



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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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's meeting: Guest Linda Boyd, executive director of the F-M Symphony Orchestra, will speak on "PDQ Bach from Silly to Slapstick." Sam Wai is Rotarian of the Day, with Eric Wilkie tapped as sergeant at arms. Lisa Borgen & Jon Riewer are our greeters.

Prairie St. John's CEO talks about growing need for mental health services

President-elect Corey Elmer welcomed Rotarians Tuesday with news of three new members already added in 2017 — all of whom he has sponsored. Nevertheless, he said, membership is down six below this time last year due to transfers and retirements. It's time to get out and invite your friends and colleagues to visit us and consider becoming a member!

Big dates added to the calendar

It's time to look toward planning a vision for Moorhead Rotary's next five years. Cheryl Knudson of Fargo will conduct a visioning session for members on Tuesday, May 2. Instead of lunch, we'll be meeting from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Probstfield Educational Center. A light supper will be served.

The Recital with a Cause is coming on Tuesday, April 4. The annual concert by award-winning young musicians takes place at First Lutheran Church in Fargo, with proceeds earmarked for Polio Plus. Organizers are working on finding sponsors right now. An anonymous donor has pledged to match every \$100 donation.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Sergeant at Arms Jon Benson with President Elect Corey Elmer. Barb Belcher and Josh Frost. Holly Anderson Battocchi of FM PM Rotary fills in details on a transportation grant for the Charism neighborhood and the Rotary Ride. (Left) Jeff Herman, CEO of Prairie St. John's in Fargo, discusses the services available at the largest private mental health care facility in North Dakota.

The club is still looking for two officers — a new secretary to take attendance and notes, and our next club President Nominee. The secretary's job includes free Rotary dues and meals paid by the club.

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from Brandon Lunak, sponsored by Corey Elmer. He is assistant superintendent of Moorhead Public Schools for finance and operations. He will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from Joel Paulsen, sponsored by Corey Elmer. He is an engineer at Bolton-Menk and the new Ward 3 representative on the Moorhead City Council. He will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.



Kay Parries and Gina Monson talk with speaker Jeff Herman. Corey Elmer & Pat Gulbranson break down the gear; Pat won the weekly raffle pot. Holly Battocchi and Gary Nolte talk about joint projects.

Guests Feb. 28

Phil Holtan, guest of Teresa Joppa
 Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul Suomala
 FES Erhard Hochörtler

Visiting Rotarians

Holly Anderson Battocchi, FM PM Rotary

Reported Make-Ups

Kay Parries, FM presidents 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	

CHARISM transportation grant benefits residents of Fargo neighborhood

Holly Anderson Battocchi of FM PM Rotary brought us up to date on how proceeds of the Rotary Ride bike event are being applied. \$15,000 is needed to match a grant application for a van and bicycle repair and care stops. She invited the club to partner with FM PM to reach the goal by the grant deadline of March 31.

Erhard says ‘thanks’

Our foreign exchange student, Erhard Homecrofter, thanked members for supporting the Moorhead High speech team’s fund raiser. Coffee purchased by members will be here March 7.

Rookie sergeant at arms steps up

Jon Benson, serving his first stint as sergeant at arms, said that as a newcomer he’d been advised to “dumb it down” ... and intended to oblige. He shared random facts:

Few can lick their own elbows; Coca Cola would be green if color wasn’t added; and giraffes can lick their own ears. Happy dollars saluted spring weather, kids’ birthdays and slumber parties, and Stacey Ackerman’s promotion.

Prairie St. John’s CEO Jeff Herman highlights demand for mental health care

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced Jeff Herman, who heads Prairie St. John’s in Fargo, the largest private mental health hospital between the Twin Cities and West Coast. Its 110 beds serve patients suffering from mental illness and substance abuse — the most common, depression, along with anxiety, PST, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and psychosis.

The Fargo City Council has given Prairie a variance to build a new hospital across the street from the current facility. It will replace the 100-year-old building and include 120 to 130 inpatient beds.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, March 7

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
 Rotarian of the Day:Sam Wai
 Program:Linda Boyd, FM Symphony, “PDQ Bach from Silly to Slapstick”
 Greeters:Lisa Borgen & Jon Riewer

Tuesday, March 14

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
 Rotarian of the DayGary Nolte
 ProgramTom Riley, archeologist, “European Archeological Search”
 Greeters:.....Tim Beaton & Kay Parries

Tuesday, March 21

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Rotarian of the DayRuss Hanson
 ProgramPhil Holtan, “DNA Research for Deep Family History”
 Greeters:Barb Belcher & Jerry Rogers

Tuesday, March 28

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
 Program.....Heather Johnson, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota & North Dakota
 Greeters:Alma Cater & Steve Schaefer

Tuesday, April 4

Sergeant at ArmsTroy Nellis
 Rotarian of the DayKay Parries
 ProgramGary Nolte, 2017 Haiti Trip
 Greeters:Bill Craft & Bill Schwandt

Tuesday, April 4 — 7 p.m.

Recital with a Cause, First Lutheran Church

Tuesday, May 2 — 5-7:30 p.m.

Visioning Session, conducted by Cheryl Knudson
 Probstfield Education Center, Moorhead
 Light dinner will be served.