



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

Welcome Our New Members!

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Coming Up Tuesday

Moorhead City Council member Steve Gehrtz will talk about his company's work on the Block E development at Main and Eighth. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms. Sam Wai and Ray Grefsheim are greeters of the day.

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Club 970
District 5580*

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Pianist Sharon Fangsrud

Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,

Bob Hanna, John Andreasen

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Airport director talks about challenges and opportunities facing airline industry

President John Andreasen kicked off Moorhead Rotary's first meeting of the 2018-2019 program year by welcoming two guests of his own — Ernie Simmons and Bill Strand, both prospective members. He also welcomed Gina Monson to the club's board of directors, noting that one director position still needs to be filled.

Supporting the YWCA with cherry sales

Dale Hetland, who chairs the service committee, invited members to sign up for Cherries for Charity. They'll be taking part in one of the major fund raisers for the YWCA. Hornbacher's supermarkets donate 25 cents per pound of cherries sold at the Azool store to the YMCA as part of the long-running program. The promotion concludes July 17.

Two members 'pinned' for Paul Harris

Gary Nolte presented two Rotarians with pins recognizing their contributions to Rotary International's Paul Harris Foundation. Dave Tranby and Ron Kolb were the latest members to be "pinned."

Teresa Joppa took her turn as sergeant at arms. Because the new club secretary is also the official note-taker for Paddlewheel reports, we have no evidence of what she had to say ... but it was undoubtedly brilliant.

Hector Airport has major economic impact

Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson introduced our speaker, Shawn Dobberstein. The 1986 NDSU



Photos/Russ Hanson: President John Andreasen conducts his first meeting. Gary Nolte presents Ron Kolb and David Tranby with Paul Harris Fellowship pins. Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa. Speaker Shawn Dobberstein, Hector Airport director, with Rotarian of the day Jon Benson.

graduate became the airport's assistant director in 1991 and took over the helm in 1997 after the retirement of Joe Parmer. He and his wife have two daughters and a son.

Hector International Airport is governed by a five-member board appointed by the mayor of Fargo. The airport authority was established in 1969. The city continues to handle its payroll, IT and accounting functions.

Shawn manages a staff of 25 full-time and four part-time employees, along with a 10-member

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from Rob Remark, an architect and former Rotarian from Dickinson. He is sponsored by his uncle, Dave Sederquist. Rob will be welcomed into membership after seven days allowed for comments. He is our first new member of the 2018-2019 club year, bringing membership to 75.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Greeter Adam Nordin and secretary Teresa Joppa sign members in under the watchful eye of departing member Dave Wahlberg. Dave Tranby and Dave Sederquist sing out. Dale Hetland announces service opportunity.

Guests — July 10

Ernie Simmons & Bill Strand,
prospective members — guests of
John Andreasen

July Birthdays

Benson, Jon	Jul 06
Erbes, Roger	Jul 16
Qualey, Neil	Jul 17
Parries, Kay	Jul 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Koesterman, Sue & Michael	
Jul 05 1960	58 years
Rogers, Jerry & Sue	Jul 18 1970
	48 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul	38 years
Jul 01 1980	
Wilkie, Eric	7 years
Jul 01 2011	
Schaefer, Steve	16 years
Jul 02 2002	
Qualey, Neil	26 years
Jul 21 1992	
Wahlberg, David	6 years
Jul 31 2012	

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

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airport firefighting crew. Formerly employed by the Air National Guard, they moved to the airport itself after the flying mission ended.

The director said 801,329 passengers flew in and out of Fargo in the past year. It's the largest of North Dakota's 89 airports, and the busiest, thanks to its location and its 24/7 traffic control tower. In 2015, he said, it was estimated to have a \$1.56 billion impact on the local economy as of 2015 — before FedEx and several other companies took up residence there.

He noted that four airlines are now flying to and from the airport, with Frontier Airlines recently resuming flights; the others are Delta, United and Allegiant. Additional flights are in the works, perhaps including Seattle.

"The problem is not lack of passengers," he said. "It's the pilot shortage." As Vietnam era military veterans retire, there's an acute need for men and women to take their places.

The airport is self-supporting, he said. A passenger fee of \$4.39 per person, collected by the federal government, helps keep it in the black. Other revenue comes from rentals,

including farmland north of the site.

He shared plans for a skyway from the parking lot to the terminal, a plan currently under discussion. The \$15.1 million structure needs to be self-sufficient; to add a much-desired parking garage, each spot would need to generate \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year. "We cannot increase the fees we charge the airlines," he explained. He added that the availability of the Uber and Lyft ride services is impacting the airport's parking fees and, thus, projections of parking revenue.

He fielded questions from members about service to Seattle (currently being considered by the airlines), the pilot shortage (acute) and TSA pre-check to speed the security lines.

Dave Wahlberg gets last chance at raffle

Dave Wahlberg, who is leaving Moorhead for retirement in a milder climate, won the chance to draw a card in the club's weekly cash raffle.

Despite the last-chance aspect of his opportunity, the card was a dud ... and the pot continues to grow.

Looking Ahead

July 17

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramSteve Gehrtz, Block E development
Greeters.....Sam Wai & Ray Grefsheim

July 24

Sergeant at ArmsStacey Ackerman
Rotarian of the Day
Program..... Rob Sobolik, FargoDome manager
Greeters.....Bill Woods & Scott Greelis

July 31

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
Rotarian of the Day
Program Col.Thomas Hatley, commander,
119th Wing, North Dakota National Guard
Greeters.....Stacey Ackman & Chuck Matthees

August 7

Sergeant at ArmsRon Kolb
Rotarian of the Day

Program Derrick LaPointe, director,
Downtown Moorhead Inc.
Greeters.....Steve Astrup & Kevin Heazlett

August 14

Sergeant at ArmsRob Mounts
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramCarrie Brimhall, president, M State
GreetersJill Baldwin & Rod McLaman

August 21

Sergeant at ArmsPat Gulbranson
Rotarian of the DaySteve Schaefer
Program..... Hillary Mork, Sanford
Children's Hospital
Greeters.....Tim Beaton & Gina Monson

August 28

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
Rotarian of the Day
Program Moorhead Public Schools
GreetersBarb Belcher & Noel Moore