



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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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
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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:** Our guest this week is Matt Von Pinnon, editor of The Forum. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms. Our greeters are Bob Hanna and John Shockley. **PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE & AFTER THE MEETING FOR OUR CLUB DIRECTORY, BEGINNING AT 11:30.**

### Jail Chaplains seek to help offenders rebuild lives after serving sentences

President Eric Wilkie welcomed guests, thanking greeter Pat Gulbranson and pianist Sharon Fangsrud, as well as song leader John Andreasen.

### District convention coming up fast

Mark Thompson, a member of Bismarck's Far West Rotary Club and chair of the 2016 district convention, urged members to make plans to attend May 11-14. A highlight of the event at the Ramkota Inn, Bismarck, is the visit of International President-Elect John Germ of Chattanooga, Tenn.

"The district conference is *fun!* It has *fellowship!* You will learn *lots more* about Rotary," Mark said. Other highlights include a keynote address by Lynn Helms, director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources and a visit from Theodore Roosevelt.

### Look sharp at this week's meeting

Russ Hanson will be taking portraits to update our club directory before and after this week's



Photos/Tammy Finney: President Eric Wilkie. Mark Thompson of Bismarck's Far West Rotary Club. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Josh Frost shows off his new seasoning product. Marie Swanson and Ryan Lewis talked about the mission and work of Clay County Jail Chaplains.

meeting, so look sharp! He'll start at 11:30 a.m. and continue after the meeting. He promises that it will not hurt a bit ... and no, you will not break the camera.

### Rummage sale dates inch closer

The club's big rummage sale fund raiser is coming up fast — April 29 and 30 at the Center Mall. Now's the time to clean out that basement, to prune your closet and to finally do something about the good stuff that's still stored in your garage. Volunteers are badly needed to help set up on April 28 and conduct the sale, with proceeds going to support our youth activities.

### Sergeant salutes St. Paddy, gathers the green

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist saluted the season with a quiz on St. Patrick's Day.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Chinese piano champion Frank Huang. Gary Nolte & Leann Wolff draw for door prizes. Young Musicians contest winners Frank Huang, Brock Drevlow, Kaitlyn Knudsvig, Kalena Taralson, Mary Grotberg, Anna Knutson & Lia Coyle.

**Guests, 03/15/16**

Marie Swanson & Ryan Lewis, Clay County Jail Ministry, speakers  
Pam Bertilrud, guest of Violet Deilke

**Visiting Rotarians**

Mark Thompson, Bismarck Far West Rotary  
Leann Wolff, Fargo West Rotary

**Make-ups**

Sam Wai, recital committee

**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	

Then he turned from shamrocks to a different kind of green — happy dollars. Among their motives: the Noltes’ granddaughter starring as Ariel in Trollwood’s “Little Mermaid”; fair-trade coffee from Guatemala; and samples of seasoning from Josh Frost’s new business.

Dave’s wisdom of the day: “To succeed in life, you need a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.”

**Jail Chaplains help prepare offenders to return to community after prison**

Rotarian of the Day Violet Deilke introduced club members to the county Jail Chaplains program and our speakers. It was begun by about 20 volunteers in late 2014. An eight-member board was established in January 2015, when legal and accounting paperwork for the new 501(c) corporation was initiated.

Marie Swanson, a retired faculty member from MSUM’s Department of Speech Pathology, summed up the nonprofit group’s mission and focus on adult and juvenile

offenders in Clay County. Along with worshipping together on Thursday evenings, the group has become involved in housing and job needs when they complete their sentences, as well as treatment. The growing ministry, Marie said, is in need of the community’s support.

Former offender Ryan Taylor reminded the club that “some of us get caught and some of us don’t.” Now a businessman and father of four, he talked about how his good upbringing didn’t keep him from getting in trouble with “alcohol, sex and the wrong friends who liked to party too much.” His arrest for possessing meth led to losing his home and everything he owned, plus spending several years in prison.

After his uncle encouraged him to read the Bible, the Hawley resident began going to worship. He eventually realized, he said, that “God still loves me, even though I’ve done terrible things to friends and family.” Upon release, he committed to returning to pray with, pray for and remember the inmates he used to live among.

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, March 22**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
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.....Sam Wai

Program .....Dave Hunstad, Moorhead  
Business Association  
Greeters .....Dale Hetland & Paul Suomala

**Tuesday, April 12**  
Sergeant at Arms .....John Andreasen  
Program .....Cindy Graffeo, director, Moorhead  
Economic Development Authority  
Greeters.....Paul Holtan & Bob Swenson

**Tuesday, April 19**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Ron Hagemann  
Greeters .....Mike Hulett & Matt Thomasson

**Tuesday, April 26**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Jon Benson  
Greeters.....Greg Johnson & Dave Tranby

**Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30**  
Rotary Rummage Sale .....Center Mall