



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

- President Eric Wilkie
- President-elect Lynne Kovash
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- President-nominee Corey Elmer
- President-nominee Mark Bertilrud
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- Director Mark Bertilrud
- Director David Sederquist
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- Program Coord. Corey Elmer
- RYLA Coord. Randy Farwell
- Polio Plus Coord. Cindy Nolte
- Sergeant at Arms Team  
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson,  
Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
- Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
- Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,  
Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
- Photographer Russ Hanson
- Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa
- Paddlewheel Editor  
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

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

- International President  
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka
- District 5580 Governor  
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- Assistant District Governor  
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- District Governor-Elect  
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- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord,  
Gary Nolte
- Rotary Endowment Committee  
Cindy Nolte

- 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:** Violet Deilke, Rotarian of the Day, will introduce our speaker from the Clay County Jail Ministry. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and Pat Gulbranson & Bill Schwandt are greeters of the day.

### Chamber president Whitney describes 2,100-member group's concerns

President Eric Wilkie welcomed guests Roger Erbes, marketing director for First International Bank, and Tom Moore of Fargo AM Rotary, along with our newest member Lisa Borgen and speaker Craig Whitney.

Sam Wai reminded members of the treat we have in store for the entire community — the "best ever," in his words, Recital with a Cause in the event's eight-year history.

The free concert Tuesday, March 15, features top local teens who have won youth competitions sponsored by the F-M Symphony Orchestra and Fargo Moorhead Youth Symphony. One who stands out is Frank Huang, a young Chinese man who has won several national competitions in his native country; he currently attends Shanley High School.

He reminded members that Gary and Cindy Nolte are matching personal contributions of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. Proceeds from the concert are earmarked for Polio Plus and support of the local youth musical organizations.



Photos: President Eric Wilkie. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Rotarian of the Day Jon Riewer. Speaker Craig Whitney, president/CEO of the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce.

**Classical musicians to perform as if lives depend on it.**

Local young, award-winning musicians to perform in an effort to end polio worldwide.

FARGO / MOORHEAD ROTARY CLUBS

**RECITAL WITH A CAUSE**

BENEFITTING POLIO PLUS

Tuesday March 15, 2016  
7:00 PM

First Lutheran Church  
619 Broadway, Fargo  
Free Admission

Find us on Facebook at Recital with a Cause



Pianist Sharon Fangsrud. Craig Whitney and Sam Wai chat after Whitney's presentation.

### Guests, 03/08/16

Roger Erbes, guest of Corey Elmer  
 Lisa Borgen, incoming member  
 Craig Whitney, speaker  
 Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien, FES

### Visiting Rotarians

Tom Moore, FM AM Rotary

### 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

### Club Anniversaries

Wai, Samuel	15 years
Mar 01 2001	
Filler, Doreen	2 years
Mar 11 2014	
Belcher, Barb	3 years
Mar 19 2013	
Hagemann, Ron	3 years
Mar 19 2013	

### Rummage sale requires your help, & more

- The Great Rotary Rummage Sale needs members to volunteer to help set up and tear down the site. It takes place April 29 and 30 at the Center Mall.
- We're updating our membership directory! Photos will be taken before and after our meeting, starting March 22. Please be sure to update your address, telephone and email information with Teresa Joppa.
- Stacey Ackerman still has delicious Guatemala fair trade coffee for sale, but it's going fast. Consider this "last call"!
- Review the schedule of events for the upcoming district conference in Bismarck and make plans to attend.

FM AM and PM Rotary clubs are taking orders for their annual Rose Sale. Its motto: "Give a little, get a bunch." Orders may be placed online: [rotaryrosesale.com](http://rotaryrosesale.com)

### Workforce issues among top concerns

Rotarian of the Day Jon Riewer introduced Craig Whitney, president and CEO Craig

Whitney, who has headed the local alliance of 2,100 businesses for more than six years. A former White House staffer, the Nebraska native worked for the Olympics and the Phoenix Chamber before moving here.

He noted that the local chamber is the largest in either North Dakota or Minnesota. Its member businesses employ nearly 100,000 workers.

Its programs range from ribbon-cutting Ambassadors and a strong leadership series to one of the nation's largest programs for young (24-40) professionals. Nine committees determine the group's positions on public issues.

Two major concerns at the moment are very strong support of the Fargo Diversion project and searching for solutions to the pressing need for growing the area's work force. Some 6,500 jobs are open in the F-M area right now; Whitney said projections suggest a total of 30,000 open jobs over the next four years – more jobs than people available to fill them.

### Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

#### Tuesday, March 15

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Violet Deilke  
 Program .....Clay County Jail Ministry  
 Greeters .....Pat Gulbranson & Bill Schwandt

#### Tuesday, March 15 — 7 p.m.

**FM Rotary Recital with a Cause**  
 First Lutheran Church

#### Tuesday, March 22

Sergeant at Arms .....Dave Sederquist  
 Program .....Matt Von Pinnon, editor, The Forum  
 Greeters .....Bob Hanna & John Shockley

#### Tuesday, March 29

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
 Program .....Greg Gust, Warning  
 Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather  
 Service, Grand Forks. Floods, blizzards,

tornadoes – it's seldom a dull meteorological time in the Valley. We'll learn more about the National Weather Service, the federal agency that provides weather forecasts & warns of hazardous weather.

Greeters ....Chuck Hendrickson & D Stenerson

#### Tuesday, April 5

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Program .....Dave Hunstad, Moorhead  
 Business Association  
 Greeters .....Dale Hetland & Paul Suomala

#### Tuesday, April 12

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Program .....Cindy Graffeo, director, Moorhead  
 Economic Development Authority  
 Greeters .....Paul Holtan & Bob Swenson

#### Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30

Rotary Rummage Sale .....Center Mall