



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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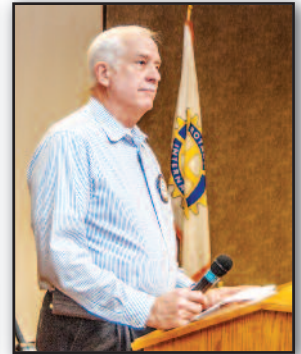
The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Wednesday of each month.

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs
Monday: FM/PM Rotary
5:30 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Monday: Fargo West
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: Joel Johnson of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association, will speak on the Coalition for a Secure Energy Future. Ron Kolb & Sam Wai are greeters.

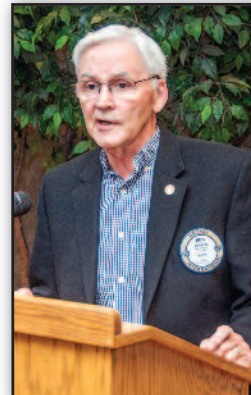
Prairie St. John director focuses on mental health services in the F-M area

Vern Goodin led Moorhead Rotarians in clapping and foot-stomping to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It" as we launched Tuesday's meeting ... an apt introduction to a day that began with positive news.

Community Action rep thanks club for gift

Ron Kolb introduced Tiffany McKinnon of Prairie and Lakes Community Action Partnership in Moorhead. She extended her organization's thanks for the funds from Moorhead Rotary's Christmas charity donation. Her organizations portion of the members' gift was used to make a brighter Christmas for several of the families they serve.

Interim president Cindy Nolte welcomed members Gary Nolte and Gina Monson home from their week-long Rotary service mission. The volunteer delegation worked in Pignon, Haiti.



Photos: Vern Goodin leads Tuesday's Rotarians in song. Interim president Cindy Nolte. Sergeant at arms Mike Hulett. Ron Kolb. Tiffany McKinnon of Lakes & Prairies Community Action. Monica McConkey (left), director of business development for Prairie St. John's, presented the day's program.

Cindy and Kay Parries again invited members to join Fargo AM/FM Rotarians in volunteering to help fill Feed My Starving Children mobile food packs. Kay and Gary Nolte were among the thousand volunteers who spent the day filling MannaPackRice packets to feed starving children around the world.

Want to host a Rotary meeting 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.



Guests, Jan. 20

Monica McConkey, speaker
Eric Andersson, FES

Make-Ups

Jon Andreasen, Fargo West, 1/12
Cindy Nolte, international project,
1/15; presidents & foundation
meeting, 1/16
Gary Nolte & Gina Monson, Rotary
volunteer mission to Pignon,
Haiti, 1/14

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

Sergeant at arms collects ‘happy bucks’

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett collected Happy Dollars inspired by a variety of good news, including exchange student Eric Andersson’s high school rock band, who won first place in a local talent show. Other donated bucks celebrated news about the Four-Way Test Contest, the dinner hosted by Sam Wai for top ticket-sellers in this year’s travel raffle project, exchange students’ trips to Deep Portage near Walker, the #1 hockey ranking of the Mankato Mavericks and — especially noteworthy — the news that no new polio cases were reported anywhere on earth last week.

Prairie St. John’s treats all ages with mental health, chemical dependency issues

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced speaker Monica McConkey of Prairie St. John’s in Fargo. The hospital’s director of business development has worked in the field of mental health for more than 20 years as a counselor and administrator.

Prairie St. John’s was established in the

former St. John’s Hospital in 1997 to treat patients with psychiatric conditions and addictions, along with their families. Owned by United Health Services, the 94-bed facility serves children, adolescents and adults (including seniors) in a full continuum of care — inpatient and part-time hospitalization, residential and outpatient chemical dependency treatment, and several residential facilities in the St. John’s neighborhood. It also offers services at its clinic in south Moorhead.

The hospital is adding two innovative new programs. Its staff of counselors, psychiatrists and psychologists has developed an autism program for school-age youth. A geriatric psychiatric unit will open later this year, focusing on a largely unfilled need among the elderly — especially aggressive individuals and those whose medication usage needs assessment and adjustment.

Most patients are referred by the medical community and the judicial system. Others come independently for assessment and help. “Each patient’s needs are different. Each is treated as an individual,” Monica stressed.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Sergeant at Arms:M Hulett
ROD:(volunteer needed)
Program:Joel Johnson, Minnesota Rural
Electric Association, Coalition for a Secure
Energy Future
Greeters:R Kolb & S Wai

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Sergeant at Arms:E Johnson
ROD:George Davis
Program: ...Gyda Anderson, Clay County Public
Health, preschool development, part 1
Greeters:S Ackerman & E Wilkie

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Sergeant at Arms:J Hannig
ROD:George Davis
Program:Joelle Hofer, Moorhead

Early Childhood Center, preschool, 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”
GreetersJ Andreasen & R Leiseth

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Sergeant at Arms:E Wilkie
Program:Charley Johnson, F-M CVB
Greeters: J Baldwin & C Matthes

Thursday, March 26: Recital for a Cause

Thursday, April 16: Taste of Moorhead