



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
District 5580

President	Eric Wilkie
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Secretary	Teresa Joppa
Treasurer	Doreen Filler
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President-nominee	Mark Bertilrud
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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, Vern Goodin, Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Meeting Reporter	Teresa Joppa
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This week's program: Attorney Lisa Borgen of American Crystal reports on "Sugar in the Valley." The former Clay County judge, now vice president of administration with the Valley's sugar cooperative, will share the story of the world-class agricultural cooperative, largest beet sugar producer in the United States. Mike Hulett is sergeant at arms and Jade Rosenfeldt, Rotarian of the Day. Bill Craft & Bob Swenson are greeters of the day.

Photos: Greeter Alma Cater with Eric Johnson & Chuck Matthees. President Eric Wilkie. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Rotarian of the Day Gina Monson. (Right) Speaker Sue Gens, executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board. (Below) Rotarians listen to announcements. (Right) Jon Riewer & Josh Frost.



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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Arts play an essential role in Minnesota life

Tuesday's meeting turned into a celebration of the arts — in children's lives and in Minnesota. First, though, President Eric Wilkie brought up a question discussed by the board of directors at their meeting earlier in the day: How long will he wield the gavel? He noted that his presidency extends another 34 weeks — but unless a candidate is found to serve as president-elect, "it could be 84 weeks. And," he joked, "we all don't want to see that!" He asked a willing candidate to step forward soon.

Announcements focus on schedule highlights

After our Nov. 17 meeting, Rotary meetings will take a new turn for the next two weeks.

Dale Hetland reminded members of two service projects in coming weeks. On Tuesday, Nov. 24, club members will gather at Churches United for the Homeless to serve lunch to its residents. We'll be serving again Dec. 29. The club won't meet at the Hjemkomst either day.

Sign-up sheets are now available for the club Christmas party the following week, Tuesday, Dec. 1. The event will be hosted at the home of Corey and Brenda Elmer. Members are asked to bring a bottle of wine as the "price" of admission.

Gary and Cindy Nolte celebrate his 70th birthday with an open house at their home beginning at 3 p.m. Nov. 22. Last year, you may remember, they hosted a pre-birthday





Jim Coomber & Paul Suomala. Russ Hanson & Teresa Joppa. Sue Gens & Corey Elmer. Cindy Nolte, Tracey Moorhead & Alma Cater.

Guests, November 10

Sue Gens, speaker
Jim Coomber, guest of Paul Suomala
Troy Nellis & Sammy Owusu, prospective members
Tangkwa, FES

Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Fargo
Rotary; Jamestown Rotary;
Fireside Chat

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

open house for Rotarians and friends ... but this time it's the real thing. All are welcome.

Why art is good for kids

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig — after explaining her “fashion boot”— cited 10 reasons art is good for both children and the world. Among them: Art develops the whole brain and gives us a chance to explore our capacity for creativity. It allows us to learn from mistakes. Creative people are in demand in every career. Art teaches problem solving, supports emotional intelligence and builds community.

She collected fines and happy dollars. The latter honored passage of the school bond referendum, with its new middle-school performing arts center; the opening of “Tarzan” at Moorhead High, with a cast including a Nolte grandchild; the arts educators in our schools; MSUM’s terrific arts program; Eric’s leadership; deer-hunting success; and the veterans among us.

Arts Board director has Moorhead roots

Rotarian of the Day Gina Monson welcomed speaker Sue Gens, whose roots are in our community. She studied music at MSUM. She has been on the Minnesota State Arts Board since 2001, and was named its executive director in 2009.

Sue explained the 11-member board, on which Corey Elmer serves, is a state agency

that works with many other agencies and boards across the state. “The arts are a catalyst for improving lives,” she asserted.

The Minnesota board has a \$35 million annual budget. It makes grants and provides services to other groups through the 11 regional arts councils around the state, including our region’s headquartered in Fergus Falls. She said the set-up is almost unique; only a few other states have such regional connections.

The arts are supported by the Legacy Amendment, established by a vote of the people in 2008. Since 2009, about \$320 million has been generated annually, with the arts, parks and trails receiving about one-third. The balance is split between clean water and outdoor heritage programs.

“The arts have real economic impact,” Sue explained. “Arts and the nonprofit sector contribute \$1.2 billion annually — including \$100.6 million in state government revenue and \$26.6 million for local governments.” She said that 33,381 full-time jobs center on the arts. Our region, Region 4, feels \$9.8 million in annual economic impact, including 273 jobs and \$907,000 in state and local government revenue.

“Art leads to community development,” she said. “It celebrates cultures and bridges gaps ... transforms main streets and neighborhoods, and fosters community identity, making them destinations.”

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
Rotarian of the DayJade 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.
GreetersW Craft & B Swenson

Tuesday, November 24

CLUB SERVICE PROJECT AT CHURCHES UNITED FOR THE HOMELESS
Instead of a club meeting & program today, Moorhead Rotary is taking its good works on the road during this Thanksgiving week. Club members will serve lunch at the Churches United for the Homeless shelter, 191 1st Ave. N. We will need 10-12 Rotarians to serve the noon lunch; please sign up by Nov. 17. **No club meeting at the Hjemkomst Center today.**