



The Paddlewheel

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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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This week's meeting: Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Gildea shares her insights on Minnesota's judicial system. She has served on Minnesota's top court since 2006 and served as chief justice since 2010. Bring a guest! Eric Johnson doubles as sergeant at arms & Rotarian of the day. Mark Bertilrud and Steve Schaefer are greeters of the day.

Rotarian Lynne Kovash delves into vital school projects in Nov. 3 bond referendum

President Eric Wilkie welcomed guests and prospective members as Vern Goodin led the group in a verse or two of "I've Been Working for the School Bond" — a warm-up for the day's program by Rotarian Lynne Kovash about Moorhead's upcoming vote on the school district's \$78.2 million bond issue.

Eric called past president Jon Benson forward to present him with his official pin. Calling himself "Eric the Short," he mounted a stool to pin it on "Jon the Tall." Jon, in turn, crouched to reach Eric's lapel, as the crowd erupted in laughter.

Dictionary Project wraps up 10th year

Chairman Bill Woods reported that club

The Board of Directors has received membership applications from Troy Nellis, sponsored by Gina Monson, and Sammy Owusu, who is transferring from a Denver Rotary Club. They will be welcomed into membership after the seven days allowed for comments.



Photos: President Eric Wilkie & past president Jon Benson present each other with pins recognizing their roles — with "Eric the Short" mounting a stool to pin Jon the Tall, & Jon crouching to present Eric's. Dictionary Project chair Bill Woods gives a wrap-up. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduces speakers, Rotarian Lynne Kovash and (at left) Brandon Lunak, addressing the Nov. 3 bond issue referendum.

volunteers have completed the 10th annual distribution of dictionaries to Clay County's third graders. The books — each with the student's name — have been handed out in all Moorhead public and private schools as well as Barnesville, Hawley, Dilworth, Glyndon-Felton and Ulen ... where the local Lions Club has taken over their own local school.

Rotary Fireside Chat educates newcomers

Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs are sponsoring a "fireside chat" at the Fargo Country Club on Tuesday, Nov. 3. It's an opportunity for all newer members to learn the basics of Rotary tradition. If you haven't been to this informal course since joining our club, please do your best to fit it into your schedule. It's a great introduction to Rotary International.



Photos: Members look over upcoming programs. Dorothy Suomala chats with Brandon Lunak about the upcoming bond referendum. The dictionary crew completing distribution in Hawley: Bryan Davidson, Bill Woods, Dale Stenerson, Ron Hagemann & Russ Hanson.

Guests, October 20

Troy Nellis, prospective member
 Sammy Owusu, prospective member
 Brandon Lunak, assistant supt. of Moorhead Schools
 Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul Suomala
 Tangkwa, FES

October Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Hulett, Michael & Janie 30 years
 Oct 04 1985
 Elmer, Corey & Brenda 19 years
 Oct 05 1996
 Wright, Edgar & Virginia 61 years
 Oct 09 1954
 Moore, Noel & Thomas 19 years
 Oct 12 1996
 Filler, Doreen & Ken 21 years
 Oct 22 1994
 Hannig, Jean & Jeff 43 years
 Oct 24 1972

Club Anniversaries

Andreasen, John 23 years
 Oct 01 1992
 Suomala, Paul 19 years
 Oct 01 1996
 Johnson, Eric 3 years
 Oct 02 2012
 McLarnan, Rod 33 years
 Oct 05 1982
 Benson, Jon 8 years
 Oct 09 2007
 Davidson, Bryan 2 years
 Oct 22 2013
 Donabauer, Brad 2 years
 Oct 22 2013

Sergeant collects a bounty of happy bucks

After sharing entertaining excerpts from the latest edition of The Rotarian, Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett's call for happy dollars was well received. Among the occasions: \$32 from the man himself in honor of his wedding anniversary with wife Janie; George Davis's run-down of the history of the dictionary project; Tangkwa's weekend with the Hannigs; Noel Moore's son's return from his six-month Air Force deployment; MSUM's Larry Scott's attendance at 500 straight Dragon football games; the team helping Superintendent Kovash spread the word; and President Eric's gratitude for a club that "is willing to have fun."

Moorhead schools need voter support to add capacity, increase school safety

Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduced our own Lynne Kovash, superintendent of Moorhead schools, and assistant superintendent Brandon Lunak. The two detailed the dramatic growth in Moorhead's student population and the solutions that are being proposed to alleviate the stress — including this fall's increase of 331 students, bringing the total to 6,259. A demographic study projects that within 10 years, local enrollment may reach 7,436.

Lynne noted that Moorhead High graduated 380 last year ... and welcomed 576 kindergarten students this September, with 520-530 third graders.

"We need more space for early learning," Lynne said. "We've had to move Head Start and Early Learning out of our school buildings due to the huge kindergarten class. Many of our facilities for learning opportunities like theater and music are overused and overbooked, forcing us to use other community spaces."

In addition to upgrading security at all schools, the \$78.2 million bond issue will focus on two parts, according to Brandon: An addition to Horizon Middle School to add fifth and sixth grades to the campus, and a new elementary school. The proposed K-4 school will utilize existing infrastructure near Horizon School, handling 750 students — six sections of each grade.

That will enable Ellen Hopkins, Reinertsen and Robert Asp schools to function as K-4 schools, bringing kindergarteners back into their facilities.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polling locations and more information are available at www.moorheadschoools.org/referendum

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, October 27

Sergeant at Arms/Rotarian of Day Eric Johnson Program ...Chief Justice Lori Gildea, "View from the Top Bench." Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Gildea has served on Minnesota's top court since 2006 and served as chief justice since 2010. Chief Justice Gildea will share her insights on Minnesota's judicial system. Bring a guest!
 GreetersM Bertilrud & S Schaefer

Tuesday, November 3

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the DayGary Nolte
 Program "To Bolivia and Back: Rotary's Good Works in the Andes Mountains" Brad & Ryan Donabauer and Corey & Christian Elmer.
 Rotary makes an impact across the globe!

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 ArmsJean Hannig
 Rotarian of the Day
 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.
 GreetersA Cater & P Suomala