



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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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: Todd Ganje of Moorhead's Travel Inc. will be on hand to tell us about WDAY-TV's Fargo-Moorhead Honor Flights, which take veterans on a trip of a lifetime to visit the World War II memorial in D.C. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms, and Jill Baldwin is Rotarian of the day ... and also a greeter, along with Troy Nellis. **Our meeting is back downstairs this week — then we'll vote on a preferred site.**

City Engineer Bob Zimmerman updates members on new FEMA floodplain

President Lynne Kovash welcomed members and guests, including prospective member Matt Halliway of Alerus Financial.

She updated members on discussions from the 11 a.m. board meeting, including the possibility of a Minnesota Honeycrisp apple sale this spring. She asked for a volunteer to fill our second representative position on the committee planning a joint anniversary party for Lindenwood Park; the next meeting is Jan. 25.

She also announced that the board is planning a visioning event to lay plans for our next five years sometime in March or April.

President Elect Corey Elmer passed out drafts of the club's new membership directory. Please review it for errors (like the omission of Tammy Finney — sorry!). Thanks to photographer Russ Hanson (and Nancy), Corey and the Vogel Law Firm for putting it together.

Photos/Tammy Finney: Call to order. President Lynne Kovash. President-Elect Corey Elmer distributes first proof of directory. Song leader Chuck Hendrickson. (Right) Moorhead City Engineer Bob Zimmerman recounts the city's \$110 million project to remove homes and businesses from the FEMA floodplain map and the possible changes from 2012.



New sergeant team member Nellis speaks up

Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis took his first turn at the podium, sharing events on this date in history ... the first big oil gusher in Texas in 1901; and the UN's first meeting in 1946 and its first resolution, to find peaceful uses for atomic energy and to eliminate atomic weapons. He cited some famous Rotarians, including J.C. Penney, KFC's Col. Sanders, Charles Walgreen, Sam Walton (Walmart) Neil Armstrong, Charles Lindbergh, JFK, Walt Disney and Pope Francis.

He noted that we were meeting on National Houseplant Day, and shared a quote: "It's not in the doing; it's in the being."

Then Troy introduced our speaker, Bob Zimmerman, Moorhead city engineer.



announces plans for social on Jan. 25. Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis. Chuck Hendrickson draws a losing raffle ticket. Board meeting.

Guests Jan. 10

Bob Zimmerman, program
 Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul
 Matthew Halliway, Alerus Financial,
 prospective member
 FES Erhard Hochörtler

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Riley, past district governor

Reported Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Jan 3 & 6 aboard
 cruise ship

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

City makes great strides in flood control

The state of Minnesota and city of Moorhead have invested a combined \$105 million in protecting the city from Red River floods — along with \$30 to \$35 million to protect the Oakport area, now also part of the city. Zimmerman shared the impressive numbers involved in the city’s comprehensive flood mitigation improvements since 2009:

- Voluntary property acquisitions: 247
- Easements secured: 67
- Levees and floodwalls: 12.1 miles
- Removable floodwall closures: 3
- Stormwater pumping stations: 19
- Stormwater gates: 78
- Sanitary pump station upgrades: 5

Three hundred properties were originally targeted for buy-outs; of those, 59 were moved, eight had the levees built behind

them, and the remainder were demolished. Some of the 53 that remain, he said, lie outside the established line of protection with little or no risk to others. One of the city’s current focuses is to continue to work with those who declined the buy-out, pending changes in their life circumstances; dealing with FEMA deed-restricted properties and continue riverbank stabilization.

Today none of the city remained in the FEMA floodplain, so no flood insurance is required. However, the floodplain was recalculated in 2012 after floods in 2009 and 2010 exceeded the previous 100-year mark, which was calculated in 2001. The new 100-year target is 43 feet for the river itself, two feet higher than the present level (and potentially “squeezed” to 45.5 feet) — returning 178 properties back to the need for flood insurance. Implementation of the revised FEMA map is on hold, however, pending completion of the Fargo Diversion Project.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, Jan. 17

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

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Sergeant at ArmsEric 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 event at Junkyard Brewery
 Begins at 4:30 p.m.; please RSVP

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke

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”
 Greeters:Stacy Ackerman & Steve Moore

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
 Program:.....“Giving Hearts Day,” Dakota
 Medical Foundation.
 Greeters:..John Andreasen & Tracey Moorhead

Tuesday, Feb. 14

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