



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
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's meeting: Gary Nolte reports on this year's mission to Haiti, which was completed in January. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms, and Kay Parries is the Rotarian of the Day. Dan Eggiman & Bob Swenson are tapped as greeters.

Jon Benson takes over program spot with reflections on visioning process

President Lynne Kovash welcomed Rotarians Tuesday. After John Andreasen led the group in "Smile, Sing a Song," the now-smiling group heard RYLA coordinator Randy Farwell's request for help delivering students to Crookston on July 9 and bringing them home on July 18. The club is sponsoring the high schoolers' participation in the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, as it does every year.

Six weeks without a polio report!

Sergeants at Arms Gary and Cindy Nolte shared ground-breaking news from the Rotary Foundation: For the last six weeks, not one single case of polio has been reported anywhere on earth.

"Still, there is work to do, work that requires significant funding," Gary pointed out. The Rotary teams are now using injectable vaccines rather than eye drops. This means that medical professionals must administer the shots and travel to the remote areas where they're needed. The cost is very high. The Bill



Photos: Three members received Paul Harris awards presented by Gary Nolte and Lynne Kovash: Kay Parries (top right), Bill Woods & Cindy Nolte.

and Melinda Gates Foundation continues to match clubs' donations up to \$35 million.

The Noltes collected a bumper crop of happy dollars, inspired by all kinds of good news: Dale Hetland's father's Honor Flight trip; Gina Monson's admitted guilt over not (yet) keeping a promise; David Tranby's Disney cruise with his grandkids; John Andreasen's granddaughter's recital; Russ Hanson's granddaughter's first birthday; several members' gratitude for good fishing; and Russ's salute to Paul Suomala, "the world's best walleye fryer."

Fargo West somehow nabs recital trophy

Leann Wolff of Fargo West Rotary discussed the trophy handoff by our club to hers. The trophy is awarded to the club with the highest attendance at the Recital With a Cause. Though its normal home is here in Moorhead, this year the Fargo group somehow nabbed it.



John Andreasen directs singing. To his left are donations from members for the YWCA Shelter. Jon Benson leads discussion of visioning suggestions and ideas.

Four members get Paul Harris honors

President Lynne Kovash, Jon Benson and Gary Nolte presented Paul Harris recognition pins to three members – Cindy Nolte (Paul Harris Plus 6); Kay Parries (Paul Harris Plus 2); and Bill Woods. Violet Deilke, who also qualified for Paul Harris Plus 6, left early and missed the ceremony; she received her pin at Sam Wai’s raffle recognition dinner Thursday.

Reflecting on the visioning meeting

When our scheduled speaker failed to attend, past president Jon Benson rose to the occasion with a thoughtful discussion of our visioning session May 2. The visioning process – this was Jon’s second time around – asks Rotary members what our club stands for, what our values are, and what we want our club to look like.

Looking back to our session five years ago, Jon noted that, in some cases, we accomplished what we said we wanted to do. In others, we did not. “We have to meet and find where we want to go – AND put this into action,” he stressed.

Jon asked members to highlight their thoughts from this year. Among the responses was his own: “How do I champion those efforts at the five-club level and bring them back to our club so we can be involved?” Others added ...

Emily Gess: “Keep the traditional (singing, service) while growing in other service areas.”

Gary Nolte: “We need a lot more education internally to engage members.”

Russ Hanson: “We are still the best kept secret in Moorhead. We’re shy or forget to fly our flag.”

Mike Hulett: “We didn’t decide to throw everything out and start over. Instead, we need to try and get every member involved in at least two of our activities.”

Gary Gonser: Suggested 1- or 2-minute talks about global activities.

Bill Wood: “Our goal 5 years ago was expanding our dictionary program county-wide ... and we did it!”

Jon: “Our level of involvement shows we are doing many things right, but there are still things we can do better.”

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, May 23

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the DayKay Parries
 ProgramGary Nolte, “2017 Mission to Haiti”
 Greeters.....Dan Eggiman & Bob Swenson

Tuesday, May 30

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the DayJohn Andreasen
 ProgramRoger Olson, Moorhead Airport Authority
 GreetersRandy Farwell & Matt Thomasson

June 6

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
 Rotarian of the Day
 ProgramLes Bakke, “Early Ag in the Valley”
 GreetersDoreen Filler & David Tranby

June 13

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 Rotarian of the DayRuss Hanson
 ProgramOlga Reuvekamp, Minnesota Ag and Rural Leadership Program
 Greeters.....Tammy Finney & Sam Wai

June 20

Sergeant at ArmsSam Wai
 Rotarian of the DayPat Gulbrandson
 ProgramMaria Steen, Lakes & Prairie Child Care Aware
 GreetersJosh Frost & Eric Wilkis

June 27

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Rotarian of the DayRuss Hanson
 ProgramJeff Wallin, Moorhead Fire Dept. “New Emergency CPR Techniques”
 Greeters.....Emily Gess & Bill Woods

May Birthdays

Hannig, Jean May 09
 Tranby, Dave May 14
 Moorhead, Tracey May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig May 05 1990 26 years
 Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan May 22 1982 34 years
 Matthees, Charles & Barbara May 26 1979 37 years
 Schaefer, Steve & Terese May 30 1992 24 years
 Fangsrud, Sharon & Butch May 31 1980 36 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Swenson, Robert 23 years
 May 01 1994
 Monson, Gina 7 years
 May 05 2009