



The Paddlewheel

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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.

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This week: Moorhead City Engineer Bob Zimmerman will update us on the redrawn FEMA floodplain map that's on hold, based on completion of the Fargo Diversion Project. Troy Nellis is sergeant at arms, and Steve Moore is Rotarian of the Day. John Andreasen and Tracey Moorhead are greeters.

Historian Markus Krueger brings Moorhead's wild early saloon history to life

President Lynne Kovash welcomed Rotarians to a new year in a new room ... with windows overlooking the snowy Red River bank outside. It's on the first floor of the Hjemkomst Center.

Travel Raffle January winners announced

Travel Raffle committee members Alma Cater and Josh Frost got right to the big news of our first 2017 meeting — the month's prize winners.

Member Jean Hannig sold the ticket that won a Caribbean cruise for Kristin Addison.

Second prize, \$200 in cash, was won by Sharon Brandt on a ticket purchased from Eric Wilkie. Matt Fitzgerald of Austin, Texas, received a \$100 dining certificate to Mezzaluna. He bought his raffle ticket from Heidi Fitzgerald.

Our exchange student, Erhard Hochörtler, will be traveling, too. President Lynne presented him with a Christmas gift from club members, a ski and snowboard trip to Bridger Bowl in Montana. He'll be traveling with a church youth group.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Travel Raffle Committee members Alma Cater and Josh Frost announce January's trip winner. President Lynne Kovash presents FES Erhard Hochörtler with a Christmas gift from the club — a ski trip to Bridger Bowl. Song leader Bill Schwandt and accompanist Sharon Fangsrud. (Above) Markus Krueger, program director of Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, conducts our private tour of the current exhibit "Moorhead: Wet and Dry."

Bill Schwandt let members in "Let There Be Peace on Earth," with Sharon Fangsrud on the piano.

New year's resolutions? Good luck!

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig reflected on the distinctly American practice of making new year's resolutions. Among the top 10 last year were losing weight, spending less, learning something exciting, helping others and more good intentions. She said only about 8 percent of those who make them succeed.

She collected Happy Dollars inspired by a variety of good news, including Dave Sederquist's son's marriage proposal. (She said yes.) Other donations saluted the Rotary float in the Rose Parade, the Andreasens'



Photos: Greeter Nathan Johnson. Gina Monson. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Members listen intently as winners are announced.

Guests

Visiting Rotarians

Reported Make-Ups

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul	Jan 07
Riewer, Jon	Jan 14
Filler, Doreen	Jan 30
Belcher, Barb	Jan 31
Stenerson, Dale	Jan 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Johnson, Gregory & Jan Kelley	
Jan 05 2012	5 years
Kovash, Lynne & Dennis	
Jan 13 1971	46 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Nellis, Troy	3 years
Jan 01 2014	
Fangsrud, Sharon	3 years
Jan 02 2014	
Schwandt, Bill	23 years
Jan 10 1994	
Fitzgerald, Heidi	1 Year
Jan 12 2016	
Gulbranson, Patrick	1 Year
Jan 12 2016	
Kolb, Ronald	42 years
Jan 14 1975	
Farwell, Randy	16 years
Jan 23 2001	
Beaton, Tim	6 years
Jan 25 2011	
Kovash, Lynne	15 years

travel to see their grandchild in Chicago, Jean's daughter's engagement, Erhard's ski trip, the Vikings' win, Jill Baldwin's new granddaughter, a late start to school today, the lovely Christmas party hosted by Corey Elmer, and Lynne's new Apple watch (for answering her husband's phone calls).

Jean's quote of the day, in the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Museum director guides us on walk through Moorhead's rip-roaring past

Markus Krueger of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County guided club members on a tour of the museum's popular exhibit right outside our doors, "Moorhead, Wet and Dry." He told about the early years of the city, which began as a railroad camp in 1871 when the Northern Pacific crews built the bridge across the Red River.

The first businesses here and in our neighbor to the west concentrated on making money from the railroad crews with prostitutes, alcohol and gambling. The lawlessness was legendary. A particularly

noteworthy shooting on April 25, 1872, was reported as "Shang shooting Slim Jim." After one more shooting, the community hired its first sheriff. A railroad manager who also happened to be a lawyer, Solomon Comstock, became the first Clay County State's Attorney.

The temperance movement heated up in 1889. It appealed to many residents, even the Ku Klux Klan then active in the region. Prohibition attracted their hearty support because of their strong dislike of Catholics.

Women were not allowed in area saloons. That perhaps encouraged the many who joined the temperance movement ... which also assisted in achieving women's suffrage.

But Moorhead's mayor, a brewer, welcomed more saloons. "Who else employs so many," he argued, "and pays \$500 in taxes?"

Fargo went dry at statehood, boosting Moorhead's booze business. Markus told us that Clay County, with a population at the time of 3,000 people, eventually had 49 saloons. Prohibition, he said, just sent the trade underground.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — board meeting

11 a.m.all members are welcome!

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis
 Rotarian of the Day Steve Moore
 Program: City Engineer Bob Zimmerman, "Redrawn FEMA Maps for F-M Area"
 Greeters: ... John Andreasen & Tracey Moorhead

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the Day: Jill Baldwin
 Program: Todd Ganji, Travel Inc, "F-M Honor Flights"
 Greeters: Jill Baldwin & Troy Nellis

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson
 Rotarian of the Day:
 Program: Les Bakke, "Launching a Well-Researched Family History"
 Greeters: Ron Kolb & Noel Moore

Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Club Social

Social at Junkyard Brewery, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the Day: Russ Hanson
 Program: .Moorhead Police Officer Jeff Larson, "Changes in the Area Drug Scene: Investigation and cooperation with Clay County Sheriff's Office"