

# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
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Club 970  
District 5580

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- Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
- Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,  
Vern Goodin, Bob Hanna,  
John Andreasen
- Photographer Russ Hanson
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**This week:** State Demographer Susan Brower is our guest, talking about the new social & economic realities created by recent demographic shifts, including effects on Minnesota's economy and workforce, education, health, immigration and population trends. George Davis is Rotarian of the Day; Eric Johnson, sergeant at arms; & Paul Dovre and Bill Woods, greeters.



Photos: John Andreasen & Tangka lead singing. Heidi Olson-Fitzgerald, Jerry Rogers & Eric Wilkie. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Rotarian of the Day Chuck Hendrickson. Steve Moore, director of public works.



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

- International President  
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- Rotary Endowment Committee  
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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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### Rotarian Steve Moore gives behind-the-scenes glimpse of Moorhead Public Works

President Eric Wilkie welcomed members, who joined John Andreasen and our exchange student, Tangkwa Simasthien, in verses of a club favorite, "R-O-T-A-R-Y."

### Spring fund-raiser will have a new look

"The Taste of Moorhead fund-raiser has run its course," Eric told us. He said planning is underway to come up with a new event to generate funds to support our youth programs.

According to David Sederquist, suggestions for that new direction are welcome. Members discussed several ideas that could raise an increased amount of funds, including a rummage sale. The board is looking for help to plan and execute the project, he said, which is tentatively planned for April or May.

### Hulett carries touch of Minnesota weather

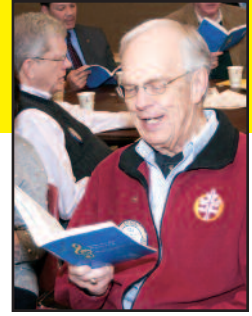
Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett confided that

Minnesota dogged his steps on his recent trip to Arizona. First, it snowed. Then it rained for four days. He urged members to take a close look at this month's edition of The Rotarian, then fined delinquents without their Rotary pins and collected many happy dollars.

### Moore on more about Moorhead

Rotarian of the Day Chuck Hendrickson introduced one of our newest members, Steve Moore, who is the city's new public works director. A civil engineer, Steve served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years, including three tours of duty in Iraq. He and his wife, whom he met at the Pentagon, have four children — two in the military and two in grade school.

In his new post, Steve is in charge of facility and fleet management for the city, including the streets, sanitation and fleet management division as well as parks maintenance and forestry. He supervises a staff of 12 who take care of the city's streets. At the moment, they focus on snow and ice removal; during more clement months, they sweep the streets,



Bob Hanna & Jon Riewer. Dave Sederquist & Doreen Filler. Don Myrvik sings out.

### 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 & Kelley	4 years
Jan 05 2012	
Kovash, Lynne & Dennis	45 years
Jan 13 1971	

### Club Anniversaries

Fangsrud, Sharon	2 years
Jan 02 2014	
Schwandt, Bill	22 years
Jan 10 1994	
Kolb, Ronald	41 years
Jan 14 1975	
Leiseth, Robert	24 years
Jan 22 1992	
Farwell, Randy	15 years
Jan 23 2001	
Beaton, Tim	5 years
Jan 25 2011	
Kovash, Lynne	14 years
Jan 29 2002	

steam catch basins and clean concrete ditches. Improving pavement and fighting potholes are among their goals — enhanced by the city’s new paver and other equipment.

The staff fills cracks and applies a seal coat to 16 lane-miles of city streets. Contractors completed many more miles last year.

He reported that the department now uses GPS to optimize snow removal, tracking each plow’s route and progress through the 10 snow-removal zones. He knows just where each plow is at any moment, as he does garbage trucks working throughout the city.

“Ice control is something new,” he explained. “As of Nov. 30, we have anti-ice tools. Pretreatment prevents ice build-up.” The temperature makes a critical difference in how well it works. “Pre-treating is much less expensive than applying salt after the ice has built up,” he said.

Nineteen people are employed in sanitation.

They cover 10,000 residential households and 5,000 apartments, gathering 30,000 tons of waste per year. The city is committed to modernizing the fleet of sanitation trucks now; snow plows will also be brought up to date over the next 10 years.

The city and county are working on a new facility for single recycling. This Clay County Resource Recovery facility will be built near the wastewater plant in north Moorhead.

Three employees maintain the city’s 240 vehicles, along with 350 pieces of equipment such as mowers. Another five works with parks, ballfields and pools — 18 miles of paths, 5 miles of sidewalks and 28 bus shelters.

Public Works also mows and maintains public rights of way, as well as golf courses. Forestry manages the health of trees on boulevards and other city property, striving to stay ahead of what seems like a never-ending parade of new diseases and pests attacking the city’s shade.

## Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

### Tuesday, January 19

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....George Davis  
 Program .....State Demographer Susan Brower talks about the new social & economic realities created by recent demographic shifts, including effects on Minnesota’s economy and workforce, education, health, immigration and population trends.  
 Greeters.....Paul Dovre & Bill Woods

### Tuesday, January 26

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Jon Benson  
 Program.....Moorhead Chief of Police David Ebinger & wife Lynne share their recent experiences with People-to-People in Cuba, where they met students, teachers, officials and community leaders to learn more about daily life in the island nation. ....  
 Greeters.....Corey Elmer & Adam Nordin

### Tuesday, February 2

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
 Program .....Rotary exchange student Tangkwa Simasthien shared insights about her home in Phitanulok, Thailand.Welcome, Tangkwa!  
 Greeters .....Dan Eggiman & Kay Parries

### Tuesday, February 9

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 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, March 15

**FM Rotary Recital with a Cause**  
 First Lutheran Church .....7 p.m.