



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
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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:** Rotary District 5580 grant scholar Alicia Helion, who is completing her master's degree in Ethiopia, will join us to talk about her experiences studying in Africa. Mike Hulett is sergeant at arms. Jill Baldwin and Rod McLarnan are our greeters of the day.

### US Attorney Chris Myers uncovers facts about area's looming drug crisis

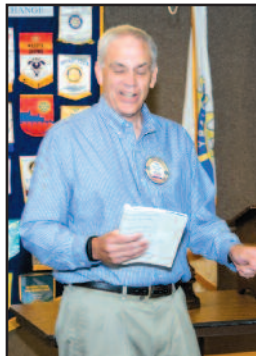
President and short-timer Eric Wilkie welcomed visitors and guests to Moorhead Rotary. With past president Jon Benson at the keyboard, Bob Hanna led the assemblage in a stirring version of "When the Saints Come Marching In."

Eric reminded members of the special program coming up at our last June meeting, when Lynn Mickelson will focus on the devastating consequences of drunken driving.

An inebriated driver killed Lynn's daughter Allison Mickelson Deutscher on Interstate 94 in 2012, along with her husband, their little girl and their unborn child. The police department plans to bring the car in which they died to the Hjemkomst Center that day.

### FM AM Rotary hosts dinner June 30

FM AM Rotary has invited us, along with the rest of District 5580, to join them June 30 for a dinner marking the club's 25th anniversary, the passing of the gavel to incoming president Tom Thompson, and District Governor Herb Schmidt. RSVPs are due Wednesday.



Photos: Selling raffle tickets on a near-sure thing — Barb Belcher sells to Doreen Filler, Tammy Finney & Chuck Hendrickson. U.S. Attorney Chris Myers and Lisa Borgen with Lynne Kovash. Song leader Bob Hanna and impromptu accompanist Jon Benson. Rotarian of the Day Lisa and speaker Chris.

### Happy, happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Jon Benson gathered the days good news and happy dollars. The first were contributed in honor of his mother, who paid for his piano lessons. Others came forward to celebrate summer travel with families, proud dads of accomplished daughters and sons, for our speaker's visits, and (at month's end) Gina's son's 16th and Eric's children's first and 7th birthdays.



Photos: Lunching — Ron Hagemann, George Davis, Tim Beaton & guest Jacob Strinden. Mike Hulett pulls a losing card out of only five remaining possibilities. President Eric Wilkie is counting down — three meetings to go!

**Guests June 14**

Jacob Strinden, guest of Tim Beaton  
 Connor Melvie, guest of Corey Elmer  
 Chris Myers, US Attorney for ND, speaker  
 Aaron Suomala Forkerd, guest of Paul Suomala

**Visiting Rotarians**

Leann Wolff, Fargo West  
 Tom Riley, FM PM Rotary

**Make-Ups**

Dale Stenerson, Fargo West, 6-13

**Entire community must come together to defeat heroin, meth & fentanyl**

Rotarian of the Day Lisa Borgen introduced Chris Myer, the U.S. attorney for North Dakota. He heads a staff of 18 attorneys and a total of 50 employees who prosecute federal crimes that occur within the jurisdiction of North Dakota.

Chris told us, “I’m here to speak about something that I’m concerned and passionate about”: the growing number of drug overdoses and opiate deaths across the country and in North Dakota. He cited 50,000 drug overdoses in 2014, resulting in 21,000 opioid deaths. Since January, he noted, his state has experienced 60 hospitalizations and 10 deaths due to opiates ... “the ones we know about,” he added. Hospitals don’t always tell law enforcement about overdoses when the patients survive.

“We cannot prosecute our way out of this problem,” he asserted. “We need a community-based effort if we’re to be successful — including schools, churches,

community groups and everyone else who can have an impact. “The local response has been fantastic, but we need more help,” he added.

On the enforcement side, he noted, fentanyl is a major focus; it’s 50 times more potent than heroin. Methamphetamine is potent and kills, too, he said, but it’s not nearly so deadly. Fifteen fentanyl dealers have been indicted in the past month; not all have been made public. He said fentanyl is being manufactured in China and coming in from Canada and Mexico.

“In my opinion, we have been way too lax in our attitude toward drugs,” he said. “When I was a teenager, it was ‘just say no to drugs.’ Now it seems marijuana is considered okay; it’s overprescribing prescription drugs that’s seen as the real problem.”

Teresa Joppa shared an example from her own life — the death of her niece Hannah, who died at 19 four years ago from heroin. “Talk to your kids young,” she urged, “and set a good example for them at home.” Chris suggested monitoring your children closely.

**June Birthdays**

Frost, Josh	Jun 01
Baldwin, Jill	Jun 09
Schwandt, Bill	Jun 09
Myrvik, Donald	Jun 13
Farwell, Randy	Jun 18
Joppa, Teresa	Jun 27
Wright, Edgar	Jun 27

**Anniversaries**

Dovre, Paul & Mardy	58 years
Jun 03 1958	
Suomala, Paul & Dorothy	52 years
Jun 13 1964	
Qualey, Neil & Carmen	48 years
Jun 15 1968	
Wai, Sam & Coralie	Jun 20 1976
40 years	
Tranby, Dave & Sharon	42 years
Jun 22 1974	
Hutchins, Scott & Cindy	40 years
Jun 26 1976	

**Rotary Anniversaries**

Deilke, Violet	20 years
Jun 04 1996	

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, June 21**

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Program .....Alicia Helion, Rotary District 5580 Grant Scholar. She’s completing her master’s degree in Ethiopia and will talk about her experiences studying in Africa.  
 Greeters .....Jill Baldwin & Rod McLarnan

**Tuesday, June 28**

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Violet Deilke  
 Program ...Lynn Mickelson, “The Deadly Crash”  
 The father of crash victim Allison Mickelson Deutscher, who was killed by a drunk driver along with her husband and daughter, will

share his story ... and bring the death car.  
 Greeters .....Tim Beaton & Gina Monson  
**Tuesday, July 5 — no meeting**

**Tuesday, July 12**

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
 Greeters .....Barb Belcher & Steve Moore

**Tuesday, July 19**

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

**Tuesday, July 26**

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