



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
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Club 970  
District 5580

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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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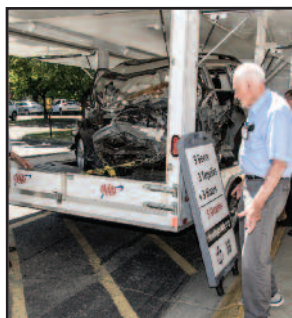


**This week:** Kathy Anderson, director of the Trollwood Performing Arts School, will talk about the celebrated program and its upcoming musical "The Little Mermaid." Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms, and our greeters are Barb Belcher & Steve Moore.

### New president Lynne Kovash takes the reins from retiring Eric Wilkie

"This is it," said outgoing president Eric Wilkie as he circulated among members prior to calling to order his last meeting as president. "This is the day." He welcomed a larger-than-usual contingent of guests for the special program that highlighted the final meeting of his tenure June 28.

The meeting began with another spectacular occasion ... for Rotarian Josh Frost, at least. After going nearly a year without a winner, the club's weekly raffle came to a spectacular climax June 21 when he drew the prize-winning card from the remainder of the deck – the 49th time a weekly winner got to take a swing at winning the jackpot. Josh was presented with a check \$1,086, one-half of the total in the prize kitty. The balance goes into



Photos: Eric Wilkie & President Lynne Kovash. Josh Frost accepts his raffle winnings from Eric. Lynne presents Eric with plaque honoring his service. Rotarian of the Day Violet Deilke. Speaker Lynn Mickelson, whose children were killed by a drunken driver.

club coffers to be used for a variety of project.

Chuck Hendrickson led the club in singing "In the Good Old Summer Time," a perfect fit for the great summer weather.

Several announcements focused on adjustments to the meeting calendar. Members were reminded that the club would not meet on July 5.

A temporary change of venue begins July 25. We will be meeting in the Jones Conference Center at Concordia College through the first week in September while the Hjemkomst Center parking lot is being reconstructed. One August meeting will be diverted to the Offutt School of Business.

Moorhead Rotary has gained 12 new members in the last 12 months. Eric presented pins to their sponsors.

### President Lynne accepts the gavel

Eric passed the gavel passed to President



Photos: Barb Belcher checks members in. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Chuck Erickson leads singing. Cindy Nolte, Pat Gulbrandson & Randy Farwell.

### July Birthdays

Davis, George	Jul 01
Hutchins, Scott	Jul 02
Benson, Jon	Jul 06
Qualey, Neil	Jul 17
Fangsrud, Sharon	Jul 21
Parries, Kay	Jul 22

### Anniversaries

Moore, Steve & Emily	Jul 09 2009	
7 years		
Rogers, Jerry & Sue	Jul 18 1970	
46 years		
Davis, George & Linda	Jul 27 1968	Linda

### Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul	36 years
Jul 01 1980	
Eggiman, Dan	1 Year
Jul 01 2015	
Thomason, Matthew	1 Year
Jul 01 2015	
Wilkie, Eric	5 years
Jul 01 2011	
Schaefer, Steve	14 years
Jul 02 2002	
Holtan, Paul	4 years
Jul 10 2012	
Qualey, Neil	24 years
Jul 21 1992	
Wahlberg, David	4 years
Jul 31 2012	

Lynne Kovash and presented her with a pin denoting the club presidency. Another pin awaits president-elect Corey Elmer.

Lynne presented Eric with a plaque honoring his year of service ... followed by a standing ovation from club members. He wrapped up his term with a quote from Dr. Suess: "Don't cry because it's over. Be happy because it happened."

### Lynn Mickelson: Drunken driving kills

Rotarian of the Day Vi Deilke introduced Lynn Mickelson, who has become a powerful spokesman against drunken driving. He told of the fatal head-on crash in 2012 that claimed three members of his family and an unborn infant.

As he took the podium, the Colfax, ND, man paused. "This is not easy for me," he said.

On July 6, 2012, Lynn's daughter Allison Deutscher, her husband Aaron and their daughter Brielle were killed by a drunken man who was driving the wrong way on Interstate 94 near Jamestown. The drunk driver also died. Lynn said he relives the pain caused in that collision every day, in private moments and in public presentations

to high school students and adults across the Upper Midwest. When he speaks to groups like ours, he is often accompanied by the SUV in which his family was killed — or what little is left of it.

"There is a message there. I don't lecture about alcohol; that's up to the people I talk to and their families," he said. "I talk to them about choices. The driver who killed Allison and her family had had nine beers and three shots of tequila in the three hours before he ran head-on into them," he told Rotarians. "They shouldn't have had to die just because of one stupid bad choice."

He said he is often asked if he forgives the driver who caused the accident. "I say I have not, but there is more to that answer than a simple no. To forgive him, I would have to judge him ... and that is not my job."

Recently, Lynn and his wife met the widow of a man killed by a distracted driver. "It is just as bad," he said. Together, they are working to pass tougher laws on drunken and distracted driving.

"I cry every day," he said. The families of the victims have set up a website with more information, [www.deadlycrash.org](http://www.deadlycrash.org).

## Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

### Tuesday, July 12

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
 Program .....Kathy Anderson, Trollwood Performing Arts School  
 Greeters .....Barb Belcher & Steve Moore

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Greeters.....Jon Benson & Tracey Moorhead

### Tuesday, July 26 — at Concordia

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
 Greeters .....Anne Blackhurst & Troy Nellis

### Tuesday, July 19