



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: MSUM Athletic Director Doug Peters & head football coach Steve Laqua address exciting developments in Dragon athletics and the football program. A beautiful new field, new lights and more student athlete scholarships mean you won't want to miss Dragon football! Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms, and Dave Wahlberg, Rotarian of the Day. Jill Baldwin and Jon Riewer are greeters.

TV host Chris Berg shares story of his background and present role at KVLY

President Eric Wilkie opened Tuesday's meeting with a reminder that only 40 meetings remain in his term of office! He welcomed exchange student Tangkwa and half a dozen guests. Pam Bertilrud accompanied a hearty rendition of "Happy Birthday," and the club applauded member Chuck Matthees for his volunteer service on the 2015 Rotary Ride committee.

Dictionary project shifts into high gear

Bill Woods, who chairs the club's annual dictionary project, invited members to help present dictionaries to every third-grader in Clay County. The campaign begins Thursday with labelling the books and organizing them by classroom. Then, starting the following week, members can volunteer to be part of the delegations who'll be making presentations. For more information on taking part, contact Bill. He expressed appreciation for the Moorhead School District's support of the project, including providing student lists and labels organized by classroom and providing space to receive, label and store the books.



Photos: President Eric Wilkie. Pianist Pam Bertilrud. Checking in. Rotarian of the Day Jon Riewer. Speaker Chris Berg, host of "6:30 Point of View," "North Dakota Today" & "Bison Pre-Game Show." (Photos by Gary Nolte) Above, President Eric presides over Wednesday's board meeting. (Russ Hanson is behind the camera.)

Travel raffle tickets due for early drawing

Eric recognized the Travel Giveaway committee for their work in arranging prize trips and organizing ticket sales. Be sure to turn in early ticket sales to qualify for the early-bird drawing.

Sergeant at Arms celebrates homecoming

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson, resplendent in his vintage Cobber sweater, reminded members it's homecoming week at Concordia, Moorhead High School and other area institutions. He explained that the tradition began in 1911 in Missouri, when college alumni were first summoned "home" to cheer for the local team against its rival.

Anne Blackhurst led off the parade of "happy dollars" with \$5 to celebrate the fact that, after 127 years, MSUM finally has its own flavors of fudge and frosted doughnuts. Gary Nolte was happy about another successful International



Photos: Rotary volunteers labelled dictionaries Thursday for Clay County's third graders at Moorhead School District's Probstfield Center. (From left) Ron Hagemann & chairman Bill Woods. Ron Kolb. Bill & new member Steve Moore. (Below) Eric Wilkie. Gary Nolte.

Guests, September 29

Jade Rosenfeldt & Drew P. Hushka, guests of Corey Elmer
 Heidi Fitzgerald, guest of Jerry Rogers
 Troy Nellis, MSUM, guest of Gina Monson
 Chris Berg, speaker
 Tangkwa, FES

Visiting Rotarians

Sammy ?, Denver, Colorado

Make-Ups

Chuck Matthees, Rotary Ride committee
 Steve Schaefer, International Student Picnic

Resignation

Riley Rude

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	

Student Picnic, at which Steve Schaefer represented us. Other causes for rejoicing included Dave Wahlberg's mother's 90th birthday, the Probstfield Farm fund raiser, our guests and prospective members, and the Kiwanis' basketball fund-raiser. Eric thanked members who encourage, mentor and support students at our local schools.

Berg parlays motivational experience into television gigs on Valley News Live

Rotarian of the Day Jon Riewer introduced Chris Berg of Valley News Live. After graduating from Fargo South High School and playing football at Stanford University, Chris planned to become a clinical psychologist. Instead, he said, his mentor steered him in a different direction — working as top-dollar promotional speaker Tony Robbins' front man.



He described having "major stage fright" at his first speaking engagements before learning from other speakers and following Tony's advice to "model another successful person."

A radio program five years ago led to his current position at KVLV-TV. He says his training has enabled him to "read the daily depressing news" — long on crime and weather stories, which audiences demand — and yet stay positive about life and his career.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, October 6

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Rotarian of the DayDave Wahlberg
 Program....Doug Peters & Steve Laqua, MSUM
 Great things are happening in MSUM Athletics!
 MSUM Athletic Director Doug Peters and Head Football Coach Steve Laqua address exciting developments in Dragon athletics and the football program. A beautiful new field, new lights and more student athlete scholarships mean you won't want to miss Dragon football!
 GreetersJ Baldwin & J Riewer

Tuesday, October 13

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
 ProgramRotarian Randy Farwell,
 "Developing Student Leaders: Success Stories from the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy" RYLA participants sponsored by our club discuss their experiences at RYLA camp in Crookston; their families will join us. You'll be proud to be a Rotarian!
 GreetersM Beaton & J Rogers

Tuesday, October 20

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 Program Lynne Kovash & Brandon Lunak,
 "Shaping Our Future: The 2015 Bond Referendum"
 The Moorhead School District is busting at the seams with success – with over 300 new students just this fall. School District voters will be asked Nov. 3 to vote on a \$78.2 million bond issue and building plan to keep up with burgeoning enrollment expected to grow another 30 percent in the coming decade. The school district's top administrators will share more information about the upcoming vote at our club meeting.
 GreetersB Belcher & R Rude

Tuesday, October 27

Sergeant at ArmsEric 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