



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Wednesday of each month.

International President Ron Burton, Norman OK  
District 5580 Governor David Smette, Jamestown  
District Vice Governor Gary Nolte, Moorhead  
District Governor-Elect Tim Kaminski, Hibbing  
District Governor-Nominee Craig Loughery, Ely

### 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.

Moorhead Rotary  
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### Moorhead, crossroads of rail traffic, works on preparing & coordinating disaster plans

President-elect Jon Benson welcomed Rotarians Tuesday in the absence of President Cindy Nolte, who (with husband Gary) is traveling in Alaska on the trip she won in our annual travel raffle.

### Rotary meetings move to a new venue starting July 1; no change for next week

Jon announced that, after a month of negotiations, Moorhead Rotary's meetings will be moving to a new venue on July 1. Future meetings will be held at the Hjemkomst Center in downtown Moorhead, with meals catered by the Concordia College Food Service. He explained that proposed room rental rates at the Marriott, along with a sharp increase in food costs, prompted the board of directors to seek out the new alternative.

Our June 24 meeting, the changing of the guard with induction of the new president, will take place at the Marriott as usual, completing our contract with the hotel.

### All-Club Picnic is June 30 at Lindenwood

The five Rotary clubs of Fargo-Moorhead will host their annual joint picnic on Monday, June 30, at the main shelter in Lindenwood Park. Families are welcome to join us! Please RSVP by June 27.

The Duluth Rotary clubs are looking for a local dragon boat team to compete in their Dragon



Photos: President-elect Jon Benson. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Moorhead Assistant Fire Chief Chad Stangeland, our speaker, with Rotarian of the Day Mike Hulett.  
PHOTOS BY GEORGE DAVIS.

Boat races next month.

The area Rotary Foundation is looking for a new board member. Anyone with an interest is asked to talk with our representative, Gary Nolte.

### Sergeant at Arms Johnson says 4-Way Test offers words of wisdom for raising children

Eric Johnson, the day's sergeant at arms, offered observations for Father's Day. He says the Rotary 4-Way Test applies well to fatherhood and raising children: Tell the truth! What is fair? Will your action build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned — our family, our team?

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**Tuesday, June 24**

Sergeant at Arms D Sederquist  
**Changing of the Guard**  
Greeters P Holtan & B Woods

**Tuesday, July 1**

Sergeant at Arms E Wilkie  
ROD Dave Wahlberg  
Program MSUM Straw Hat Players  
Greeters M Hulett & S Ackerman

**Tuesday, July 8**

Sergeant at Arms M Hulett  
ROD Russ Hanson  
Program Don Kinzler, The Forum's  
"Growing Together" columnist  
Greeters E Johnson & J Andresen

**Guests, June 17**

Chad Stangeland, Moorhead Fire  
Department, speaker  
Rich Dysen, Moorhead Fire Chief

**Visiting Rotarians**

Clif & Yvonne Hamilton, Fargo West

**Make-Ups**

Dale Stenerson, Fargo West, 6-09

**June Birthdays**

Frost, Josh June 1  
Baldwin, Jill June 9  
Schwandt, Bill June 9  
Myrvik, Don June 13  
Farwell, Randy June 18  
Joppa, Teresa June 27  
Wright, Edgar June 27

**Anniversaries**

Dovre, Paul & Mardy 6/3  
56 years  
Brifki, Newzad & Sheelan 6/12  
2 years  
Suomala, Paul & Dorothy 6/13  
50 years  
Qualey, Neil & Carmen 6/15  
46 years  
Wai, Samuel & Coralie 6/20  
38 years  
Tranby, David & Sharon 6/22  
40 years  
Hutchins, Scott & Cindy 6/26  
38 years

**Club Anniversaries**

Deilke, Violet 6/04  
18 years  
Brifki, Newzad 6/12  
2 years



He gathered happy dollars around a variety of motives: a Sederquist wedding; the 50th anniversary of Paul and Dorothy Sumatra, and "the best fire department in the state of Minnesota."

**Staggering amount of train traffic creates need for emergency planning in Moorhead**

Rotarian of the Day Mike Hulett introduced our speaker, Chad Stangeland, assistant chief with the Moorhead Fire Department. Since joining the department in 1995, he was appointed Haz-Mat Team coordinator in 2004 and promoted to lieutenant in 2009, captain in 2010, and — in 2012 — assistant fire chief, assistant fire marshal and city emergency manager. He is a licensed fire fighter and paramedic, as well as certified emergency manager through Minnesota Homeland Security.

The railroad and its traffic are the focus of a great deal of planning and training in Moorhead. "The wake-up call was the train derailment of cars carrying Bakken crude in Canada," he pointed out. "Now multiple jurisdictions are working together to keep our communities prepared and safe."

He shared information on the amount of crude oil and other hazardous materials that were shipped through Moorhead in 2013 — including an astounding 155,175 tankers of crude oil, mostly from the Bakken. Another 17,369 tank cars carried other hazardous

materials, including 8,424 of alcohol/ethanol, 3,599 of propane, 2,372 of diesel oil and 2,129 of gasoline. He noted that BNSF tries to separate toxic or poisonous materials from other flammable products. The railroad has contributed a great deal of resources to help the city, including fire suppression foam, air quality monitoring equipment and expertise — like the 142 BNSF employees who helped during last winter's Casselton emergency.

Today Moorhead is crossed by 127 trains every day. Five to seven are oil trains traveling at 35 mph. An incident along the tracks downtown would have an impact area extending one-half mile on each side of the tracks.

Moorhead's emergency operations plan calls for sending out notices of an emergency via Code Red phone calls, outdoor warning sirens, the local media and the Integrated Public Alert Warning System. He urged people to sign up for Code Red calls on the City of Moorhead website.

The plan calls for shelters operated by Clay County Public Health, working with the Red Cross and Salvation Army. The mayor or chair of the Clay County Commission can declare an emergency for a three-day period, creating the authority to secure resources, expand mutual aid, secure state and federal assistance and extend liability coverage.

**Pursuit of weekly raffle pot to be continued**

Eric Johnson's ticket won him the opportunity to draw a card in our weekly raffle, but his luck ended at that point. He took home the \$5 consolation prize. The pot hovers near \$1,000 for next week's opportunity.

**Why Am I a Rotarian ... by ?**

**'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments**

William Craft due May 6  
Paul Dovre due June 3  
Randy Farwell due June 17  
Doreen Filler due June 24  
Josh Frost due July 1  
Vern Goodin due July 8

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