



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Welcome New Members!

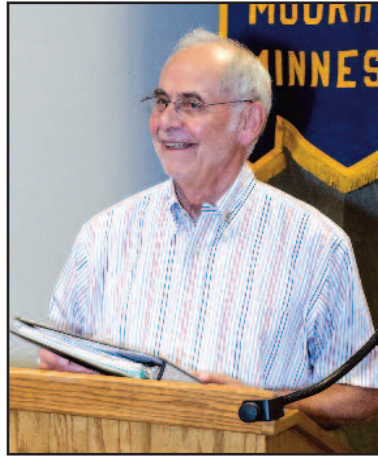
**Kevin Heazlett**  
American Crystal Sugar

**Rob Remark**  
JLG Architects

*Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580*

President John Andreasen/Troy Nellis  
Dave Sederquist/Corey Elmer  
President-Elect Steve Schaefer  
President Nominee 2020-2021  
Jerry Rogers  
President Nominee 2021-2022  
Gina Monson  
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Secretary TBD  
Past President Corey Elmer

Directors (2018)  
Eric Wilkie, Dale Hetland, Gina  
Monson & Brent Brandt  
Directors (2019)  
Tammy Finney, John Andreasen  
& Brett Drevlow  
Directors (2020)  
Jerry Rogers, Troy Nellis & Pat  
Gulbranson  
Directors (2021)  
Emily Gess, Dave Sederquist  
& Rob Mounts  
RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell  
Polio Plus Coordinator 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  
Paddlewheel Editor  
Nancy Edmonds Hanson



### Coming Up Tuesday

Rob Sobolik, general manager of the FargoDome, is our guest at this week's meeting. Stacey Ackerman is sergeant at arms, and Pat Gulbranson is Rotarian of the day. Our greeters are Bill Woods and Scott Greelis.

### Councilman Steve Gehrtz shares insights into major project at Eighth and Main

President John Andreasen welcomed members visiting Rotarians including past district governor Dave Fihn and special guests to Tuesday's meeting — our Rotary International exchange student, Rei Yajima, and her host mother Danielle Dauner. They were accompanied by Emma Thompson, whom Grand Forks Rotary has sponsored in an exchange to Brazil.

He announced that Gina Monson and Brent Brandt have joined the club board of directors. Two member applications have been received and approved for Kevin Heazlett of American Crystal Sugar and Rob Remark of JLG Architects.

### Opportunities to lend a hand

Service director Dale Hetland thanked the eight Rotarians who worked nine time slots in the Cherries for Charity event at the Azool Hornbacher's store. The annual sale benefits the YWCA of Cass Clay.

Members are invited to volunteer for a different kind of fund raised Aug. 8 — rappelling down the Black Building in downtown Fargo. All kinds of helpers are needed, not necessarily limited to going down the

*Photos/Russ Hanson:  
(Above, from left) President  
John Andreasen. Song  
leader Barb Belcher.  
Sergeant at Arms Eric  
Johnson.*

*(Right) Steve Gehrtz,  
member of the Moorhead  
City Council and principal  
of Gehrtz Construction  
Services, fills members in  
on the Block E  
development at Eighth  
Street and Main Avenue.*



side of the building on a rope. The event benefits the Charism Community Center in Fargo.

Denelle Berg and Kathleen Toft of Fargo West Rotary gave an overview of opportunities to lend a hand at the FM Rotary Ride called the Flatlander coming up Sept. 8. One is to staff the Rotary booth at Moorhead's upcoming River Arts events, including July 24, to recruit participants for the bicycle trek. They're also looking for Rotarians to sponsor, publicize and fill other niches for the sixth annual celebration of cycling. More information is available at [eventbrite.com/e/the-flatlander-fm-rotary-ride-2018-registration-45942571468](http://eventbrite.com/e/the-flatlander-fm-rotary-ride-2018-registration-45942571468)

### Sergeant Eric talks about keeping cool

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson revealed the 2018 air conditioning war was about to begin in his house. He and his wife disagree on where to turn the thermostat: "Then the negotiations end when I agree to the temperature she wants — and quit complaining."

He opened the floor for happy dollars. Jean Hannig responded first, saluting Rotary's support of youth



Photos/Russ Hanson: Randy Farwell, Adam Nordin & Scott Greelis. Danelle Berg, Fargo West Rotary. Violet Deilke and guest (& husband) Karl are greeted by Adam Nordin.

**Guests — July 17**

Steve Gehrtz, Moorhead City Council, speaker  
 Karl Deilke, guest of Violet Deilke  
 Rei Yajima, Rotary exchange student  
 Danielle Dauner, host mother  
 Emma Thompson, Rebound Exchange student to Brazil (sponsored by Grand Forks Rotary)

**Visiting Rotarians**

PDG Dave and Shirley Fihn, Detroit Lakes Noon  
 Denelle Berg & Kathleen Toft, Fargo West

**Reported Make-Ups**

Scott Greelis, Pelican Rapids Rotary, 7-10  
 Russ Hanson, Gina Monson & Emily Gess, Cherries for Charity  
 Jean Hannig — RI Youth Exchange Conference (06/22-23), RI Conference (06/24-27), Central States RYE Conference in Michigan (07/11-15)

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

exchange and thanking the Dauner family for hosting Rei. Gary Nolte's and Ron Kolb's dollars honored guest Dave Fihn, Gary's predecessor on Polio Plus and a fellow dentist of Ron's.

Violet Deilke saluted guest Denelle Berg, a previous travel raffle winner, and her husband Karl's run for Moorhead City Council. Barb Belcher is happy that she and her husband have decided to build a home in a 55+ community in Georgia, where they'll retired in three or four years.

Dave Fihn, donating his dollar, noted that he was born in Moorhead ... "and not very many people are." Bill Woods donated, too, with a nod to the Fargo Air Sho and "a person actually born here."

**Block E brings retail, dining, corporate office & dozen apartments to downtown**

Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell introduced guest speaker Steve Gehrtz, a principal of Gehrtz Construction Services serving his second term on the Moorhead City Council.

Steve recounted the city's purchase of the corner lot at Eighth and Main, formerly a service station,

to accommodate a right-turn lane when the intersection was rebuilt. Gehrtz was selected to develop the rest of the property in March.

"The best and worst thing about that intersection is that it's the busiest in town," Steve said. "The project has lots of moving parts — parking, access, housing, retail, an art feature and a public gathering space."

The developers fixed the geothermal heating system at St. John's Episcopal Church in exchange for 40 feet of its lot for use for parking and access. Excavation turned up contaminated soil, which had to be cleaned up.

The limited size of the site has complicated the project, with not a lot of space for contractors and equipment to work in. But in the end, he said, "It's going to be a fantastic structure."

Steve said his company hopes to put the "skin" on the building in late August. Eventide will move its headquarters to the building by Thanksgiving. Usher's House plans to open a restaurant on the ground floor in December. Four of the 12 upper-floor apartments have already been rented, with occupancy beginning Oct. 1.

**Looking Ahead**

**July 24**

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

**July 31**

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Rotarian of the Day .....  
 Program .....  
 Greeters.....Stacey Ackerman & Chuck Matthees

**August 7**

Sergeant at Arms .....Ron Kolb  
 Rotarian of the Day .....  
 Program..... Derrick LaPointe, director, Downtown Moorhead Inc.  
 Greeters.....Steve Astrup & Kevin Heazlett

**August 14**

Sergeant at Arms .....Rob Mounts  
 Rotarian of the Day .....

Program .....Carrie Brimhall, president, M State Greeters .....Jill Baldwin & Rod McLaman

**August 21**

Sergeant at Arms .....Pat Gulbranson  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Steve Schaefer  
 Program..... Hillary Mork, Sanford Children's Hospital  
 Greeters.....Tim Beaton & Gina Monson

**August 28**

Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett  
 Rotarian of the Day .....  
 Program ..... Moorhead Public Schools  
 Greeters .....Barb Belcher & Noel Moore