



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
Club 970
District 5580

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Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson,
Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
Photographer Russ Hanson
Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa
Paddlewheel Editor
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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month.

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Cindy Nolte
End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord.
Gary 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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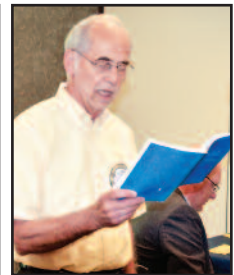
This week's meeting: President Corey Elmer will be conducting our annual club assembly. Stacey Ackerman is our sergeant at arms, and Pat Gulbranson and Chuck Hendrickson serve as greeters.

New president takes over leadership

Interim President Eric Wilkie kicked off our first meeting in July by passing the gavel to incoming President Corey Elmer. Corey told of how Dr. Roland Dille, then president of Minnesota State University Moorhead, brought him to Rotary in 1992, touting membership as a way for the young student to get involved in the community. The late Dr. Dille's son, by coincidence, joined us as the guest of Teresa Joppa.

Two resignations were announced -- Bob Swenson and Matt.

Dale Hetland reminded members of the



Photos/Russ Hanson: Eric Wilkie "pins" President Corey Elmer. Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis. Rotarian of the Day Pat Gulbranson. Speaker Ted Horan, marketing director of RDO.



volunteer opportunity with the Cherries for Charity even at Hornbacher's Azool location. Teams of two Rotarians wind up their two-hour shifts today at the fund-raiser for the YWCA of Cass Clay.

Needed – Rotary Program Coordinators and Rotarians of the Day!

We are looking for **Rotary meeting program ideas**. If you have a program idea for the months of September through November 2017, please contact Troy Nellis at Troy.Nellis@mnstate.edu. If you have a program idea for the months of December 2017 through February 2018, please contact Gina Monson at monsong@mnstate.edu

Please consider becoming a **program coordinator**. We need volunteers for the months of March 2018 and beyond. It's a great way to bring people to Rotary and

provides you an opportunity to share the great work Rotary does with your contacts. The program coordinator handles scheduling programs for three months. Please let Pat Gulbranson know if you're interested at patrick.gulbranson@gmail.com

Also, if you're interested in being a **Rotarian of the Day** at one of our weekly meetings, please let Pat know. The Rotarian of the Day introduces the guest speaker of the day. The program coordinator will provide you the speaker's bio.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Neil Qualey and Gina Monson. Gary Gonser and Jean Hannig. Guest Ben Dille and Teresa Joppa.

Guests

Ben Dille, guest of Teresa Joppa

Visiting Rotarians

Keith Brooke, FM AM
 Doug Gillam, Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary
 Jay Schmallen, Fargo

Reported Make-Ups

Gary Nolte, Fargo Rotary 100 Year; driving students to RYLA; Rotary webinar
 Cindy Nolte, Fargo Rotary 100 Year, driving students to RYLA
 Kay Parries: Fargo West
 Jon Andreasen, Fargo West

July Birthdays

Benson, Jon	Jul 06
Qualey, Neil	Jul 17
Parries, Kay	Jul 22
Gonser, Gary	Jul 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry & Sue	Jul 18 1970
	47 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul	37 years
Jul 01 1980	
Eggiman, Dan	2 years
Jul 01 2015	
Wilkie, Eric	6 years
Jul 01 2011	
Schaefer, Steve	*15 years
Jul 02 2002	
Qualey, Neil	25 years
Jul 21 1992	
Wahlberg, David	5 years
Jul 31 2012	

FM-AM Rotary member Keith Brooke invited Moorhead members to participate in the FM Rotary Foundation Golf Outing on Tuesday, Aug. 1. It begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost, \$125 per golfer, includes green and cart fees, dinner and prizes. Sponsorships are available at \$150 per hole; or sponsors can cover a golf foursome at \$600.

Muffin Day, Cow Day and Happy Dollars

Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis announced that we were meeting on the official national Happy Blueberry Muffin Day, as well Cow Appreciation Day. President Corey suggested it was also Jon Benson Day, an honor Jon rebutted, saying it saluted Corey's first day as president.

Troy fined members who'd forgotten their pins or badges, as well as those who neglected to shake greeter Jean Hannig's hand.

Happy dollars poured in. Jon Benson donated in recognition of Eric Wilkie's helping with presidential duties during President Lynne Kovash's medical absence, as well as Dale Hetland's continued efforts to get the club involved in the community and Corey's year ahead. Jean Hannig mentioned her upcoming drive to Michigan for Rotary National Exchange.

Sharon Fangsrud celebrated her daughter's upcoming wedding. Dave Sederquist joined in, announcing this was Get Your Third Son

Married Day. Guest Ben Dille saluted his Fourth of July at historic Yorktown, as well as a son who just graduated from Naval Academy. Corey contributed \$20 in honor of Ben's visit and his own four-week family vacation spanning 10 European countries. Finally, Bill Woods gave a gift in honor of and well wishes for President Lynne.

Offutt marketing director sketches scope of RDO Equipment's interests

Rotarian of the Day Pat Gulbranson introduced Ted Horan of Moorhead, marketing director, RDO Equipment Company. Ted, a Concordia graduate who grew up in a Kiwanis family, began his professional life seeking opportunities to be an entrepreneur. He has held the Erbert and Gerbert's franchise here, as well as interests in Noodles and Company and Qboda Mexican Grill.

But, he said, working seven days a week was too much. He decided to find a larger company that shared this culture. He started with RDO as a salesman of agricultural and construction drones. That lasted three months, he said; then he moved to marketing.

The RDO story begins in 1968, when Moorhead native Ron Offutt bought his first John Deere dealership in Casselton. He financed his business dream by convincing customers to prepay a years worth of parts and service. Daughter Christi Offutt is now CEO of RDO Equipment and R.D. Offutt.

Looking Ahead

July 18

Sergeant at ArmsStacey Ackerman
 ProgramAnnual Club Assembly
 GreetersPat Gulbranson
 & Chuck Hendrickson

July 25

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbranson

ProgramChris Meyers, U.S. Attorney
 Greeters..Stacey Ackerman & Dale Hetland

August 1

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbranson
 ProgramAaron Becher, general manager
 of The Forum
 GreetersJohn Andreasen & Greg Johnson