



# 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**



**Chris Volkers**  
Moorhead City  
Manager  
**New Member #9**



**This week's meeting:** Fulbright Scholar Cheryl Wachenheim presents our program, "China on a Fulbright Fellowship." Bob Hanna is sergeant at arms, and Troy Nellis is Rotarian of the day. Brandon Lunak and Dan Eggiman are greeters.

President Corey Elmer welcomed members with several announcements. The board has recommended a potential foreign exchange student, Addy Thornberg, to District 5580. She was referred to us by past president Doug Hamilton.

Meanwhile, Jean Hannig asked that members consider hosting our foreign exchange student Rei Yajima later this year ... or recruit friends who would be interested in the rewarding experience of making her a guest in their home. They do not need to be Rotarians. She said Rei would like to join the cross-country Nordic ski team and is looking to borrow size 6 ski boots and ski gear.

Travel Giveaway chair Violet Deilke reported the club is close to selling all of the raffle tickets for our major annual fund-raiser. It's vital that members turn in their tickets soon.

Dictionary Project co-chairs Russ Hanson and Gary Gonser reported the club is very near its goal of distributing more than 1,000 dictionaries to eager third graders in Moorhead and surrounding schools. The final dates are Friday at Barnesville and Hawley and Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Dilworth Elementary. Ten Rotarians have helped with the project so far, also including Ron Kolb, Randy Farwell,



*Photos/Russ Hanson: bChecking in – Roger Erbes, Nathan Johnson, Violet Deilke, David Wahlberg, Rei Yajima and Jean Hannig, Dorothy and Paul Suomala. Our speaker, artist and calligrapher Anne Kaese of Fargo.*

Eric Wilkie, Tim Beaton, Corey Elmer, Gary Nolte, Jerry Rogers, David Sederquist, Ray Grefsheim and Joel Paulson. Brett Drevlow and Bill Woods are up for Friday.

- Corey announced that a new Wilkie – Eric's brother Scott – has submitted a membership application. He added, "We will also keep the old Wilkie."
- Violet Deilke is looking for helpers for the Haunted Mall from 4:30 to 7:30 this afternoon.

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from Scott Wilkie, who works with Avis Rental Car. His sponsor is his brother, Eric. Scott will be welcomed into membership after seven days allowed for comments. He is our tenth new member, bringing the total to 71.

## Guests, 10-24-17

Anne Kaese (speaker)  
 Chris Astrup, guest of Greg Johnson  
 Brent Brandt, guest of John Andreasen  
 Rei Yajima, exchange student

## Visiting Rotarian

Jay Schmallen, Fargo West

## 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

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| President                        | Corey Elmer      |
| President-Elect                  |                  |
| Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter | David Wahlberg   |
| Treasurer                        | Doreen Filler    |
| Past President                   | Eric Wilkie      |
| Director                         | Dale Hettland    |
| 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

Moorhead Rotary  
 P.O. Box 12  
 Moorhead, MN 56561



Photos/Russ Hanson: Song leader John Andreasen. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. (Above) Ray Grefsheim & Gary Nolte deliver dictionaries at S.G. Reinertson School. (Below) Dorothy Dodds Elementary School.

- Kay Parries is working out details for new Rotary-branded clothing.

- Save the date ... Tuesday, Dec. 5. That's the night of our Rotary Christmas party at the Moorhead County Club.

## Sergeant at Arms reflects on community

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson offered personal, moving reflections on our community, talking of how a coworker told him her congregation was praying for his wife Kirsten as she deals with cancer. "So many who don't even know us now are sharing this personal experience with us," he said. He contrasted that with a story of how a new foreign-born faculty member when to a local liquor store to buy wine from his native South Africa as a gift for friends ... only to be told he should be buying North Dakota wine now. Finally, he recalled U.S. Rep. John Lewis's recent visit to the campus – a civil rights leader left bloody and unconscious during that struggle. The man who beat him later brought his own son to the Capitol to apologize for the beating. "I thank goodness and God for that," he said.

His call for happy dollars was answered by many. Kay Parries honored National Polio Day. Steve Schaefer talked about son Noah's genetic testing. Corey thanked Brandon Lunak and the Moorhead schools staff for an excellent fund raiser for the Moorhead School Foundation. Brett saluted Birthday Week at his family's household, with a total of four celebrated this week.



## Artist promotes St. John's Bible exhibit

Artist and calligrapher Anne Kaese highlighted "Illuminating the Word," the Hjemkomst Center exhibit. Though Dec. 31, it's displaying 64 folios from the new St. John's Bible – the first illuminated and handwritten Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years. The Hjemkomst is one of only 25 museums in the world selected to show the pages.

"This is the exhibition by the 'little engine that could,'" Anne said. Admission prices have been kept low through the generosity of the F-M community, which has contributed to cover substantial costs for insurance, transportation and modifications of the display space.

"We have been astounded by the public response," she said. "After people have seen these works, their number-one comment is, 'I'll be back' ... and the second most frequent, 'I'll be back with others.'"

## Looking Ahead

### 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 .....Jon Benson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Troy Nellis

Program .....University of Minnesota Regent  
 Tom Anderson  
 Greeters . Lisa Brandenburg & Brad Donabauer

### November 14

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
 Rotarians of the Day .....Eric Wilkie  
 & John Andreasen  
 Program .....Rotary Showcase  
 Greeters ..... John Shockley & Randy Farwell