



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580

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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: 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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YMCA director Paul Finstad discusses accomplishments & plans for Moorhead

President Jon Benson welcomed a full house of Rotarians to Tuesday's meeting at the Hjemkomst Center. He reported on the just-concluded board of directors meeting, where Eric Wilkie was elected president-elect of the club.

The board also reviewed the almost \$12,000 in grants approved by the charitable giving committee during the past year.

- YWCA Shelter for 45 nights of accommodations for children, \$1,665
- Access for eight bicycles for use by children clients and staff, \$1,000
- Junior Achievement funding to reach more elementary classes (with goal of reaching 7,700 total), \$1,000
- Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies for scholarships and mentoring, \$800
- Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, young people's concerts, \$1,500
- Gooseberry Park Players for production of "The Sound of Music" (covering three interns and sign language interpreter), \$2,000
- Plains Art Museum, open house at Kilbourne Center for Creativity, children's programs, \$1,500
- American Diabetes Association, support for Camp Sioux teaching kids about managing diabetes, \$2,000

Golf foursomes needed for tourney

Two foursomes are needed to represent our



Photos: President Jon Benson and President-Elect Eric Wilkie. Gary Nolte presents a Paul Harris Fellowship to Bill Schwandt. Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson. Rotarian of the Day Barb Belcher. Paul Finstad, executive director of the YMCA of Cass Clay.

club in the Rotary Golf tournament Aug. 12. A \$100 contribution entitles players to lunch, dinner and 18 holes of golf.

Paul Harris pin awarded to Bill Schwandt

Gary Nolte presented the last of this year's Paul Harris Fellowships to Bill Schwandt. A total of 10 members qualified for the award.

Sergeant at arms Gina: being happy

Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson focused on tips for being happier, sharing the article on philanthropy in the current Rotarian magazine. Sunshine lifts spirits ... and so does charitable giving. "You'll feel good when you give to your alma mater," she recommended, adding, "especially when you graduated from MSUM."

Happy dollars celebrated European travels, new granddaughters, the Youth Exchange Student Conference attended by 800 youth, a

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Tuesday, July 22

Sergeant at Arms E Johnson
ROD Russ Hanson
Program Ashley Ladbury,
education coordinator, First Link
Greeters T Joppa & T Beaton.

July 29

Wegeant at Arms J Hannig
ROD Mike Hulett
Program Dennis Eisenbraun,
MPS energy services manager
— Moorhead's new Solar
Energy Garden.
Greeters R Kolb & B Belcher

Monday, August 11

F-M Rotary Foundation Golf
Scramble at Moorhead Country
Club — information to come

Guests July 15

Paul Finstad, YMCA, guest speaker
Joe Becker, guest of Mark Bertilrud

Make-Ups

Bill Woods, Fargo Rotary, 7/11
Eric Wilkie, Fargo Rotary, 7/9 & 7/24
Jean Hannig, CSYR board meeting
& CSRYE conference

July Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry & Sue 44 years
Jul 18, 1970

Davis, George & Linda 46 years
Jul 27, 1968

Club Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 34 years
Jul 01, 1980
Wilkie, Eric 3 years
Jul 01, 2011
Schaefer, Steve 12 years
Jul 02, 2002
Holtan, Paul 2 years
Jul 10, 2012
Qualey, Neil 22 years
Jul 21, 1992
Rude, Riley 1 Year
Jul 30, 2013
Wahlberg, David 2 years
Jul 31, 2012



Photos: Song leader Bill Schwandt. Ron Kolb draws the wrong card in the weekly raffle. Bill Woods and Ed Wright.

daughter just home from New Zealand but now bound for Peru, a son back from Africa, high school students now at RYLA, and Russ Hanson's new gig as superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery.

YMCA directors details progress and plans

Rotarian of the Day Barb Belcher introduced Paul Finstad, executive director of the YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties. He cited the group's deep roots; it was founded here in 1886, 42 years after the world's first Y came into being. Since then, it has served 25,000 with health and fitness services.

The Y operates 27 childcare programs in the area, with services for children from infancy

through school age. Finstad said the group intends to make sure after-school care is available at every school in the community, whether operated by his group or others. The Y's overall target for the next three years, he said, is to make Fargo-Moorhead the best place in America to raise a child.

He updated members on the delayed plans for a YMCA facility in Moorhead. Originally kicked off nearly 10 years ago, the campaign raised \$3 million toward its \$10 million goal before stalling because of the Great Recession. In the meantime, Sanford Health's coop project became more urgent and was completed. He said the timing has to be right to resurrect the Moorhead plan. In the meantime, about 30 YMCA staff have offices in Moorhead.

Why I am a Rotarian ... by Ron Hagemann

I am a recent recruit to the wide world of the Rotarians. When I was approached by Dr. Bill Woods to attend several Rotary functions I was honored to be included and have a chance to see up close what Rotary is all about. I must admit that I was a bit apprehensive about fitting in but I have since been involved in several activities that have put me at ease and proud that I am a Rotarian. The Dictionary program is a fantastic activity to get Rotarians involved in the educational community and for the community to witness some of the many activities that Rotarians promote. Especially as a historian educator I enjoyed every trip that we took to deliver dictionaries to third graders throughout Clay County. It reminded me again as to why I loved teaching.

The worldwide eradication of polio is another reason to be a Rotarian. I have dealt with the ravages of polio in my own family. My nine year old first cousin was hit hard by this killer and within a week died of it's effects. To be able to contribute to the fight by being a member of Rotary has meant a lot to me.

All-in-all I am glad Bill coaxed me into a service club where the members have been friendly, curious (each weekly program has something new to offer) and most willing to help the community in which we live.

One final thought. I was invited to help plan the District 5588 Convention. My role was minor but I appreciated the fellowship with George Davis and the planning committee. I was not able to attend the full convention but I was able to help set up and to attend the mixer. Both enforced my decision to join what I now think is the best service club around.

'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Table with 2 columns: Name and due date. Includes Randy Farwell (due June 17), Doreen Filler (due June 24), Bob Hanna (due July 22), Jean Hannig (due July 29), Dale Hetland (due August 5), Paul Holtan (due August 12), Mike Hulett (due August 19).

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