



Don't forget ... we now meet at the Hjemkomst Center!

The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
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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President Cindy Nolte salutes successful Rotary year, passes gavel to Jon Benson

President Cindy Nolte welcomed members to our final meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott and her last Tuesday wielding the gavel.

She welcomed guests, including Paddlewheel editor Nancy Hanson and incoming "First Mom" Kathy Benson, whose son was officially "pinned" as Moorhead Rotary's president for the coming 12 months.

Members passed the basket for tips to show our appreciation to our Marriott servers, who have served us lunch so very well for the past several years. We also wished server Carol a happy birthday, along with acknowledging June birthdays and anniversaries ... among them, Paul and Dorothy Suomala's golden

wedding anniversary.

Vern Goodin led an especially appropriate rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."

Sergeant at Arms shares marriage insights

Since June is the big month for weddings, Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig shared some observations of how spouses' points of view evolve over years of marriage.

She encouraged members to set a personal goal of attending an international Rotary convention somewhere in the world. Because none of us made it to Sydney, Australia, she updated us on some of the highlights.



Photos: Presiding over her final meeting, Cindy Nolte passes the gavel to incoming President Jon Benson. She and Gary Nolte thank secretary Vern Benson for his five years of service to the club. Ten members were honored as Paul Harris Fellows; shown are Jill Baldwin, Cindy Nolte, Vern Goodin, Jean Hannig, Violet Deilke and Russ Hanson

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Tuesday, July 1

FIRST MEETING AT HJEMKOMST!
Sergeant at Arms D Sederquist
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 Andreasen

Tuesday, July 15

Sergeant at Arms G Monson
ROD
Program Paul Finsted, YMCA of
Cass Clay
Greeters G Johnson & J Baldwin

Tuesday, July 22

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

Guests, June 24

Kathy Benson, guest of Tracey
Moorhead
Nancy Edmonds Hanson, guest of
Russ Hanson
John Schaffer, Northwestern Bank,
guest of Corey Elmer

Visiting Rotarians

Janelle Jamison, Fargo West

Make-Ups

Jean Hannig, FM AM, 6-19
Gary & Cindy Nolte, cruise ship
service club meeting, 6-19

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



Photos: Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Presidential Mom Kathy Benson with son. Last meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel.

Gavel is passed to Jon Benson

After thanking dozens of members for their service during her year at the helm, President Cindy passed the gavel to Jon Benson. She went on to cite the impressive list of what Moorhead Rotary has accomplished in past months:

- Presidential Citation earned
• Co-hosted the District Conference
• Dictionaries distributed to all third graders in Clay County
• Foreign student picnic (350 students)
• Travel Raffle fund raiser
• Four students were sent to RYLA
• Scholarships: STRIVE, Dollars for Scholars
• Rotary 4-Way Test essay contest for high school students
• Social Services collection for Christmas presents
• Christmas Social at Blue Stem

- Supported Shelter Boxes
• Joint Rotary Club projects in Central and South America
• Off-site club meetings at Concordia's Offutt School of Business, Eventide and Moorhead Water Plant
• Fireside Chat for new members
• Taste of Moorhead fund raiser
• Recital with a Cause fund-raiser
• Peace Pole dedicated at Bluestem Center for the Arts
• Hosted foreign exchange student Jonathan Junge
• Honored memory of faithful Rotarians David Green and Roland Dille, who passed away

Raffle prize again eludes a winner

Russ Hanson won the chance to draw a card for our raffle, but got no further than the consolation prize. The pot grows on!

Why Am I a Rotarian ... by George Davis

I have been a Rotarian for almost 23 years. What has sustained me in Rotary was well exemplified by my work on the 2014 Rotary District 5580 Convention in Moorhead/Fargo May 8-10.

For two years I had the wonderful opportunity to work with 17 very capable people from six Rotary clubs in our area. They were very much people you would want to know, and they did their respective jobs with creativity, competency, high energy, persistence, and excellent cooperation.

They all did their work for one purpose. That was to host a very meaningful experience in what it means to be a Rotarian. If ever I needed a reminder, our recent convention provided the answer in spades. What Rotary provides me is the opportunity to work with a group of dedicated people to change lives. Rotary changes lives, and we of 5580 who gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo did that through inspiring programs (thanks, Gary), good fellowship, and great fundraising for Polio Plus and the Rotary Foundation.

It is amazing what 355 people can do and learn in two days. This experience has reminded me again what it means to be called a Rotarian.

'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Table with 2 columns: Name and due date. Includes William Craft (due May 6), Paul Dovre (due June 3), Randy Farwell (due June 17), Doreen Filler (due June 24), Vern Goodin (due July 8), Ron Hagemann (due July 15), Bob Hanna (due July 22), Jean Hannig (due July 29).

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