



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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District 5580

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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: Craig Whitney, president & CEO of the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, presents a program on how the bi-state, regional federation of over 2,100 private, public and non-profit member firms representing more than 98,000 people advocates for a strong metropolitan community and supports the interests of its members. Ron Hagemann and Steve Schaefer are greeters.

Concordia professor Ahmed Kamil shares insight into Muslim faith & experience

President Eric Wilkie welcomed members and many guests, including visiting Rotarians, to our first meeting of March. Bob Hanna led us in an apt song: "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

March travel raffle winners unveiled

Chairwoman Violet Deilke and Josh Frost of the travel raffle committee kicked off the meeting with the big news — the winner of March's raffle prize, the Alaskan cruise for two. The winning ticket was sold by Dave Sederquist to Steve Gehrtz of Fargo, a member of the Fargo City Commission. Corey Elmer sold the second-prize ticket, \$200 in cash, to wife Brenda. Bob Hanna's wife ZueZan, too, was a winner of the \$100 dining certificate for Usher's House.

Don't miss marvelous recital musicians

Sam Wai tantalized members with promises of unforgettable performances by the best young area musicians in the Recital With a Cause coming up March 15. The recital is a

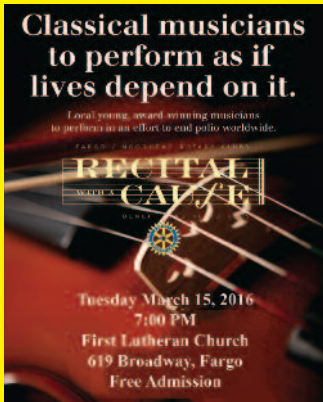


Photos: Raffle committee members Josh Frost & Violet Deilke announce March winners, with drum flourish by Dave Sederquist. Sam Wai & Tom Riley urge members to attend Recital With a Cause. Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer. Dr. Ahmed Kamil of Center for Interfaith Relations & professor at Concordia. (Below) Russ Hanson gets in position for another Paddlewheel photo.

fund-raiser for Polio Plus, as well as area youth symphonies. Gary and Cindy Nolte have offered to match members' \$100 contributions between now and the concert.

- Save your good stuff for the club's mega rummage sale April 29 and 30 at Moorhead Center Mall.
- * Russ Hanson will be taking photos for the club directory starting next week.





President Eric Wilkie. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Members of the Recital Committee, from left: Gary Nolte & Russ Hanson, Moorhead Rotary; Leann Wolff & Bill Roden, Fargo West; Tom Riley, Fargo AM; & Sam Wai, Moorhead.

Guests, 03/01/16.

Ahmed Kamil, speaker
 Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul
 Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Riley, Fargo AM
 Bill Roden & Leann Wolff, Fargo
 West
 Larry Boulger, Fargo Downtown
 Dave Fihn, former district governor,
 Detroit Lakes Rotary, guest of
 Mike Hulett

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	

Happy, happy dollars

After fining members who forgot their pins or failed to grill out last weekend, Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist collected a bounty of happy dollars for myriad reasons: the opening of the Dairy Queen and Tastee Freez; our excellent piano players; travels far away; Cub Scout pack founder Bob Hanna; Lisa Borgen’s joining our club as its 13th new member this year; and the gourmet wine dinner at Sam’s house.

Professor shares insights into Islam

Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer introduced Dr. Ahmen Kamil, professor of computer science at Concordia and a founder of the F-M Center for Interfaith Relations. He has become a familiar speaker around town, sharing information on his faith for the 17th time so far in 2016.

He said that Muslims all over are being asked to explain ISIS and Al Qaeda — unfortunate because these groups are actually very anti-Muslim. “They are the enemies of most of the 1.4 billion Muslims around the world,” he pointed out.

“The biggest misperception is that we are a homogenous group all believing or saying the same thing,” he told the group. “Nothing could be further from the truth.

“The Muslim religion does not espouse violence. No religions does,” he said. “There are writings in every religion that can be twisted to promote violence or discrimination, but this is not what they are about.”

He compared ISIS to a violent street gang recruiting disaffected thugs who are looking for a place to belong.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, March 8

Sergeant at Arms
 ProgramCraig Whitney, FMWF Chamber
 The president talks about how the bi-state, regional federation of over 2,100 private, public and non-profit member firms representing more than 98,000 people advocates for a strong metropolitan community and supports the interests of its members.
 Greeters.....Ron Hagemann & Steve Schaefer

Tuesday, March 15

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the DayViolet Deilke
 ProgramClay County Jail Ministry
 GreetersPat 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
 GreetersBob Hanna & John Shockley

Tuesday, March 29

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 ProgramGreg 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.
 GreetersChuck Hendrickson & D Stenerson

Tuesday, April 5

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 ProgramDave Hunstad, Moorhead
 Business Association
 GreetersDale Hetland & Paul Suomala

Tuesday, April 12

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 ProgramCindy Graffeo, director, Moorhead
 Economic Development Authority
 Greeters.....Paul Holtan & Bob Swenson

Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30

Rotary Rummage SaleCenter Mall