



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Welcome Our New Members!



**Patrick Lorenson**  
President,  
Ramsey State  
Bank  
**New Member #1**



**Brett Drevlow**  
District  
Executive,  
Northern Lights  
Council, Boy  
Scouts of  
America  
**New Member #2**



**Liz Brandenburg**  
Marketing Dir.  
Northwestern  
Bank  
**New Member #3**



**Rob Mounts**  
Sr. Portfolio Mgr.  
Bremer Bank  
**New Member #4**



**Roger Erbes**  
Market President  
American  
Federal Bank  
**New Member #5**



**Alex Ohman**  
Development  
Officer  
Dakota Boys &  
Girls Ranch  
**New Member #6**



**Heidi Olson-Fitzgerald**  
Physicians  
Assistant  
Essentia Health  
**New Member #7**



**Sharon Fangsrud**  
Pianist  
& Rotary  
Accompanist  
**New Member #8**



**This week's meeting:** Troy Nellis serves double duty as sergeant at arms and Rotarian of the day. Anne Blackhurst and Joel Paulsen are our greeters.

### Rotary Global Scholar discusses projects and studies in Gondar Ethiopia

Guest pianist Brayden Drevlow – brother of Rotarian Brett – opened Moorhead Rotary's meeting with a special rendition of "The Turkish March," with a little jazz element thrown in for good measure.

Brett and Bob Hanna announced our new service for Moorhead youth: We now are sponsors of a Cub Scout troop at Dorothy Dodds Elementary School. The brand-new troop launches this fall with a dozen members. Brett presented a Scout patch to Bob Hanna, who is our representative in the program.

In honor of our speaker, guest pianist Brayden

**Dictionary Volunteers Needed!**

Can you help distribute dictionaries to eager 3rd graders across the county? Committee chairs Russ Hanson and Gary Gonser need help at 1:30 p.m. Monday (10/16) at Robert Asp School, and at 10 a.m. Tuesday (10/17) at S.G. Reinertson School. Each will take about an hour if we get three or four more volunteers to help; we'll do six classrooms Monday and five Tuesday. Please call or email Russ to pitch in: **218.790.1489** or [russ@hansonphoto.com](mailto:russ@hansonphoto.com)



*Photos/Tammy Finney: Five new members were initiated Oct. 10. (From left) Sponsor Corey Elmer; new members Roger Erbes, Lisa Brandenburg, Brett Drevlow, Joel Paulsen and Alex Ohman; and sponsors Eric Wilkie and John Andreassen. Pianist Brayden Drevlow, brother of Brett. Rotarian of the Day Troy Nellis. Rotary Global Grant Scholar Alicia Helion.*

Drevlow, brother of member Brett, played The Turkish March (with a little jazz element thrown into it)

### Travel Raffle deadline coming

Travel Giveaway committee members Nathan Johnson and Ray Grefsheim reminded members that Oct. 24 is the final day for ticket sales ... so sell, sell, sell! Jon Riewer and Randy Farwell won dining gift cards in an incentive drawing for those who sold and turned in tickets by the first deadline last week.

### 3rd Graders waiting for their dictionaries

Dictionary Project co-chair Gary Gonser said the first dictionary deliveries of the year are coming up. He and Russ Hanson handed them out at St. Joseph School Oct. 13, with additional distribution planned for Robert Asp School at 1:30 Monday, Oct. 16, and S.G. Reinertson School at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

**Guests, 10-10-17**

Alicia Helion, Rotary Global Grant Scholar, speaker  
 Brayden Drevlow, brother of Brett Drevlow

**October Birthdays**

Wai, Samuel Oct 03  
 Mounts, Rob Oct 08  
 Hanson, Russ Oct 23  
 Johnson, Gregory Oct 28  
 Kolb, Ronald Oct 29

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Gess, Emily & David Oct 04 2008  
 9 years  
 Hulett, Michael & Janie Oct 04 1985  
 32 years  
 Elmer, Corey & Brenda Oct 05 1996  
 21 years  
 Wright, Edgar & Virginia Oct 09 1954  
 63 years  
 Moore, Noel & Thomas Oct 12 1996  
 21 years  
 Hannig, Jean & Jeff Oct 24 1972  
 45 years

**Rotary Anniversaries**

Andreasen, John 25 years  
 Oct 01 1992  
 Suomala, Paul 21 years  
 Oct 01 1996  
 Johnson, Eric 5 years  
 Oct 02 2012  
 McLarnan, Rod 35 years  
 Oct 05 1982  
 Benson, Jon 10 years  
 Oct 09 2007  
 Donabauer, Brad 4 years  
 Oct 22 2013  
 Johnson, Nathan 1 year  
 Oct 25 2016

*Moorhead Rotary  
 Chartered May 1, 1921  
 Club 970  
 District 5580*

President Corey Elmer  
 President-Elect  
 Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter  
 David Wahlberg  
 Treasurer Doreen Filler  
 Past President Eric Wilkie  
 Director Dale Hetland  
 Director David Sederquist  
 Director Tammy Finney  
 Director John Andreasen  
 Director Gary Gonser  
 Director Troy Nellis  
 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

**Other F-M Rotary Meetings**

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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**Moorhead, MN 56561**



*Photos/Tammy Finney: President Corey Elmer. Sergeant at Arms Tim Beaton. Bob Hanna and Brett Drevlow.*

**New members bring club to 71**

President Corey Elmer announced the club has gained eight members in recent months, bringing our total to 71. He reminded Rotarians to invite guests to meetings; as part of the membership drive, their lunches will be on the club through December.

Five of those new members were inducted at the meeting: Alex Ohman, Brett Drevlow, Roger Erbes, Liz Brandenburg and Joel Paulsen. Their sponsors are Corey, Eric Wilkie and John Andreasen.

**Sergeant Tim shares fun facts**

Sergeant at Arms Tim Beaton entertained members with several truly obscure bits of trivia, along with a couple meaningful Rotary facts. He noted the billiard ball was invented in 1865. In 1886, the first dinner jacket was worn to an event ... in Tuxedo, N.Y. Joe Namath played his final football game 40 years ago, in 1977.

He continued: the first-ever Rotary service project was installing a comfort station on a

street in Chicago. Women were admitted to the organization for the first time in 1989.

**Rotary Scholar reports on Ethiopian studies**

Rotarian of the Day Troy Nellis introduced our speaker, Alicia Helion, who recently joined the Fargo AM Rotary Club. A native of Binford, N.D., and graduate of NDSU, she earned her fourth, a master's in public health, at the University of Gondar in Ethiopia as a Rotary Global Scholar.

She was supported by District 5580 and the Williston Rotary Club and hosted by Gondar Fasiledes Club in Ethiopia.

While in Ethiopia, Alicia was also involved in Rotary service projects. Ten area clubs contributed to dig a well so a health center and entire community could have access to clean water. Alicia continues to have daily contact with Ethiopians on projects. "I want to use these friendships and communities to ask, 'What do you need?'" she explained. She added that many of the projects are relatively small in terms of clubs' investment, from \$40 to \$500.

**Looking Ahead**

**October 17**  
 Sergeant at Arms .....Troy Nellis  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Troy Nellis  
 Greeters .....Anne Blackhurst & Joel Paulsen

**October 24**  
 Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Troy Nellis  
 Program....Anne Kaese, St. John's Bible exhibit  
 Greeters .....Chuck Hendrickson & Bill Craft

**October 31**  
 Sergeant at Arms .....Bob Hanna  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Troy Nellis  
 Program .....Cheryl Wachenheim, "China on a Fulbright Fellowship"

Greeters .....Brandon Lunak & Dan Eggiman

**November 7**  
 Sergeant at Arms .....  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Troy Nellis  
 Program .....University of Minnesota Regent  
 Tom Anderson  
 Greeters . Lisa Brandenburg & Brad Donabauer

**November 14**  
 Sergeant at Arms .....  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Troy Nellis  
 Program .....New Member Orientation  
 Greeters ..... John Shockley & Randy Farwell