new treasurer. He takes over from Don Meidinger, who has served the club for many years. Don has retired and is moving to Florida.

The board voted for Newzad's new position at its December board meeting.

The board has approved the application of Holly Miller, development officer for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (sponsored by John Andreasen). 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.

Guests

Jonathan Junge, FES
Greg Cant, Concordia, speaker

Visiting Rotarians

Jeff Conant, Fargo Rotary

Make-ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, presidents meeting, 12/13
Eric Wilkie, Fargo Rotary, 12/11
John Andreasen, Fargo West, 12/16

December Birthdays

Andreasen, John Dec 05
Deilke, Violet Dec 20
Moore, Noel Dec 25
Monson, Gina Dec 30

Club Anniversaries

Wright, Edgar 58 years
Dec 06, 1955
Baldwin, Jill 13 years
Dec 12, 2000
Nolte, Gary 25 years
Dec 13, 1988
Parries, Kay 25 years
Dec 13, 1988

Club gathers at Concordia's Offutt School

Rotarian Eric Johnson welcomed us to Concordia College's new Offutt School of Business on Dec. 17, our last meeting before the holidays. He introduced our guest speaker, Dean Greg Cant, the Australian who heads the business program.

The dean explained changes in the school's business curriculum, using integrated applied learning and internships to educate students in the new ways of the business world. Eighty percent of the business major is new. Concordia has added six new teachers and incorporated the computer science faculty into the department.

The Small Business Development Center has moved from Minnesota State University Moorhead to Concordia. The college also has added an Office of Career Success.

The program is supported with \$6 million in start-up funds, along with construction of Barry Auditorium (\$16.5 million), scholarships (\$3.5 million), and long-term expenses of from \$28 to \$33 million.

The new facility has flexible classroom space, integrated technology, lots of break-out spaces, space for interaction between students and faculty, and flexible classrooms. It includes a student-run coffee shop.

The goal, Cant said, is a great student experience that couples business education w/liberal arts experience. Concordia currently has nearly 2,700 students and is intentionally not growing. Why is that important?

"Competitive advantage," says Cant.

Cant provided tours of the building before and after the meeting. He pointed out that outside groups can reserve space for meetings in the Offutt center; to arrange its use, contact his office.



F-M plans progress for District 5580 conference here in May

The committee planning our District 5580 Conference in Fargo has been working on plans to make the event as interesting, fun and meaningful as possible. Headed by Moorhead Rotarian George Davis and Fargo West Rotarian Daphne Meyers, the group is finalizing arrangements. Gary Nolte and Russ Hanson also serve on the 5-club committee. A website, www.fargo2014.com, is under development.

According to District 5580 administrative secretary Diane Collins, registration will open late this month. In the meantime, the Holiday Inn is accepting room reservations. Dates are May 8-10, with the invitation-only Governors Dinner on May 7.

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Meetings

- Jan. 7**
- ROD Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig
- Program Russ Hanson
- Our own Jon Bensen, executive director of Essentia Health Foundation:
 "Expanding to Meet the Needs of a Growing Community,"
- Greeters S Ackerman & H Miller