



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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

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### Other F-M Rotary Clubs

Monday: Fargo West  
Noon, Holiday Inn  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: FM/AM  
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub  
Wednesday: Fargo  
Noon, Radisson  
Thursday: FM/AM  
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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Photos by George Davis

### Moorhead Rotary has played role in building Habitat homes since beginning

President Cindy Nolte welcomed Moorhead Rotarians back to their regular venue at the Marriott after last week's excursion to the Moorhead Water Treatment Plant, thanking MPS director Bill Schwandt for hosting the tour and Russ Hanson for arranging for lunch there.

### District conference was major success

Last week's District 5580 conference was deemed a great success. Some 355 Rotarians attended the meeting May 8-10 at the Holiday Inn, including 18 members of Moorhead Rotary. The silent auction organized by Kay Parries, with Dale Hetland's help, raised thousands for the Rotary Foundation.

George Davis co-chaired the event, which had been in the planning for almost a year. Russ Hanson took photos and connected us with Lee Massey's media staging company, who did an outstanding job. Jean Hannig was busy with this year's group of exchange students. Bob Hanna's Concorde Insurance and Jon Riewer's Eventide were among the co-sponsors.

Our club received the Presidential Citation.

### 4-Way Test essay winners share thoughts

Chairman Steve Schaefer introduced the three local winners of the 4-Way Test essay contest, which had 15 entries. Ramadan Avdil placed second with a piece focusing on free Kurdistan. Rachel Schaefer's third-place work was about career choices.

Luke Lillehaugen's essay placed first,



Photos: President Cindy Nolte & Bill Schwandt. Rotary Essay Contest winners Ramadan Avdil, Sarah Schaefer & Luke Lillehaugen with chairman Steve Schaefer. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. Gary Nolte describes Rotary's role in Habitat for Humanity.

qualifying him to compete in the district-wide finals. In his piece, he suggested civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Judge Ronald Davies and the Little Rock Nine put their lives at risk to demonstrate and live the 4-Way Test. He concluded, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

### Eric calls on Gary for 'aha moment'

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie tapped Gary Nolte to share his "aha moment" from the conference. He said that Mark Lindquist, who was tapped to replace keynoter Roxane Saberi at the last moment, "blew the roof off." He suggested we visit the Fargo Rotarian's website, BreathsLimited.com for a sample of his motivational thoughts ... especially his TEDx talk, "The Most Uninformed Choice You'll Ever Make."

"Happy Dollars" abounded. Among the inspirations: The big pay-off for George Davis's time spent planning the conference; Ron Kolb's return from Australia & New Zealand; Dave Sederquist's sons — one who graduated

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Tuesday, May 20

Sergeant at Arms M Hulett
ROD Russ Hanson
Program Rotarian Eric Johnson,
former Navy JAG lawyer &
prosecutor in the Mpls area
Greeters J Frost & D Tranby

Tuesday, May 27

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig
ROD Teresa Joppa
Program FES Jonathan Junge's
wrap-up program on his year
here in Moorhead
Greeters R Hagemann
& N Tunheim

Tuesday, June 3

Meet at Trollwood/Bluestem Pavilion

ROD: Vern Goodin
Dedication of Peace Pole
Greeters B Hanna
& D Wahlberg

Guests

Ramadan & Eman Avdil & Mahir
Ibrahim guests of club
Luke, Carolyn & Mark Lillehaugen
guests of club
Rachel & Therese Schaefer
guests of club

Make-Ups

G Davis, C & G Nolte, R Hanson, R
Hagemann, B Hanna, B Wood,
D Stauffer, V Deilke, J Hannig,
K Parries, V Goodin, J Benson,
D Sederquist, T Joppa, G
Monson & E Johnson
| District Convention, 5/8-10
R Hanson, Recital with a Cause, 5-
08
D Stauffer, Kitchener/Grand River
4/29
J Andreasen & E Wilkie, Fargo
West, 5/05
R Ruud, B Belcher & D Wahlberg,
Strive committee, 5/06

May Birthdays

Hannig, Jean 5/09
Skatvold, Paul 5/11
Tranby, David 5/14
Moorhead, Tracey 5/27

Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa & Richard 5/05
24 years
Goodin, Vern & Helen 5/20
42 years
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan 5/22
32 years
Tunheim, Nick & Ann 5/22
10 years
Matthees, Charles & Barbara 5/26
35 years
Schaefer, Steve & Terese 5/22
5/30

Club Anniversaries

Swenson, Bob—5/01 20 years
Monson, Gina—5/05 5 years
Barden, Roland—5/08 23 years



from MSUM, another who won the 10K Fargo Marathon race; the essay contest and its winners; Teresa's "bon voyage" to her New Zealand-bound daughter; the excellent results of the Recital with a Cause; the fascinating conference program on Polio Plus and the triple match of funds by Bill and Melinda Gates; and, on a sadder notes, gifts in memory of Dave Green.

Nolte steps in with Habitat update

Gary Nolte presented the program on Moorhead Rotary's participation in Habitat for Humanity — a last-minute replacement for the scheduled speaker that perhaps was even better informed because of his long years of involvement.

He noted that Habitat volunteers build good, sturdy basic houses. About 50 applications are received for every house that's built. The family that's chosen puts in sweat equity and pay back the cost of materials through no-interest loans, recycling the funds to build more houses.

"It's fun and satisfying work," he reported. "The new homeowners are so grateful." Three homes will be build here this summer. Capable kids are welcome to join the builders. Last year Gary's 15-year-old granddaughter helped, and he said she had a great time.

Paul Holtan of Concordia was central to establishing Habitat here in the early 1990s. The first home was built in 1994.

Why Am I a Rotarian ... by Bryan D. Davidson

I have always been involved as a volunteer in my local community, in my church, as a Boy Scout, and in the mission field. Growing up in rural Missouri, I would see Rotary signs at the edge of every town and would wonder what Rotary was all about. Eventually my father became a Rotarian when I was in high school. He often asked me to help out with community picnics, parades, and other events that were put on by the service clubs in town. I have since developed an understanding of what each of the service clubs has to offer the community as well as internationally.

When I became an executive director for the Boy Scouts of America, I became less involved in the community, on a personal level, mainly because I was managing volunteers and other groups with their own involvement in the community and did not take the time to get involved myself outside of Scouting. My job duties consist of finding volunteers to help with the development of the Scouting program. It is not an easy task to coordinate volunteers and be a volunteer at the same time, especially when it is your job. This is why I began to look outside of the Boy Scouts of America to find a way to feel like a volunteer again.

I had been invited to rotary club meetings in many of the small communities in the eight counties that I served but did not feel that I could be a member of a local club. The nearby community did not have a local club and I prefer to make a difference in the community where I live so I helped where I could.

Shortly after moving to Moorhead in 2011 I felt an urge to become involved again on a community level. I was encouraged, by a Rotarian, to become active in a local service club. I recalled my knowledge of the different service clubs and decided very quickly that Rotary would be the best fit for me. I immediately joined the Detroit Lakes Noon Club since I was working in that direction but was not able to do much with their club because of my schedule. I transferred my membership to Moorhead last fall. Although I am still fairly new to being an actual member of the Moorhead Rotary Club, I look forward to offering my talents and skills to serve the community of Moorhead and beyond. I believe Rotary is a wonderful organization and look forward to a lifetime of great memories and service to others.

'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Table with 2 columns: Name and due date. Includes William Craft (due May 6), Brad Donabauer (due May 27), Paul Dovre (due June 3), Corey Elmer (due June 10), Randy Farwell (due June 17).

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