



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

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

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District Vice Governor  
Gary Nolte, Moorhead  
District Governor-Elect  
Tim Kaminski, Hibbing  
District Governor-Nominee  
Craig Loughery, Ely

### 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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#### Governor explores reasons why members become and remain active Rotarians

President Cindy Nolte welcomed District 5580 Governor Dave Smette and his wife Claudette to Moorhead Rotary Tuesday, leading off a meeting that featured induction of our two new members and Dave's thought-provoking questions about why each of us became a Rotarian.



#### Club welcomes dentist and Boy Scout exec

Gov. Smette joined Cindy in presenting membership pins to Dr. Brad Donabauer and Bryan Davidson, an executive with the Northern Lights Council of Boy Scouts of America. Brad, a Moorhead dentist, lives here with his wife and three sons. He was sponsored by his patient George Davis.

Bryan is a new BSA director for 10 counties in North Dakota and four in Minnesota. He moved here more than two years ago, and is a former member of the Detroit Lakes Rotary Club.

Photos: President Cindy Nolte presents a club banner to Dave Smette of Jamestown, governor of Rotary District 5580. Gov. Smette and Cindy induct new members Bryan Davidson and Dr. Brad Donabauer with his sponsor George Davis. (Above and right) Gov. Smette queried members about what brought them into Rotary ... and what has inspired them to maintain membership as a Rotarian.



2013 includes only three non-holiday Tuesdays.

#### Reminders of special events to come

President Cindy asked members to sign up if they plan to attend the Paul Harris Banquet on Nov. 5. She also reminded members of our annual Christmas charity collection Dec. 3 and the club's winter social Dec. 10 at the Bluestem Center. She noted that there will also be a regular club meeting that day, since December

#### Gov. Smette gives club membership 'test'

District Vice Governor Gary Nolte, as Rotarian of the Day, introduced Dave and Claudette Smette of Jamestown. The current district governor, like his wife, is an experienced teacher, so he administered a "test" to open his program: Why are you a Rotarian?

**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.

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### Guests

Dave & Claudette Smette, District  
5580 governor and wife  
Herb Schmidt, assistant district  
governor  
Jonathan Junge, FES

### Make-Ups

John Andreasen, Fargo Rotary,  
10-09

### On Leave of Absence

Travis Reimche, through 3-31-14

### October Birthdays

Tunheim, Nick	Oct 01
Wai, Samuel	Oct 03
Szymanski, Michael	Oct 05
Brifki, Newzad	Oct 12
Hanson, Russ	Oct 23
Johnson, Gregory	Oct 28
Kolb, Ronald	Oct 29

### Wedding Anniversaries

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

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	



(Above) Dale Hetland and Ron Kolb sell raffle tickets before the meeting. (Right) Teresa Joppa and Gina Monson visit with exchange student Jonathan Junge.



The 1.2 million Rotarians around the globe may vary in their answers, but we're bound by the Four-Way Test, with its emphasis on service, high ethics and the advancement of international understanding. Says Dave, "It hangs on my office wall, as it should on yours. It says something about you and your beliefs."

While that emphasis on service was the foundation, Dave said that programs also kept him coming to meetings, as did fellowship and sharing the local news around the table. "The folks in Rotary are leaders," he observed, "professional people who make it happen."

He is a fan of Rotary's youth exchange program. He and Claudette have hosted students from Japan and France, and they've become lifelong friends. He pointed out that these exchanges begin the "seven paths to peace," whose first step is building friendships and understanding.

Citing last year's presidential theme, "Peace through Service," he added, "You won't have peace if people are hungry, thirsty and unable to read." Some statistics: 11 million in Africa

have no access to education, with Pakistan not far behind.

Dave told us how proud he is of Moorhead Rotary's engagement with the other four F-M area clubs in pursuing joint projects. We are unique, he said, working together across city and state lines. "You are an example for the whole district in this respect," he said.

He emphasized how important it is to continue to support the Rotary Foundation in its mission to eradicate polio — including the need to match Bill Gates' gift of \$35 million for five years. Today the disease still exists in Somalia, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. We are "this close" to accomplishing our goal, he said — and every dollar counts.

The club donated to the Annual Fund in his honor, as well as giving a children's book about farming to the library in his honor.

### Another week without a winner

The club raffle's pot grew to \$179, as Dave Tranby failed to pull the winning card.

## Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Rotary Meetings

### Oct. 29

Sergeant at Arms G Monson

**All raffle tickets and money must be turned in today!**

ROD

Mike Hulett

Program

Clay County Sheriff Bill Berquist

Greeters

Kolb & Sederquist

### Nov. 5

Sergeant at Arms T Joppa

TRAVEL RAFFLE — first drawing

Program

Jeff Wallin, Moorhead Fire Department assistant chief

Greeters

Kovash & Skatvold

### Nov. 12

Sergeant at Arms D Sederquist

ROD

Lynne Kovash

Program

Greg Tehven, TEDx Fargo, Rethink Learning

Greeters

Lanning & Stenerson