



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
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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's meeting:** Les Bakke of Moorhead presents a program on the experiences of African-, Asian and Hispanic-American soldiers in the Armed Forces during World War II. It's based on personal histories collected by the Library of Congress. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms; Ron Kolb and Noel Moore are greeters. **Our meeting will be in the Hjemkomst Center's Oak Room upstairs.**

### Travel expert describes honor flights bringing veterans to Washington, DC

President Lynne Kovash — just back from a trip to New York City — welcomed members and visitors to our travel-themed meeting. The club was back in the basement this week, but voted on whether to permanently remain there or take up quarters in the Oak Room on the main floor of the Hjemkomst Center. A majority voted for the daylight location overlooking Viking Ship Park, so future meetings will take place there.

### Beer & pizza coming up on Wednesday

Eric Wilkie reminded members of our social event next Wednesday, Jan. 25. The club will gather informally at Junkyard Brewing on First Avenue North in Moorhead, where they'll be able to sample the hand-crafted beers and dine on pizza. The happy-hour gathering begins at 4:30 p.m.

Whether or not you signed up to attend at last week's meeting, **please take a moment to sign up again on Tuesday! Sorry for the inconvenience!**

Photos/Russ Hanson: Barb Belcher, Cindy Nolte & Gina Monson welcome Noel Moore (at left) back after her recovery. President Lynne Kovash. Rotarian of the Day Dave Sederquist. (Right) Todd Ganje, manager and group trip coordinator at Travel Incorporated, talked about the role he has played in organizing Honor Flights of area veterans to visit Washington, DC.



### Sgt. Dave recounts inauguration moments

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist entertained the group with odd facts and memories of past inaugurations, like JFK's, where the podium caught fire. Eisenhower was roped by a cowboy. Chief Justice John Roberts flubbed the words for President Obama and later repeated the correct verbiage in the Oval Office. Teddy Roosevelt was the youngest president at the time of his inauguration; Ronald Reagan was the oldest until Donald Trump. George Washington's speech was the shortest — just 135 words.

He fined members for not wearing their pins — hard to explain, since secretary Teresa Joppa was handing them out as members arrived. Happy Dollars were ponied up for Gary Nolte's service trip to Haiti and for Lynne's trip to New York with Moorhead High theatre students. Others were offered for the birthday of the youngest Schaefer, 5-year-old Noah; for warmer weather; and especially for Noel



John Andreasen with pianist Sharon Fangsrud. Rotarian of the Day Jill Baldwin. President Lynne, guest John Folkers & Paul Suomala.

**Guests Jan. 17**

Todd Ganje, speaker  
 Gwen Hoberg, guest of Corey Elmer  
 John Folkers  
 FES Erhard Hochörtler

**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

Moore's return after a lengthy absence due to illness.

**Honor Flights are once-in-lifetime trips**

Rotarian of the Day Jill Baldwin introduced her colleague, Todd Ganje, to talk about his involvement in the Fargo-Moorhead Honor Flights, which carry veterans to Washington, D.C., to view monuments in their honor and hear from military leaders who speak to them.

Todd is the manager, IT specialist and group trip planner for Jill's company, Travel Incorporated. A Devils Lake native and graduate of West Fargo High School and MSUM, he was employed by KQWB Radio before entering the travel industry. He is a partner in the agency.

According to Todd, the Honor Flights began after the World War II memorial was erected in the nation's capital. "These veterans had next to no welcome home, no thanks, no celebrations," he recounted. Tracy Briggs of Forum Communications Company heard about trips planned by a man in North Carolina to give the vets their due at the

new memorial. She began promoting the idea here through WDAY and The Forum; others joined her to arrange the tour.

The first in 2007 carried 162 people by chartered flight. It was designed specifically to "not be too hard for these senior citizens," Todd said. Two doctors accompany the sometimes-fragile elders, who usually spend two days and one night in Washington. He noted that a typical 162-passenger flight from Fargo brings along 60 wheelchairs.

Participants visit the Iwo Jima memorial and watch the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery. They dine at their hotel, often with a prominent speaker. On the second day they tour the National Archives, viewing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution before heading off to the WWII monument.

A totally volunteer program, Honor Flight raises about \$150,000 for each trip, which is free to the veterans. Upcoming fund raisers include a spaghetti feed Jan. 29 at the Moorhead Legion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a benefit "hometown heroes" game by the Fargo Force last weekend.

**Looking Ahead**

**Tuesday, Jan. 24**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Rotarian of the Day: .....Russ Hanson  
 Program: ...Les Bakke, "Military Voices of Color:  
 World War II Veterans Share Experiences"  
 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 Arms .....Eric Wilkie  
 Program:....."Giving Hearts Day," Dakota  
 Medical Foundation.  
 Greeters:..John Andreasen & Tracey Moorhead

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**

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