



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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District 5580

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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: Monica McConkey, MA, LPC, discusses mental health services and new programs at Prairie St. John's treatment center in Fargo. Eric Wilkie is sergeant at arms, and Greg Johnson & Dave Wahlberg are Tuesday's greeters. We'll meet in the Ground Floor Auditorium — instead of our regular spot.

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch serves troubled teens in five ND locations including Fargo

A rousing chorus of "Smile," led by Vern Goodin, warmed up the crowd at Moorhead Rotary Tuesday. Acting president Cindy Nolte shared a thank-you note from Jon Benson, whose recovery from thyroid cancer surgery is proceeding well now that he's back at home.

Guests exchange Peruvian Rotary banners

The club welcomed two guests, Melissa Norwig (daughter of Teresa Joppa) and Jamie Werth. Both Moorhead women are college students in Lima, Peru, where they are members of Rotaract.

Cindy urged Moorhead members to consider helping the Fargo AM/FM club in a volunteer

Photos: Acting president Cindy Nolte (above, right). Melissa Norwig and Janie Werth of Rotaract in Lima, Peru, exchange club banners with Cindy. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. (Right) Speaker Christina Hemmer, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch. (Below) Mark Bertilrud, Chuck Matthees, Greg Johnson & Bill Schwandt. Photos by George Davis.



effort on Jan. 24 for Feed My Starving Children. The mobile food-packing event will take place at Atonement Lutheran Church in Fargo, with Rotary's slot from 8 to 10 a.m. She'll have sign-up sheets once again at this week's meeting.

Good news about the 2015 calendar

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie shared a little-known fact with members whose paychecks come on a biweekly basis: 2015 delivers not two but three pay periods in February.

As if that weren't enough good news, the call for Happy Dollars brought forth more: Tributes

Want to host Rotary at your workplace?

We're looking for alternate locations for our meetings on March 17 and 24, when the Hjemkomst Center will be hosting two very large conventions. Would you like to volunteer to host on one of these Tuesdays? Lunch will be catered by Concordia Food Service. If you're interested, please talk to Russ or Cindy.





Ron Hagemann & Bill Woods. Vern Goodin won the \$5 consolation prize in the weekly raffle. Bill, Randy Farwell & Dale Stenerson.

Guests, Jan. 13

Missy & Jeff Jaspersen & Tim Bogenreif, guests of Violet Deilke
 Melissa Norwig & Jamie Werth, guests of Teresa Joppa
 Eric Andersson, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Riley, past district governor, Fargo AM/FM
 Margaret Schneider, Fargo AM/FM

Make-Ups

Board members, 1/19
 Strive Committee

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

from Bison and Redbirds fans, as well as kudos for MSUM’s sizzling hot basketball teams, our guests, travels to see family and (especially) the day’s sunshine.

Eric shared a day brightener: “I went to the bookstore and asked the gal where to find the self-help section. She said, I could tell you ... but that would defeat the whole purpose.”

Dakota Ranch clinical director provides overview of needs & programs for children

Rotarian of the Day Holly Miller introduced Christina Hemmer, clinical director of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Fargo. The program provides a wide variety of types of care for teen-agers and their families at its five campuses across North Dakota, including Fargo — schools, group homes, family retreats and a “day education” program. Therapies run the gamut from talking and listening to play, music and art.

Most children served by the Ranch come from homes or situations where they were abused physically, sexually or emotionally — often in combination. About 90 percent are estimated

to have experienced a traumatic event in their lives, with 75 percent going through more than one trauma. Approximately 30 percent are Native American.

Children can be referred by counties, tribal social services, sools, the courts and Department of Juvenile Services, as well as their parents. Many, but not all, are court-ordered placements.

Thirty-six teens occupy the Fargo facility. While the length of each resident’s stay is based on his or her treatment plan, four to five months is typical. Some, though, who have no home or foster placement to return to, do stay a lot longer.

Christina urged people to provide support and avoid judgment and blame in situations with troubled youth. She agreed, though, that sometimes outside parties do need to report child abuse and neglect to law enforcement.

Support comes from the Ranch’s eight thrift stores, as well donors across the nation, corporate gifts and sponsorships, federal grants and bequests.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

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:Joel Johnson, Minnesota Rural Electric Association, Coalition for a Secure Energy Future
 Greeters:T Joppa & S Wai

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Sergeant at Arms:E Johnson
 ROD:George Davis
 Program:Moorhead & Clay County preschool development, part 1
 Greeters:R Kolb & E Wilkie

Tuesday, Feb. 10

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

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
 ROD:Russ Hanson
 Program:Mark Peihl, Clay County Archivist, “Pioneer Photographers Flaten & Wange”
 GreetersS Ackerman & R Leiseth

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
 Program:Charley Johnson, F-M CVB
 Greeters:J Andraesen & C Matthes
Thursday, March 26: Recital for a Cause
Thursday, April 16: Taste of Moorhead