



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

President	Eric Wilkie
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Secretary	Teresa Joppa
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Member at Large	Gary Nolte
Program Coord.	Corey Elmer
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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
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson



**This week's meeting:** Rotarians Brad Donabauer & Corey Elmer, along with their sons Ryan & Christian, discuss their trip "To Bolivia and Back: Rotary's Good Works in the Andes Mountains." Rotary makes an impact across the globe! Their Rotary service trip took them high in the Andes mountains of Bolivia and Peru. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms and Jon Benson, Rotarian of the Day. Anne Blackhurst & Dale Stenerson are greeters.

Photos: Justice Gildea signs a book for the children's library. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Tim Beaton, Justice Gildea & President Eric Wilkie. (Right) Chief Justice Lori Gildea noted that Minnesota courts have been voted among the best in the United States for impartiality & competence. Photos by Russ Hanson & Gary Nolte.



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

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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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### Minnesota High Court chief justice shares insights into workings of the court

Last Tuesday's program may have drawn a record crowd of legal minds to Moorhead Rotary with the program by Chief Justice Lori Gildea of the Minnesota Supreme Court. President Eric Wilkie asked Bob Hanna, Corey Elmer and Eric Johnson to introduce their guests. Three prospects who have submitted applications were also with us — Troy Nellis, Sammy Owusu and Tammy Finney.

Vern Goodin led several verses of "America the Beautiful," along with "Happy Birthday" for the October babies.

Eric also passed around an article on our dictionary project that appeared in the Oct. 22 issue of The Extra.

The Board of Directors has received membership applications from Tammy Finney, sponsored by Russ Hanson. Tammy is editor of The Extra, Moorhead's weekly newspaper. She will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.

### Calling all volunteers ...

Gary Nolte announced that a grant has been secured to help fund a mission trip to Haiti from Jan. 8 through 17. He is looking for three people to join the delegation.

Closer to home, Dale Hetland is calling for at least 10 members to step forward for a local service project — serving lunch at Churches United for the Homeless on Tuesday, Nov. 24. The club service project that noon will take the place of our regular meeting.

### Sergeant at arms: Rotary Int'l grows by 20K

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist reported that Rotary International has gained more than 20,000 new members during the past year. He also reported on polio eradication efforts; Gary Nolte, who heads Zone 28's End Polio Now efforts, said no new cases have been reported anywhere on earth in the past two weeks.

Dave called for happy dollars, accompanied by votes for favorite Halloween candies: Snickers, Almond Joy and Hershey's with Almonds dominated. Other gifts promoted upcoming

**Guests, October 27**

Federal Judge Kermit Bye, Zuezan Hanna, Hannah Haksgaard, Jim Nicolai, Ross Pearson & Mikayla Steenholdt, guests of Bob Hanna  
 Elise Larson, guest of Eric Johnson  
 Lisa Borgen, DeAnn Lien & Todd Beedy, guests of Corey Elmer  
 Sammy Owusu, Troy Nellis & Tammy Finney, prospective members  
 Chief Justice Lori Gildea & Jeff Shorba, program  
 Tangkwa, FES

**Visiting Rotarian**

Kathleen Toft, Fargo West

**Make-Ups**

Dictionary project volunteers  
 Gary & Cindy Nolte, Recital committee & Fargo Rotary  
 Kay Parries, 4 meetings

**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: Justice Gildea & Judge Kermit Bye. Jeff Shorma, chief clerk of the Minnesota Supreme Court, & Lisa Borgen. Bob & ZueZan Hanna chat with guests. (Right) Tangkwa & Justice Gildea. Cindy Nolte & George Davis.

special events, including the Clay County Jail Chaplains dinner and other fund-raisers, the citizenship ceremony at MSUM that welcomed 140 new American citizens, the F-M Community Foundation's work needs survey and opportunities to serve.

Dave closed with an inspiring thought: "The smallest deed is still worth the largest intention."

**Supreme Court justice's program draws full house of visiting lawyers**

Rotarian of the Day Eric Johnson expressed his pleasure at being in the same room with so many lawyers ... then introduced our speaker, a graduate of Georgetown Law School, Chief Justice Lori Gildea. A native of Plummer, Minnesota ("a suburb of Thief River Falls"), she quoted John Locke's famous statement of 1689: "Where law ends, tyranny begins." She added, "The rule of law safeguards our lives and our liberty. It is the justice system that serves to uphold our way of life."

She explained the three roles of the chief justice's job — in addition to serving justice, heading the court's administration and being



the final arbiter of the constitution. Minnesota has 289 trial court judges, including 87 in district courts. More than 1.3 million cases are filed every year. The court of appeals, with 19 judges, heard 2,093 cases in 2014. The seven justices of the Supreme Court granted review to 94 cases in 2014 ... of more than 700 requests.

The state judiciary operates on an annual budget of \$318 million. Minnesota is ranked third in the nation in providing access to justice for all needing help, including women, low-income families and those with limited familiarity with English. She trumpeted the efforts of Clay County's court and its "terrific staff."

Minnesota courts have been implementing electronic filing and record-keeping, along with innovative programs like drug court and veterans court. Threatened by budget cuts, she credited grassroots efforts to reverse the trend and, in her words, "increase our ability to serve justice and Minnesota's citizens."

**Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments**

**Tuesday, November 3**

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Jon Benson  
 Program "To Bolivia and Back: Rotary's Good Works in the Andes Mountains." Brad & Ryan Donabauer and Corey & Christian Elmer.  
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 We'll hear from our own Rotarians and their sons about their recent Rotary service trip high in the Andes mountains of Bolivia and Peru in South America.  
 Greeters.....A Blackhurst & D Stenerson

**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