



The Paddlewheel

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs

Monday: Fargo West
Noon, Holiday Inn
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: PM/FM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Wednesday: Fargo
Noon, Radisson
Thursday: AM/FM
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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July 23

Speaker Leanne Wallin: 'If a train is coming, you MUST always yield the right of way'

A self-described "phantom from the past," Rotarian Roland Barden, presided over Moorhead Rotary Tuesday. President Warren Wenner is still at the national Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia.

In honor of our day's program, which focused on safety at railroad crossings, members sang a rousing version of "I've Been Working on the Railroad." Accompanying us was Shimmer Foster, the guest of John Andreasen.

Roland reminded the group that host families are still needed for our new foreign exchange student, Jonathan, who arrives from Germany this fall. Two more are needed — one for winter, another to host him next spring.

Eric offers updates on Rotary innovations

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie updated members on several changes introduced by Rotary International, including restructuring of the Rotary grant system, Rotary e-clubs that meet exclusively online, and changes in the fifth avenue of service, New Generations, turning into Youth Services.

He levied fines for those sitting at a table without a member of the opposite sex and for not wearing pins. Happy Dollars were offered by members for travels, grandkids, mud races, exchange students and guests.

Eric's quote of the day: "You can't have

Roland Barden presides Tuesday. Rotarians listen intently to guest Leann Wallin (right) discuss the dangers of taking trains for granted. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie.



everything. Where would you put it?"

What's 'faster than a speeding locomotive'? Not much — speaker says, 'Watch out!'

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced Leann Wallin of the Moorhead Police Department, who coordinates local train safety educational programs in Fargo-Moorhead. She makes almost 50 presentations a year in high schools, drivers ed classes and to community groups like ours ... sharing a message equally important to new young drivers and adults who've spent years behind the wheel.

Leann took on Operation Lifesaver when Moorhead established its "quiet zone" downtown along the railroad tracks. While applauded by those who live and work there, the practice of limiting trains' warning blasts raised concern about pedestrians and drivers being struck by the 60-some trains that cross through the city every day — most of them not on regular, predictable schedules.

Operation Lifesaver includes three components: education, engineering and enforcement. The biggest lesson of the first is

Guests

Shimmer Foster, Moorhead, guest of John Andreasen
 Leann Wallin, Moorhead Police Department, program
 Mark Bertilrud, Eventide, prospective member

Make-Ups

Warren Wenner, Rotary Clubs at Boy Scout Jamboree, 7-22
 Jean Hannig, Central States Youth Exchange Conference, Michigan, 7/09 & 7/16
 Josh Frost & Greg Johnson, Special Olympics meeting, 7/16
 Tim Beaton, Sheboygan, WI, Rotary, 7/19

July Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Lanning, Morris & Ruth	46 years	Jul 01, 1967
Rogers, Jerry & Sue	43 years	Jul 18, 1970
Green, David & Marilyn	58 years	Jul 24, 1955
Davis, George & Linda	45 years	Jul 27, 1968

Club Anniversaries

Davis, Jason	2 years
Jul 01, 2011	
Dille, Roland	19 years
Jul 01, 1994	
Dovre, Paul	33 years
Jul 01, 1980	
Lanning, Morris	19 years
Jul 01, 1994	
Wilkie, Eric	2 years
Jul 01, 2011	
Schaefer, Steve	11 years
Jul 02, 2002	
Holtan, Paul	1 year
Jul 10, 2012	
Qualey, Neil	21 years
Jul 21, 1992	
Hamilton, Douglas	15 years
Jul 22, 1998	
Wahlberg, David	1 year
Jul 31, 2012	



simply to think, look and be careful.

(From left) New member Mark Bertilrud with greeters Teresa Joppa and John Riemer. Roland Barden and guest Shimmer Foster. Leann Wallin with Corey Elmer & Stacy Ackerman.

Eighteen people have been killed by trains in Fargo-Moorhead and West Fargo in the past three years, two of them in recent months.

“If the engineer can see you, it’s too late for him to stop,” she told us. At 55 mph, the train requires at least one mile to stop. Slamming on the train brakes to attempt a quicker stop leads to disasters like the terrible train derailment in Minot a decade ago that unleashed a deadly cloud of anhydrous ammonia.

Leann recommends stopping your car at least 15 feet back from the train crossing. And stopping is mandatory when one is coming; the familiar railroad crossbuck has the same legal standing as a stop or yield sign. Trains always have the right of way — absolutely no exceptions!

She reminded us that two trains are often crossing simultaneously in opposite directions. Hitting the gas too quickly when one has passed can put you right in front of the second train.

Trains overhang the tracks by three to five feet on each side. It’s difficult to judge the speed of an oncoming train, Leann warned; it may look slow, like an airplane that’s landing, but it’s not. “Don’t ever try to beat the train,” she emphasized. “Never drive around cross arms. Never stop on the track in waiting traffic.” And if you’re stuck on the tracks, she said, get out and get away fast before calling 911.

Treat trains with respect. Your life, as Leann convinced us, could truly depend on it.

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Rotary Meetings

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| July 30 | Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig |
| ROD | Russ Hanson |
| Program | Calligrapher Anne Kaese on “Minnesotan Book of Kells” at HHIC |
| Greeters | Farwell & Meidinger |
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| Aug. 6 | Sergeant at Arms Jon Benson |
| ROD | Dale Hetland |
| Program | Beth Brantner of Moorhead’s Lost & Found Ministry |
| Greeters | Fischer & Monson |
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| Aug. 13 | Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa |
| ROD | Tim Beaton |
| Program | Newzad Brifki, “My Journey To America.” |
| Greeters | Frost & Moore |
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| Aug. 20 | Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist |
| RDO | Gary Nolte |
| Program | Keith Brokke, “Rotary – Manoa, Working Together in Bolivia” |
| Greeters | Green & Moorhead |