



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
District 5580

- President Eric Wilkie
- President-elect Lynne Kovash
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
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- Program Coord. Corey Elmer
- RYLA Coord. Randy Farwell
- Sergeant at Arms Team
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson,
Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
- Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
- Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Vern Goodin, Bob Hanna,
John Andreassen
- Photographer Russ Hanson
- Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa
- Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

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

- International President
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- District Governor-Elect
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- Rotary Endowment Committee
Cindy Nolte

- 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: 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 long-isolated island nation. Jon Benson is Rotarian of the Day; Dave Sederquist, sergeant at arms; and Corey Elmer & Adam Nordin, greeters.



Changes ahead: State demographer details trends in Minnesota's aging population

"Counting today, there are only nine Tuesdays until spring," President Eric Wilkie told winter-weary Rotarians. He welcomed guests Dave Keller (who is applying for membership), Paddlewheel editor Nancy Hanson and our FES Tangkwa, along with visiting Rotarians Leann Lien and Tom Riley.

Eric said the club is looking for people to help Jon Riewer arrange programs for future meetings — otherwise, he noted, "we may be hearing about retirement homes on a weekly basis."

Dave Sederquist asked for members to volunteer to help with the rummage sale fundraiser being planned for April or May. He predicts it may be a one-time project, but will provide much-needed support for our youth-oriented projects in the community.

Sergeant at Arms salutes big dates

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson highlighted several articles in The Rotarian, including one



Photos: President Eric Wilkie. Nancy Hanson and Rotarian of the Day George Davis talk with speaker Susan Browner. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson & Gina Monson. Minnesota State Demographer Susan Browner. Matt Thomason & prospective member Dave Keller.

on awkward made-up "Frankenwords," as well as notable birthdays on this date: Edgar Allen Poe, Robert E. Lee, Janis Joplin and author Patricia Highsmith. It was also the anniversary of the first cyberstalking case in 1999, Indira Gandhi become India's first female prime minister in 1996, and the first German air raid on Great Britain back in 1915.

Among occasions for happy dollars, members cited Ron Kolb's imminent departure for warmer climes; Bill Schwandt's purchase of Violet's car after our meeting several weeks ago, and Eric Johnson's admission of "bombing badly today as sergeant at arms."



Mike Hulett & Ron Kolb. Tom Riley & the Noltes. (Below) Bill Schwandt & Violet Deilke. Rod McLarnan, Randy Farwell & Troy Nellis.

Guests, 1/18/16

Tangkwa Simasthien, FES
 Susan Brower, speaker
 Dave Keller, prospective member
 Nancy Hanson

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Riley, past district governor
 Leann Lien

Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Duluth clubs

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	

Minnesota is exceptional ... but getting older

Rotarian of the Day George Davis introduced Susan Brower, Minnesota’s state demographer ... noting that “you realize you’re getting older when *everyone* you introduce is younger than you.”

Since joining the State Demographic Center four years ago, Susan — who has a PhD from the University of Michigan and a master’s in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota — has traveled the state talking with Minnesotans about the new social and economic realities that are brought about by recent demographic shifts.

“Minnesota is exceptional in many ways,” she said, listing the high percentage of residents with bachelor’s degrees, health insurance and participation in the labor force. “We’re relatively low in poverty ... and better-looking than average,” she added. “I’m still looking for a chart on that.”

She cited the dramatic increase in citizens who are 65+ and what it means to employers. “The changes run deep,” she noted. While the number of available jobs is



accelerating, the number of young adults entering the workforce will dramatically slow. Immigration will make up for some, but not all, the people lost to other states — still a negative number. She said that employers will need to do things differently, looking toward older workers, those with disabilities, people of color and other less traditional sources to fill their employment needs.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, January 26

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the DayJon 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 ArmsJean Hannig
 ProgramRotary exchange student Tangkwa Simasthien shares insights about her home in Phitanulok, Thailand.Welcome, Tangkwa!
 GreetersDan Eggiman & Kay Parries

Tuesday, February 9

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 ProgramRocky 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.
 GreetersRandy Farwell & Neil Qualey

Tuesday, March 15

FM Rotary Recital with a Cause
 First Lutheran Church7 p.m.