



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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District 5580

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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Wednesday 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 Noon, Holiday Inn
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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Tuesday's program: Christina Hemmer, clinical director of Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, talks about the statewide nonprofit's works. The board of directors meets at 11 a.m. prior to our regular meeting.

Club focuses on Rotary and the Bertilruds' work in Africa on cold, cold January day

Rotarians escaped the depths of Minnesota's winter for an hour last week, focusing on travel to warmer climates. It was the day for announcing the winner of the club's trip to San Francisco in April and other monthly prizes, while both the sergeant at arms and the program centered on Africa. In honor of that theme, Vern Goodin led members in a new song, "Rotary Will Go Round the World."

Acting president Cindy Nolte extended the warmth to absent president Jon Benson, who has been treated at the Mayo Clinic for thyroid cancer. She shared news from his Caring Bridge site that he and wife Jessica have returned home after his successful surgery.



Photos: Acting President Cindy Nolte. Travel raffle committee chair Violet Deilke announces January's winners with Pam Bertilrud, while Dave Sederquist builds suspense with a drumroll. (Above) Mark and Pam Bertilrud share memories of their trip to Zambia. (Below right) Sederquist, also the day's sergeant at arms, queries members on Rotary knowledge.

The club bid Gary Nolte and Gina Monson *bon voyage* for their upcoming service trip to Haiti. They leave Friday for the week-long Rotary mission.

Big spring dates announced

Two important dates have been added to the Moorhead Rotary calendar. Fargo-Moorhead Rotary's fund-raising Recital for a Cause is set for March 26 at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. All five local clubs co-sponsor the Polio Plus benefit. A second fund-raiser, our annual Taste of Moorhead, will take place April 16 at the Heritage-Hjemkomst Center.

Rotarians win big in monthly raffle

The January winners of the club's Travel Raffle share one thing in common — all are part of the Rotary family.

Guest, Jan. 6

Pam Bertilrud, speaker

Make-Ups

Barb Belcher, Holly Miller & Bob
Hanna, Strive Committee, 12/30
Barb Belcher, Holly Miller, Bob
Hanna, Mark Bertilrud, Dave
Wahlberg & Riley Rude, Strive,
01/06

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul Jan 7
Riewer, Jon Jan 14
Stauffer, Dan Jan 23
Filler, Doreen Jan 30
Belcher, Barb Jan 31

Anniversaries

Johnson, Greg & Kelley Jan 5
3 years
Kovash, Lynne & Dennis Jan 13
44 years

Club Anniversaries

Miller, Holly Jan 7
1 year
Schwandt, Bill Jan 10
21 years
Kolb, Ronald Jan 14
40 years
Leiseth, Robert Jan 22
23 years
Farwell, Randy Jan 23
14 years
Beaton, Tim Jan 25
4 years
Stauffer, Dan Jan 28
1 year
Kovash, Lynne Jan 29
13 years



Rotarian of the Day Violet Deilke. Paul Dovre chats with Mark Bertilrud. Violet, Noel Moore and George Davis.

Committee chair Violet Deilke announced that Deanna Sinclair of Detroit Lakes Rotary won a three-day trip to San Francisco in April. Like the second-prize winner — assistant district governor Herb Schmidt — she bought her ticket from Jean Hannig. Herb received \$200 in cash. Bill Woods sold the third winning ticket to wife Marilyn, who we trust will share the \$100 Grizzly's dining certificate with him.

Sederquist touts online Rotary fellowships

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist reminded Rotarians of Rotary's online communities. These special-interest groups connect members with a host of special interests, from amateur radio and antique automobiles to chess, cricket, fishing, jazz, magic and quilts. More information is available at rotary.org.

Happy dollars were offered for Jon's successful surgery, the lasagna served for lunch, Rotary's clubs in 53 African countries, and the coincidence that our club was founded in 1921, the same year as the first in Africa.

Bertilruds reminisce about 2013 Zambian trip

Rotarian Mark Bertilrud and his wife Pam carried on the African focus with an account of

their 2013 mission trip to Zambia. Titled "Live by Faith, Be Known by Love, Be a People of Hope," their presentation chronicled the adventures of their group of church adults and youth who went to Victoria Falls as volunteers with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Africa.

The timing was awkward. At the time, Mark had begun a new business and his father had been diagnosed with a serious illness. Yet they moved forward, with Pam crafting woolen mittens she made from old sweaters to finance travel for the couple and their two college-age sons. By the time the 19-person delegation set off on a 24-hour flight around the world, the family had moved to Moorhead for Mark's work with Eventide.

Yet Mark and Pam affirmed the trip was both a life-changing experience and an awakening to God's work ... in both their lives and those of the Zambian children whose school they helped refurbish.

Raffle ticket-holders vie for mittens & money

A pair of Pam's famous mittens was awarded in the weekly raffle, along with the weekly chance at the ever-growing prize pot. Greg Johnson won the mitts, but Mike Hulett's card draw netted only the \$5 consolation prize.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, Jan. 13

*Board Meeting at 11 a.m.

Sergeant at Arms:.....G Monson
ROD:Holly Miller
Program: Christina Hemmer, clinical director,
.....Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
Greeters:E Johnson & D Tranby

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
ROD:Russ Hanson
Program:Monica McConkey, Ma, LPC
.....Prairie St. John's treatment Center
Greeters:G Johnson & D Wahlberg

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Sergeant at Arms:M Hulett

Program:to be announced
Greeters:T Joppa & S Wai

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Sergeant at Arms:E Johnson
ROD:George Davis
Program:Preschool development, part 1
Greeters:R Kolb & E Wilkie

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Sergeant at Arms:J Hannig
ROD:George Davis
Program:Preschool development, part 2
Greeters:L Kovash & B Woods

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