



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| President          | Eric Wilkie   |
| President-elect    | vacant  |
| Secretary          | Teresa Joppa  |
| Treasurer          | Doreen Filler   |
| President-nominee  | Corey Elmer   |
| President-nominee  | Mark Bertilrud  |
| Past President     | Jon Benson  |
| Director           | Cindy Nolte   |
| Director           | Russ Hanson   |
| Director           | Dave Wahlberg   |
| Director           | Dale Hetland  |
| Director           | Jill Baldwin  |
| Director           | Bryan Davidson  |
| Director           | Mark Bertilrud  |
| Director           | vacant  |
| Member at Large    | Gary Nolte  |
| Program Coord.     | Corey Elmer   |
| RYLA Coord.        | Randy Farwell   |
| Sergeant at Arms   | Dave Sederquist   |
| Pianist            | Sharon Fangsrud   |
| Song Leaders       | Bill Schwandt,<br>Vern Goodin, Bob Hanna,<br>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.

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| International President      | K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran,<br>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's meeting:** The executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board, Sue Gens of St. Paul, reports on "The State of the Arts." Learn more about what's happening in the arts world, including her insights on the arts in Minnesota and Fargo-Moorhead, including funding made available by the 2008 Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms, and Gina Monson is Rotarian of the Day. Alma Cater & Paul Suomala are greeters.

### Rotarians recount adventures on mission trip to Bolivia & Peru in June 2015

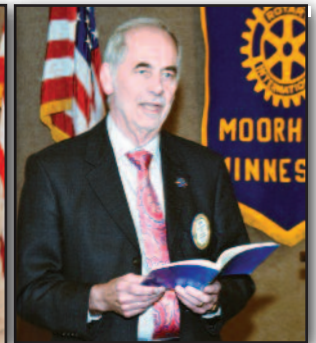
President Eric Wilkie welcomed a full house to Rotary Tuesday — including four prospective members and the wives of program speakers Brad Donabauer & Corey Elmer, along with their sons.

Song leader Jon Andreasen set the stage for Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist's later presentation on exactly why the club opens every meeting with a song — the legacy of the fifth man to join Rotary, Harry Ruggles, who stood on a chair and called out, "Let's sing!"

### Travel raffle committee unveils first winners

With a drum flourish heightening the drama, travel raffle committee chair Violet Deilke & Josh Frost announced the winners of the first of seven months of trips.

Josh himself sold trip winner Chris Astrup the ticket that's won him travel for two to Puerto Vallarta. Corey Elmer's ticket buyer, Kevin Goodno, received a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica, and Bill Woods received the cash prize of \$200.



Photos: Travel Raffle chair Violet Deilke & Josh Frost announced the first winners of this year's prizes, while Dave Sederquist added to the suspense with a drum roll. Rotarians Brad Donabauer & Corey Elmer & sons Ryan & Christian presented a program on the June Rotary mission to Bolivia & Peru. (Second row) President Eric Wilkie & song leader Jon Andreasen. (Third row) Bill Woods & Eric Johnson.

### Members share projects & news

Eric invited several members to share news and updates:

- Bill Woods again thanked members who volunteered for this year's epic dictionary campaign, which delivered Merriam-Webster books to about 800 third graders in Clay County. He also shared copies of The Extra, Moorhead's weekly newspaper, which featured the project in last week's edition.

**Guests, November 3**

Suzi & Ryan Donabauer, guests of Brad Donabauer  
 Brenda & Christian Elmer, guests of Corey Elmer  
 Tristan Larson, guest of Tom Rily  
 Pam Bertilrud, guest of Violet Deilke  
 Prospective members Tammy Finney, Sammy Owusu, Troy Nellis & Jade Rosenfeldt

**Visiting Rotarian**

Tom Riley, past district governor

**Make-Ups**

Jean Hannig, Rotary Exchange, 10-24  
 Russ Hanson, Recital with a Cause committee

**November Birthdays**

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Wahlberg, David   | Nov 02 |
| Hetland, Dale     | Nov 03 |
| Matthees, Charles | Nov 08 |
| McLarnan, Rod     | Nov 08 |
| Moore, Steve      | Nov 18 |
| Nolte, Gary       | Nov 28 |

**Wedding Anniversaries**

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Farwell, Randy & Sherri   | 24 years |
| Nov 02 1991               |          |
| Benson, Jon & Jessica     | 13 years |
| Nov 11 2002               |          |
| Swenson, Robert & Lucinda | 34 yrs   |
| Nov 14 1981               |          |
| Monson, Gina & Dave       | 19 years |

**Club Anniversaries**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Rogers, Jerry    | 30 years |
| Nov 05 1985      |          |
| Woods, William   | 11 years |
| Nov 05 2004      |          |
| Davis, George    | 25 years |
| Nov 06 1990      |          |
| Hanson, Russ     | 8 years  |
| Nov 06 2007      |          |
| Hanna, Bob       | 27 years |
| Nov 08 1988      |          |
| Moorhead, Tracey | 23 years |
| Nov 10 1992      |          |
| Hulett, Michael  | 27 years |
| Nov 22 1988      |          |
| Riewer, Jon      | 12 years |
| Nov 25 2003      |          |
| Tranby, David    | 29 years |
| Nov 25 1986      |          |
| Joppa, Teresa    | 14 years |
| Nov 27 2001      |          |



Photos: Scenes from the Donabauer & Elmer mission to Bolivia and Peru (above). At right, the Donabauer (top) and Elmer delegations.

- Eric Johnson invited members to join the Red River Children's Advisory Council for "Help Us Soar," a fund-raiser on Thursday, Nov. 19. The evening, which begins at 5 p.m. at Dakota Medical Foundation, featured Tucker'd Out, a silent auction and photos by Anna. Tickets are \$30.
- Russ Hanson invited Rotarians & their family members who knit and crochet to "join the WARMY," an unofficial group of local yarn mavens producing hats and scarves for those feeling the chill. Drop them off at the Moorhead Library, where they're available for whoever needs a little help.



**Sergeant salutes Foundation Month**

November is Foundation Month, says Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Begun with just \$26, it grew to \$700 in its first five years ... then \$1 million by 1965. It now brings \$128 million per year ... doing good in the world.

Happy dollars honored the dictionary project & charming thank-you letters; anniversaries; big candy bars at Dave Tranby's house on Halloween, lovely weather, the day's election (with the bond issue passing with 64 percent of the electorate's votes), & travels to Israel.

**Delegation of Minnesota Rotarians travel to serve Mano a Mano in South America**

Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson introduced our own Brad Donabauer & Corey Elmer,

along with their sons Ryan & Christian. They joined fellow Rotarians from Duluth to travel to Bolivia & Peru for Mano a Mano, a project that began as a way to collect and distribute medical supplies.

Since then, the group has built 152 medical clinics, mostly in the high Andes Mountains. They've also built 870 miles of roads to connect communities and markets, as well as 53 schools, reservoirs and water-collection systems.

The volunteers viewed projects at several sites, traveling by air but also hundreds of miles of mountain roads. Most villages welcomed the visitors warmly with parades and special events.

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, November 10**

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
 Rotarian of the Day ..... Gina Monson  
 Program "The State of the Arts" Sue Gens, Minnesota State Arts Board, St. Paul. Learn more about what's happening in the arts world from the executive director, who will share her insights on the arts in Minnesota and Fargo-Moorhead, including the funding made available by the 2008 Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution.  
 Greeters .....A Cater & P Suomala

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Jade Rosenfeldt  
 Program ..... "Sugar in the Valley," Lisa Borgen, American Crystal Sugar. Lisa Borgen, American Crystal Sugar's vice president of administration, will share their story with us. The Moorhead-based company is a world-class agricultural cooperative and the largest beet sugar producer in the United States.  
 Greeters .....W Craft & B Swenson