



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

Welcome Our New Members!

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**Patrick Lorenson**  
Ramsey State Bank



**Brett Drevlow**  
Boy Scouts



**Liz Brandenburg**  
Northwestern Bank



**Rob Mounts**  
Bremer Bank



**Roger Erbes**  
American Federal Bank



**Steve Astrup**  
Vogel Law



**Sharon Fangsrud**  
Pianist



**Chris Volkert**  
Moorhead City Manager



**Scott Wilkie**  
Avis Rent a Car



**Brent Brandt**  
Health Equipment Recycling



**Sue Koesterman**  
Churches United for Homeless



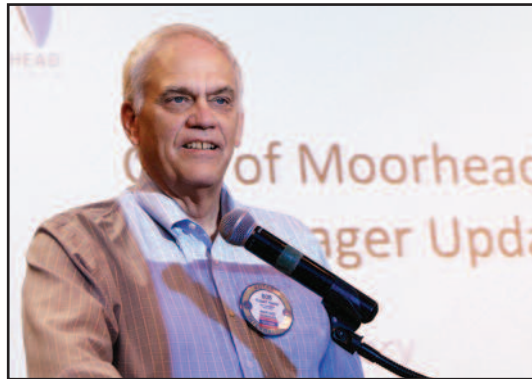
**Chris Astrup**  
Bell Bank



**Dan Stauffer**  
Retired



**Scott Greelis**  
Lion's Way Consulting



**Coming Up Tuesday:** Linda Kingery of the Citizens Climate Lobby presents today's programs, with Jade Rosenfeldt as Rotarian of the day. Bob Hanna is sergeant at arms, and Scott Greelis and Jon Riewer are greeters.

### Rotarian Chris Volkert, Moorhead city manager, highlights civic pride & progress

President Corey Elmer welcomed members back to our regular meeting place at the Hjemkomst Center after last week's picnic lunch and tour of the Historic Comstock house, which is managed by the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

New members over the past two years have made Moorhead Rotary the largest club in the metro area. All who have joined since June 2016 are invited to take part in a new member orientation event at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Boulder Tap House, 3333 Highway 10 Frontage Road. Old-timers are invited, too! It's an opportunity to learn more about Rotary International's mission and programs, as well as our local clubs' joint projects and Moorhead Rotary itself. Starion Bank and the Vogel Law Firm are hosting the cost of food for the event.

### Sergeant Bob explores this day in history

Sergeant at Arms Bob Hanna noted that May 22 is a more significant day in history than its obscurity might suggest. Among the highlights of past years:

- 1752: Benjamin Franklin and fellow firefighters former the Philadelphia Contributionship, the longest tenured insurance company in the country.
- 1960: A tsunami set off by an 8.5 earthquake in



*Photos/Tammy Finney: Sergeant at Arms Bob Hanna. President Corey Elmer. Rotarian of the Day Troy Nellis. Rotarian Chris Volkert, Moorhead city manager.*

Chile struck Hawaii with 35-foot waves, moving 20-ton boulders in the seawall 500 feet.

- 1986: 100 died and 9,000 were injured in one of the world's largest recorded hailstorms in China, with hailstones measured up to 2.2 pounds.
- 1992: Johnny Carson signed off "The Tonight Show" for the last time.

Sergeant Bob proceeded to call for happy dollars. Among causes for celebration was Gina Monson's departure for a three-week trip to New Zealand and Australia.

### City Manager: A lot is going on in Moorhead

Rotarian of the Day Troy Nellis introduced fellow Rotarian Chris Volkert, who took the reins of the city's administration in early 2017. A native of North St. Paul, Minn., she graduated from the University of St. Thomas. She worked as a court administrator in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Washington County and California before being chosen by the City Council in late 2016.

**Guests — May 22**

**Visiting Rotarian**

**Reported Makeups**

**May Birthdays**

Brandenburg, Liz	May 01
Gess, Emily	May 04
Hannig, Jean	May 09
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Joppa, Teresa & Norwig, Richard	
May 05 1990	28 years
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan	
May 22 1982	36 years
Matthees, Charles & Barbara	
May 26 1979	39 years
Schaefer, Steve & Terese	26 years
May 30 1992	

**Rotary Anniversaries**

Gess, Emily	1 years
May 02 2017	
Monson, Gina	0 years
May 05 2009	

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

President	Corey Elmer
President-Elect	
Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter	David Wahlberg
Treasurer	Doreen Filler
Past President	Eric Wilkie
Director	Dale Hetland
Director	David Sederquist
Director	Tammy Finney
Director	John Andreasen
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

*Photo/Tammy Finney: Gina Monson, Gary Nolte & Bill Woods*

She cited a number of trends impacting the city — first of all, its growing population, 43,840 today after stalling at about 30,000 for four decades and reaching 32,177 in 2000. It is projected to reach 47,120 by 2020 and 61,429 by 2045.

The city's growth has spurred projects to meet its needs. One of the most prominent is the new Joint Law Enforcement Center located north of the Clay County Courthouse. To be occupied by the Moorhead Police Department, Clay County Sheriff and offices of several other law enforcement agencies, the building is nearly complete. An official ribbon-cutting is scheduled July 24.

Chris cited a number of projects spearheaded by the arts and culture commission established in 2015 ... the sidewalk art and poetry installations of 2015, the CenturyLink utility box art in 2016, the art added to the Oakport water tower last year and this summer's embellishment of the Woodlawn water tower, along with another coming soon in south Moorhead.

The River Corridor Plan is addressing uses of the 225 acres of riverfront acquired since 1990 for flood mitigation, bringing the total acreage in public ownership to 800 acres. Sixty-six projects have been identified here in Moorhead to enable the city to manage the land as a community asset. The city is seeking partnerships for the \$17 million needed to carry out the entire plan.

A big step forward occurred with the Minnesota Legacy Grant award of \$1.3 million for improvements to MB Johnson Park on the north edge of the city. A ribbon-cutting July 12 officially introduced the community to the upgraded facilities, including a new shelter, paved and natural trails, fish cleaning station, restrooms and



interpretive signage, as well as a bike and pedestrian footbridge over Snakey Creek, opening up 12 more acres of parkland.

Several portions of the riverside trail system are being replaced and upgraded this summer, including stretches through the downtown and from Gooseberry Park to Bluestem. The trail will ultimately extend from MB Johnson Park to the south end of the city.

Nearly \$90 million is being invested in transportation projects through 2022, including the highly anticipated SE Main/20-21st Street railroad underpass. A major project from 15th Avenue North from the river to 28th Street includes pavement mill and overlay, traffic signals, a multi-use trail and filling the gaps in sidewalks along the route. A variety of neighborhood street projects are also planned.

Moorhead has added more than 1,000 new housing units in the past three years, the manager said. Five hundred fifty fully serviced building lots are currently available. Twinhome construction, which had diminished due to changed in the building codes, has once again picked up its pace after legislative revisions. "Make Moorhead Home" property tax rebates and welcome-home passes are encouraging new construction, while the Neighborhood Impact program — a joint project with Gate City Bank — has been renewed for a second year with \$2 million in loan funds to improve older properties.

**Looking Ahead**

**May 29**

- Sergeant at Arms .....Bob Hanna
- Rotarian of the Day .....Jade Rosenfeldt
- Program.....Linda Kingery, Citizens Climate Lobby
- Greeters .....Scott Greelis & Jon Riewer

**Thursday, May 31**

- New Member Orientation Session** .....4 p.m.
- Boulder Tap House.....
- Refreshments sponsored by Starion Bank & Vogel Law Office

**June 5**

- Sergeant at Arms .....Emily Gess

- Rotarian of the Day .....Nathan Johnson
- Program ...State Rep. Ben Lien, session review
- Greeters .....Joel Paulsen & Jerry Rogers

**June 12 — Bright Sky Apts, 3308 3rd Ave N**

- Sergeant at Arms .....Mike Hulett
- Program.....Tour of Bright Sky Apartments operated by Churches United for Homeless

**June 19**

- Sergeant at Arms .....Nathan Johnson
- Rotarian of the Day .....
- Program .....Karis Thompson
- "Pay Day Loan Debt"
- Greeters .....Chuck Hendrickson & Steve Schaefer