



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
District 5580

- President Eric Wilkie
- President-elect Lynne Kovash
- Secretary Teresa Joppa
- Treasurer Doreen Filler
- President-nominee Corey Elmer
- President-nominee Mark Bertilrud
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- Director Mark Bertilrud
- Director David Sederquist
- Member at Large Gary Nolte
- Program Coord. Corey Elmer
- RYLA Coord. Randy Farwell
- Polio Plus Coord. Cindy Nolte
- Sergeant at Arms Team
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson,
Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
- Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
- Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
- Photographer Russ Hanson
- Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa
- Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

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

- International President
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran,
Colombo, Sri Lanka
- District 5580 Governor
Craig Loughery, Ely
- Assistant District Governor
Kay Parries, Moorhead
- District Governor-Elect
Herb Schmidt, Fargo
- End Polio Now Zone 28 Coord,
Gary Nolte
- Rotary Endowment Committee
Cindy 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.

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This week: Instead of our regular noon meeting, Moorhead Rotarians will get together at 4 p.m. for a tour and social at the D-S Beverages Warehouse, 201 17th Street North. Doug Restemayer will show us around. Our visit includes an opportunity to sample some of the products, along with snacks.

Xcel Energy spokesman talks energy

Moorhead Rotarians of the Norwegian persuasion opened our Syttende Mai meeting with a rendition of the Norse national anthem, followed by the whole club singing "America." President Eric Wilkie extended a special welcome to District Governor Elect Julio Generoso of Hermosa, Guatemala ... on hand to thank our club and the other Fargo-Moorhead groups for our many projects to benefit schoolchildren in his country.

Members report on conference

Cindy Nolte and Kay Parries reported on the District 5580 Conference held in Bismarck 10 days ago. While the Noltes served as aides to incoming International President John Germ, Kay touted the exchange students whose visits were a conference highlight. The Moorhead club received two awards — second highest number of new members, at nine, and third in percentage of membership growth, 14.2 percent.

Upcoming meetings move around

President Eric reminded members that our



Photos: Norwegian members sing the Norse national anthem. President Eric Wilkie. Julio Generoso, district governor elect & member of Hermosa, Guatemala, Rotary Club. Cindy Nolte presents Russ Hanson with seventh Paul Harris award. Kay Parries. Guest speaker Mark Nisbett, North Dakota manager of Xcel Energy. (Photos/Tammy Finney.)

meeting on Tuesday, May 24, has been cancelled. Instead, Rotarians will gather at 4 p.m. at the D-S Beverages Warehouse, 201 17th Street North. Doug Restemayer will show us around, followed by an opportunity to socialize, sample some of the company's wares and enjoy snacks.

In June, our meetings will move to Concordia College while the Hjemkomst Center resurfaces its parking lot. Full details will be coming next week.



Photos: Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Singing "America." Jon Riewer takes a try at winning the raffle — but draws the wrong card.



Hanson receives his seventh

Cindy Nolte presented Russ Hanson with his second Paul Harris ruby award — a level reached after filling out all five sapphire awards.

Guests, 05/17/16

Mark Nesbit, speaker
Tangkwa Simasthien, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Travis Christopher, Keith Brokke,
Lynne Brokke, David Manning &
Heather Runck, Fargo
Downtown Rotary
Tom Riley, past district governor
Julio Generoso, District Governor
Elect, Hermosa, Guatemala

Make-ups

Kay Parries, Jean Hannig, Gary &
Cindy Nolte — District 5580
Conference, Bismarck
Gary Nolte, Zone Training, May 17-
18
Jean Hannig, FM AM & PM
exchange meeting
John Andreasen, Fargo Downtown
Chuck Matthees, Rotary Ride
committee

May Birthdays

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

Club Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa 26 years
May 05 1990

ND manager talks Xcel Energy scope

Our guest, Mark Nisbet of Xcel Energy, sketched out the tremendous scope of the Minneapolis-based utility company. The North Dakota manager noted that 9,300 of its 19,000 employees are based in Minnesota.

The company supports the state's economy, spending \$643 million each year on products and services. It pays a total of \$183 million in property taxes in the states it serves, and supports communities with \$6 million in donations and 18,000 hours of volunteer service by its employees. It manages 36,000 miles of natural gas pipelines and 284,000 miles of electrical transmission lines.

Mark said that Xcel is pursuing wind and solar energy due to customers' changing expectations and changes in the economic and political landscapes. By 2030, 35 percent of its energy will be coming from clean sources.



Photos, District 5580 Conference: Tangkwa Apinya Simasthien & Jean Hannig with incoming Rotary International president John Germ. (Right) Tangkwa performs in the exchange student talent show.



Special convention rate in honor of 100th

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation and birthday of its founder Arch Klumph, Rotarians can register for the Atlanta convention June 10-14 at a special fee of \$265. The rate is only good from May 28 to June 6; afterwards it will increase to \$340.

Those attending the Seoul Convention can register and pay in the House of Friendship. Those not going to Seoul can sign up online: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, May 17

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program.....Mark Nesbit, Xcel Energy
GreetersRon Kolb & Sam Wai

ProgramMoorhead High speech team members Abby & Sean Dahlberg, Sarah Schulz & Coach Meylar
GreetersLynne Kovash & Bill Woods

Tuesday, May 24 — 4 p.m.

Tour of D-S Beverages Warehouse,
201 17th St N, Moorhead — conducted by
Doug Restemayer. Event includes sampling
the products and snacks.

Tuesday, June 7

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
ProgramHolly Anderson Battocchi, president
of FM PM Rotary Club, will discuss the fourth
annual Rotary Ride Sept. 10 (part of Greater
Moorhead Days)
Greeters...Stacey Ackerman & Chuck Matthees

Tuesday, May 31

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte