



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
District 5580

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs

Monday: Fargo West
Noon, Holiday Inn
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: FM/AM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Wednesday: Fargo
Noon, Radisson
Thursday: FM/AM
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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Oct. 15

Club bids farewell to President Warren, as President Cindy takes over the reins

Warren Wenner presided over a standing-room-only crowd (at least until more chairs were recruited) at his last meeting Tuesday as president of Moorhead Rotary.

Members and guests sang “Red River Valley” in his honor. As song leader Vern Goodin explained, he is leaving one Red River for another, the one in Houston that doesn’t flow north. Jeff Lackmann, one of our student guests from Oak Grove Lutheran High School performed several other numbers including “Wayfarin’ Stranger,” an introduction to the program that followed our meeting.

After Warren passed the gavel to our new president, Cindy Nolte, her husband Gary presented Warren with his next Paul Harris award, the sapphire pin.

Travel raffle tickets sales are hot, hot, hot

George Davis reminded members that time is short for selling the remaining 150 tickets for our Travel Giveaway fund-raiser. The 200 already sold have paid the prize expenses, including the seven trips for two awarded monthly starting in November. What lies ahead, he said, is completing sales to make the “profit” — the money we count on to fund our charities.

Violet Deilke has about 20 unsold tickets on



Photos: President Warren's last meeting. Warren & song leader Vern Goodin. Gary Nolte presents Paul Harris Fellowship. President Cindy Nolte Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. Kay Parries slices Warren's cake for members' dessert.

hand at “Ticket Central” and needs members to sell them. If you need prospects for those sales, she also has lists of past ticket buyers whom you can call.

Holiday events on the horizon

Ron Kolb announced that our annual Christmas charity donation is Dec. 3, with the Christmas party on Dec. 10. It will once again take place at Trollwood, but an Italian meal is

Paul Harris Banquet — Tuesday, Nov. 5 — Fargo Country Club
Social 6–7 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m.
Register at one of our meetings by Oct. 25. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Guests

Erin Sidwell, Bob Noel, Quinn Vollmers, Jeffrey Lackman, Deb Lackmann, Steven Rezac, Carrie Pierce, Bryan Davidson & Jeff Conant, Oak Grove High School, speakers
 Blake Elmer, guest of Cory Elmer
 Mike Slette, guest of club
 Jonathan Junge, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Ryan Corneya, Fargo West
 Rachel Clarke, Fargo West

Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Brinerd Noon Rotary, Oct. 8
 Warren Wenner & Gary Nolte, Presidents & Foundation meetings, Oct. 11

October Birthdays

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| Tunheim, Nick | Oct 01 |
| Wai, Samuel | Oct 03 |
| Szymanski, Michael | Oct 05 |
| Hanson, Russ | Oct 23 |
| Johnson, Gregory | Oct 28 |
| Kolb, Ronald | Oct 29 |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Hulett, Michael & Janie | 28 years | Oct 04, 1985 |
| Elmer, Corey & Brenda | 17 years | Oct 05, 1996 |
| Wright, Edgar & Virginia | 59 years | Oct 09, 1954 |
| Moore, Noel & Thomas | 17 years | Oct 12, 1996 |
| Hannig, Jean & Jeff | 41 years | Oct 24, 1972 |

Club Anniversaries

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| Andreasen, John | 21 years |
| Oct 01, 1992 | |
| Suomala, Paul | 17 years |
| Oct 01, 1996 | |
| Johnson, Eric | 1 year |
| Oct 02, 2012 | |
| Benson, Jon | 6 years |
| Oct 09, 2007 | |



Bob Noel, Jeffrey Lackmann & Quinn Vollmers of Oak Grove shared their experiences in Guatemala.

being contemplated.

Sergeant at Arms has Congress' number

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie shared, among other interesting tidbits, an 800 number for "drunk dialing" Congress to tell them what you think. Many, many happy dollars were shared in honor of Warren's "short but sweet" service at the club's helm.

Students talk of life-changing experiences

Students and adults from Oak Grove High School spoke of life-changing experiences and insights from the school's most recent biennial mission trip to Guatemala. The group of 41 volunteers served in several ways during their week in Central America — helping at an orphanage and a day care.

"None of us could live the way that they do," Bob Noel reported, describing the small mountain village they visited and the home loosely constructed of sheets of tin.

The students described the impact the children had on them as they got to know one another, bridging the language gap as the little ones taught them Spanish words and offered their friendship.

Many tears were shed, they said, when they had to return home.

"I was amazed the kids were so happy," one said, "even in those adverse conditions — even as happy as me."

Noel said the most important part of the trip is "what happens when we get back," as volunteers assimilate their experiences and share what they've learned with others on campus. "You don't have to change everything. You just have to help change one little thing in someone's world."

Weekly raffle kitty is growing

After no one drew the winning card, our membership raffle pot has grown to \$149. Will next Tuesday be your day to be a winner?

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Rotary Meetings

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| Oct. 22 | Sergeant at Arms M Hulett |
| ROD | District 5580 Vice Governor Gary Nolte |
| Program | District 5580 Governor David Smette of Jamestown |
| Greeters | Joppa & Schwandt |

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| Oct. 29 | Sergeant at Arms G Monson |
| ROD | Mike Hulett |
| Program | Clay County Sheriff Bill Berquist |
| Greeters | Kolb & Sederquist |

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| Nov. 5 | Sergeant at Arms T Joppa |
| | TRAVEL RAFFLE — first drawing |

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| ROD | |
| Program | Jeff Wallin, Moorhead Fire Department assistant chief |
| Greeters | Kovash & Skatvold |