



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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

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 Gary 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.

Moorhead Rotary  
P.O. Box 72  
Moorhead, MN 56561



**This week's meeting:** Our foreign exchange student Erhard Hochörtler tells us more about his life at home and experience in Moorhead. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms and Jean Hannig, Rotarian of the day. Greeters are Alma Cater & Steve Schaefer.

### Genealogy expert talks about value of DNA research in tracing family roots

President Lynne Kovash called Moorhead Rotary's meeting to order. After her recent national travels for the school superintendents association, she said, "It's good to be back!" She welcomed Russ Hanson's guests, F-M realtor Gary Gonser and former member Dan Stauffer, who has now returned to Moorhead.

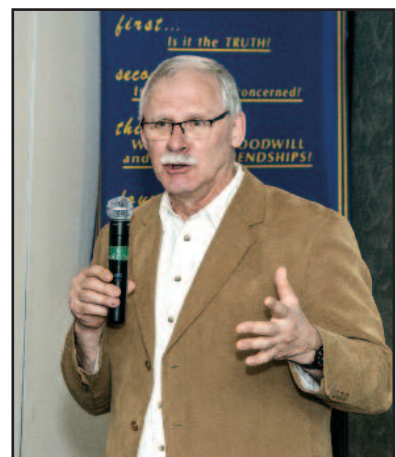
She reminded members to review the weekly Paddlewheel to keep up with the many special dates and programs coming up. Among them:

- Rotary Open House at new Sanford Health Hospital, 11:30 **Wednesday**.
- Recital with a Cause next Tuesday, **April 4**, at First Lutheran. (Remember: Gifts of \$100 or more to Polio Plus will be matched by an anonymous donor.)
- Service project at YWCA, **April 11**.
- Social at Billiards, **April 25**.
- Club visioning meeting, **May 2**, at Probstfield Education Center.

### Sergeant celebrates first day of spring

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig noted that Monday was the vernal equinox, or first day of spring, with exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12

Photos/Russ Hanson: President Lynne Kovash. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Greeters Barb Belcher & Troy Nellis with our new secretary, David Wahlberg. (Right) Phil Holtan shared his insights and experiences delving into deep genealogical research.



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

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

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**RECITAL WITH A CAUSE**

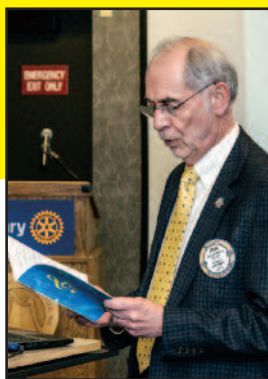
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
7:00 PM  
First Lutheran Church  
619 Broadway, Fargo  
Free Admission

**Your donation of \$100 or more to Polio Plus will be matched! For more info: Gary Nolte. Make checks payable to Rotary Foundation.**



The pre-registration deadline for the District Conference is April 10. To register, visit the District 5580 website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/5580>. Click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page and you will see the District Conference with a link to register. A schedule of events is available for you to download.



Photos: Dale Stenerson & guest Dan Stauffer. Song leader John Andreasen. Secretary Dave Wahlberg & Troy Nellis.

### Guests March 21

Gary Gonser, guest of Russ Hanson  
Dan Stauffer, guest of Russ Hanson  
Erhard Hochörtler

### Visiting Rotarians

Deanna Sinclair, Detroit Lakes Rotary  
Tom Riley, FM AM Rotary  
John Boulger, FM AM Rotary

### Reported Make-Ups

Jean Hannig & Jon Benson, F-M Rotary  
Foundation meeting

### March Birthdays

Swenson, Robert	Mar 07
Rogers, Jerry	Mar 13
Wilkie, Eric	Mar 13
Hulett, Michael	Mar 17
Ackerman, Stacey	Mar 20
Hendrickson, Chuck	Mar 23

### Rotary Anniversaries

Borgen, Lisa	1 Year
Mar 01 2016	
Wai, Samuel	16 years
Mar 01 2001	
Filler, Doreen	3 years
Mar 11 2014	

hours of darkness. She noted that Daylight Saving Time, which started earlier in March, was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin, then adopted nationally by 1966. Jean also noted that the new international theme is "Rotary: Making A Difference."

Happy dollars honored the late Judge Myron Bright, who is featured in bowtie section of a recent catalog. Shameless plugs were given for the upcoming MSUM Spring Gala (scholarship donations accepted) and the 12th Annual Book Awards at Concordia College.

### Holtan gives tips for DNA searches

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced the Rev. Dr. Phil Holtan, a semi retired Lutheran pastor currently serving in

an interim assignment at Moorhead's Bethesda Lutheran Church.

Phil, whose mother spent nearly 40 years creating a family history that now contains 6,000 names, discussed how DNA technology is changing genealogy. He shared a video showing thousands of years of migration of early people from Africa about 70,000 years ago to destinations throughout the world. The website [isogg.org/tree/](http://isogg.org/tree/) is another useful link for people interested in their family trees.

Phil warned family historians against the lower-cost, inferior "junk science" DNA tests that are widely advertised. He recommends DNA tests that include 37 markers for a cost of \$169. Their results, he said, are highly accurate within the past eight generations.

### Looking Ahead

Program.....Heather Johnson, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota & North Dakota  
Greeters: .....Violet Deilke & John Shockley

### Tuesday, April 25 — social at Billiards

Rotary social at Billiards in Fargo, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
tacos, pool and BS

### Tuesday, May 2 — Visioning Session (membership meeting) 5-9 p.m.

.....Session conducted by Cheryl Knudson  
.....Probstfield Education Center  
.....Light buffet meal will be served.

### Tuesday, May 9

Rotarian of the Day .....Eric Wilkie  
Program .....TBA  
Greeters: ....Brad Donabauer & Dale Stenerson

### Tuesday, May 16

Program ....Finnish exchange student Juho Seil  
Greeters: .....Paul Dovre & Paul Suomala

### Tuesday, May 23

Rotarian of the Day .....Kay Parries  
Program .....Gary Nolte, 2017 Mission to Haiti"  
Greeters:.....Dan Eggiman & Bob Swenson

### Tuesday, March 28

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
Rotarian of the Day .....Jean Hannig  
Program ..Exchange Student Erhard Hochörtler  
Greeters: .....Alma Cater & Steve Schaefer

### Wednesday, March 29 — 11:30-1:30

F-M Rotary Day at new Sanford Medical Center  
Veterans Drive at I-94. Lunch served. RSVP

### Tuesday, April 4

**Board meeting 11 a.m.; regular mtng 11:45**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Troy Nellis  
Rotarian of the Day .....Chuck Matthees  
Program.....Holly Anderson Battocci, F-M  
Rotary Cycle Race & Bike Repair Station  
Greeters: .....Bill Craft & Bill Schwandt

### Tuesday, April 4 — 7 p.m.

Recital with a Cause, First Lutheran Church

### Tuesday, April 11 — YWCA Service Project

Rotarian of the Day .....Dale Hetland  
(Box lunch will be served.)

### Tuesday, April 18

Rotarian of the Day .....Randy Farwell