



The Paddlewheel

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Monday: Fargo West
Noon, Holiday Inn
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: FM/AM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
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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Rotarians get to know Riley Rude & Brad Donabauer in member classification talks at Tuesday's meeting

Moorhead Rotarians Riley Rude and Brad Donabauer talked about banking and dentistry in classification talks Tuesday — a fascinating glimpse into worlds unfamiliar to most of us. Monthly classification talks are planned at upcoming meetings, to be organized by membership chairman Jon Benson. (*Rotary's how-to guide to putting these talks together is attached to this issue of Paddlewheel.*)

New member joins club ranks

President Cindy Nolte inducted our newest member, Dan Stauffer, who was sponsored by Violet Deilke. He is a chaplain at Sanford Health. An Ontario native, he moved here with his wife Sandra Dille — daughter of our own Roland Dille.



Jean shares her Rotary 'Aha' moment

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie invited Jean Hannig to share her Rotary "Aha" moment. It occurred while she was attending a meeting in Madrid, Spain. The Danish Rotarian next to her, who spoke English and Spanish, helped her in translation.

In light of Fargo's being named the Number One city in America for drunken binges, Eric suggested several new local slogans: "Moorhead — you don't need beer goggles to see us" ... or a T-shirt pointing toward Fargo that says, "I'm with Stupid."

Photos at top: Rotarians sing "Let There Be Peace on Earth," led by Bill Schwandt and accompanied by Don Myrvik. Sponsor Violet Deilke presents new member Dan Stauffer with Rotary pin.

A Note from the President

I am pleased to announce that Teresa Joppa has consented to be our club secretary beginning in July 2014. Vern Goodin is stepping down after several years of faithful service in this position. He has plans for training Teresa before July. A huge thank you to both!

Because of this new position for Teresa and growth of activities within our club, we have some positions to fill. There is currently a **5-Club Literacy Committee** that needs another club member or more to be a part of. The **dictionary project** within Fargo and Moorhead is happening, along with **Project English** for new immigrants.

Teresa has been an excellent **note taker** for our weekly meetings, providing the information from which Nancy produces The Paddlewheel. Now we want and need additional note takers. If we had a few people willing to do this from time to time, it would be easier for all involved.

Please consider these jobs if someone asks you ... or volunteer! As the year continues, we want all members to **be Rotarians and not only members of Rotary**. Thank you!

— Cindy Nolte

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Photos: Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie & Jean Hannig. ROD Jon Benson. Riley Rude. Brad Donabauer.

Looking Ahead

Feb. 4

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett
Raffle drawing for Lake Tahoe/
Reno trip in May
Program Moorhead Police
Detective Ryan Nelson on
local CSI investigations
Greeters T Beaton
& D Myrvik

Feb. 11

Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa
Program Gary & Cindy Nolte,
"Mission to Haiti: The Saga
Continues"
Greeters B Belcher
& G Nolte

Feb. 18

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig
Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson
Program Classification talks
Greeters J Benson
& K Parries

Feb. 25

Sergeant at Arms D. Sederquist
Program Eventide lunch & tour
hosted by Mark Bertilsrud &
Jon Riewer
Greeters M Bertilsrud
& N Qualey

Feb. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fireside Chat at Nolte home for
new and recent members and
their sponsors

Visiting Rotarians

Larry & Jim Boulger, Fargo Rotary

Make-ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, District
conference and Governors
Council, 1/24-25
Jon Andreasen, Fargo West, 1/13
Rotary Youth Exchange Gathering,
Deep Portage, 1/25-26

February Birthdays

Suomala, Paul Feb 01
Beaton, Tim Feb 17
Elmer, Corey Feb 23
Sederquist, David Feb 23
Johnson, Eric Feb 28

Club Anniversaries

Cater, Alma 26 years
Feb 02, 1988
Elmer, Corey 11 years
Feb 11, 2003
Frost, Josh 1 Year
Feb 12, 2013
Moore, Noel 15 years
Feb 23, 1999



Important note when paying your dues

Please note that dues should be sent to **PO Box 72, Moorhead MN 56561-0072**. The address printed on the invoices is incorrect.

Money & teeth — get to know our members

Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson introduced members Riley Rude and Brad Donabauer.

Riley, who joined last July, is a business banker with Western State Bank in West Fargo. He was working in Dallas, he said, when the economy went south, and he became a bank examiner. Assigned to the Dakotas and Minnesota, he spent six years as a federal examiner "keeping banks on the straight and narrow" before joining Western.

As a business banker, he manages \$25 million in loans, including many apartment and construction loans. His clients, though, range from a single semi driver buying a new truck and a towing company to big commercial real estate deals.

The Fargo South High grad says Rotary

affects his approach to his work because he applies the 4-Way Test to dealings and relationships.

Dr. Brad Donabauer grew up in St. Cloud and Dilworth. He graduated from MSUM ("it'll always be Moorhead State to me") and the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He is the president of the 65-member Minnesota Dental Association and worked in Crookston before moving to Moorhead — a convenient decision, since his wife was already working in the Fargo area. He joined Rotary in October.

Brad enjoys building relationships with his patients. While the picture is bright today, with many older dentists heading toward retirement, he said that getting into dental school can be the biggest challenge; last year, for example, the U of M had 1,300 applicants for 100 spots.

Raffle kitty eludes this week's contestant

Newzad Brifki won the opportunity to draw a card in our weekly raffle, but ended up with only the \$5 consolation prize ... and the opportunity to share his thoughts on why he is a Rotarian in this week's Paddlewheel. The pot grew to \$530 in time for next week.

Why Am I a Rotarian (Second in our weekly series featuring members' reasons)

Well, to be honest with you, I was invited by our fellow Rotarian Tim Beaton from the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation. Prior to this, I had invited Tim to my office. I introduced myself and the work that we did at Kurdish Community of America, formally known as the Kurdish Youth of America. Tim was supportive of my work, especially helping the youth. So he invited me to one of the Moorhead Rotary meetings. My mission for the meeting was to talk about my organization and what we did and hopefully to receive support from the club. However, when I came to the meeting, I saw something unique and professional. I felt good being at the meeting, surrounded by intelligent and professional people from our community — fellow Rotarians working together for one cause, "Service Above Self." I decided to come back the following week. As I came the second week, I liked the meeting even more than the prior week and was looking forward to other meetings. After a few meetings, my decision was made: that it was in my best interest to join Rotary. I am not only thankful and proud to be a member of Rotary but what we stand for, what we do and who we are. This shows that there are good people in the world, and that America still stands for not only serving here at home but outside, like the polio fight, the Haiti and Guatemala projects. I hope to continue my membership as long as I can.

— Newzad Brifki