



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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President-elect Jon Benson  
Secretary Vern Goodin  
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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Wednesday of each month.

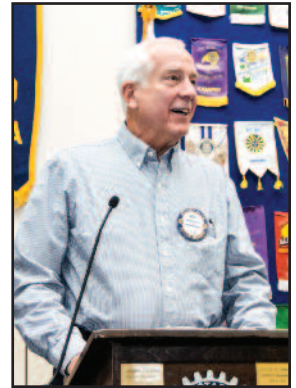
International President Ron Burton, Norman OK  
District 5580 Governor David Smette, Jamestown  
District Vice Governor Gary Nolte, Moorhead  
District Governor-Elect Tim Kaminski, Hibbing  
District Governor-Nominee Craig Loughery, Ely

### 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  
P.O. Box 72  
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## Community gardener Mark Boen talks about fresh veggies & spring

### Jean Hannig to run for district governor

Moorhead Rotarian Jean Hannig has announced she is a candidate for Governor Nominee of Rotary's District 5580. The club's board of directors unanimously voted to support her candidacy at its meeting Wednesday. Jean, a past president of our club, has been very active in Fargo-Moorhead and district Rotary activities, and we enthusiastically endorse her!

### Noltes to match member gifts

President Cindy Nolte opened Tuesday's meeting with a variety of announcements: Volunteers are badly needed for Taste of Moorhead in May, one of our major fund-raising events. Talk to Jill Baldwin to step up and help.

Gary Nolte announced that, in honor of their winning the Alaska raffle trip, he and Cindy



Photos: President Cindy & song leader Bill Schwandt. Gary & Cindy announce their Polio Plus matching gift offer. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Speaker Mark Boen of Bluebird Gardens. (Below) Greeters Riley Rud & Newzad Brifki with Bill Woods. Holly Miller, guest Scott Guelke & Violet Deilke.

plan to give back to the club ... by matching members' gifts to Polio Plus. Gary said they will match every \$100 contribution to Rotary International from now through the end of the Rotary year (up to a maximum if \$1,000).

Steve Schaefer reported that 12 essays have been received in this year's Rotary 4-Way Test contest. Top selections will be forwarded to the district for the final district judging.



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## Looking Ahead

### March 18

Sergeant at Arms G Monson  
ROD R Hanson  
Program Leann Wallin,  
Moorhead Police Dept.—  
elder abuse  
Greeters A Cater  
& S Schaefer

### March 25

Sergeant at Arms J Hannig  
ROD J Benson  
Program Dr. Abdul Baker,  
robotic neurosurgeon at  
Essentia  
Greeters W Craft & W Schwandt

### April 1

RDO Jon Benson  
Program Classification talk  
by Dan Stauffer  
Greeters B Davidson  
& D Sederquist

### May 8-10

**Rotary District 5580  
District Conference,**  
Fargo Holiday Inn  
[www. Fargo2012.com](http://www.Fargo2012.com)

### Guests

Mark Boen, Bluebird Gardens,  
speaker  
Will Fisher, Moorhead, guest of  
John Andreasen  
Scott Guhlke, Computer Edge,  
Moorhead, guest of Violet  
Deilke  
Jonathan Junge, FES

### Make-ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Duluth rRotary  
clubs, 2/24 & 27  
George Davis & Russ Hanson,  
District Conference Planning  
Committee, 3/06  
Jean Hannig, Wadena Rotary.,  
3/05  
Eric Wilkie, Fargo West Rotary,  
3/10

### March Birthdays

Swenson, Robert Mar 07  
Rogers, Jerry Mar 13  
Wilkie, Eric Mar 13  
Holtan, Paul Mar 14  
Hulett, Michael Mar 17  
Ackerman, Stacey Mar 20  
Goodin, Vern Mar 21

### Club Anniversaries

Wai, Samuel 13 years  
Mar 01, 2001  
Belcher, Barb 1 year  
Mar 19, 2013  
Hagemann, Ron 1 year  
Mar 19, 2013  
Goodin, Vern 18 years  
Mar 26, 1996



### Hulett shares recounts 'Rotary moment'

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett shared his personal "Rotary moment, dating back to the last time the District Conference was in Fargo. "I remember seeing all those kids from all over the world," he said of the Rotary exchange students, "wearing their jackets, pins and buttons. I thought to myself, 'There's nothing more important than this. Bringing all those young people together to learn about other countries and build relationships — it's a big step in the right direction.'

Happy dollars were ponied up for Oak Grove's state basketball championship, for Park Christian's trip to Minnesota's tournament, for convention progress and other good reasons.

### Fergus Falls gardener touts eating fresh

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced Mark Boen of Bluebird Gardens in Fergus Falls, who has provided a bounty of fresh vegetables to members of his CSA (community-supported agriculture) venture for the past five years.

He added a surprising revelation: Mark himself won Rotary's 4-Way Test Essay

### Why Am I a Rotarian ... by Jill Baldwin

I had heard of Rotary but never thought much about it. Way back when Violet and I had offices on Center Avenue, she came to me to ask me to join. It was perfect timing as I had pretty much given up all my other volunteer organizations and committees. I just did not have the time and energy to remain engaged to such a degree. Rotary seemed to be a great replacement for all that I had been doing. I still needed my "volunteer" fix and Rotary certainly fit the bill.

I have enjoyed the connections. I have enjoyed meeting new people and finding out about them. I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn about new businesses. And I especially have enjoyed the social aspect—it is a delight to sit with someone new at lunch and to get to know that person or to get to know new people while frying fish or giving out door prizes at the holiday party.

Of course, Rotary includes the wonderful projects which are so impressive. I am in awe of the worldwide humanitarian efforts of Rotary. It is quite humbling to belong to an organization that has a big part in attempting to make this a kinder, gentler world.



More information on  
District Conference:  
[www.fargo2014.com](http://www.fargo2014.com)

Photos: Holly Miller, John  
Andreasen and guest Will  
Fisher. Bill Schwandt photo-  
bombs George Davis & Gary  
Nolte.

award when he was a high school senior.

He spoke of his 34 years as an elementary teacher before going into the produce business, initially selling through vegetable stands in area cities. Today his CSA members receive weekly boxes bursting with a huge variety of vitamin- and mineral-rich organic produce; they pick up their shares at several dozen locations.

The farm has invested in additional land and new equipment this year, including green bean and sweet corn harvesters, a carrot undercutter, mechanical transplanter and more. He believes in biological farming, blending chemistry, physiology, crop rotation and cover crops, and biology to enrich the soil and his harvests. Information on membership in Bluebird Gardens, along with many recipes for his produce, is available at [www.bluebirdgardens.net](http://www.bluebirdgardens.net).

### Weekly raffle pot eludes Steve Schaefer

After winning a chance to draw for the weekly raffle, Steve Schaefer came up with nothing but the \$5 consolation prize. Next week the pot stands at \$682.

### 'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

John Andreasen	due March 18
Tim Beaton	due March 25
Barb Belcher	due April 1
Jon Benson	due April 8
Mark Bertilrud	due April 15
Anne Blackhurst	due April 22
Alma Cater	due April 29
William Craft	due May 6