



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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November Birthdays

Riley, Thomas November 2
Hetland, Dale November 3
Matthees, Charles November 8
Nolte, Gary November 28

Anniversaries &

Riley, Thomas & Ann 35 years
Nov. 21 1989
Benson, Jon & Jessica 22 years
Nov. 11 2002

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry 39 years
Nov. 05 1985
Tranby, Dave 38 years
Nov. 25 1986
Hanna, Bob 36 years
Nov. 08 1988
Moorhead, Tracey 32 years
Nov. 10 1992
Joppa, Teresa 23 years
Nov. 27 2001
Riewer, Jon 21 years
Nov. 25 2003
Woods, William 20 years
Nov. 05 2004
Hanson, Nancy 12 years
Nov. 18 2012



Coming Up Tuesday, November 19

Our Rotary exchange student, Elie Zimmerman, tells us about her home today. Rob Remark is sergeant at arms.

It's 'Old Home Week' for our own District 5580 Governor Kay Parries

President Steve Astrup and fellow Moorhead Rotarians welcome District Gov. Kay Parries to our meeting Nov. 12. It was Kay's 60th official visit to a District 5580 club since she was elected governor last summer, a trip that has taken her and husband Dan tens of thousands of miles across North Dakota, Minnesota, and Ontario. Traveling with the Moorhead couple was Rotary Randy, the gnome who has been her mascot along the way. Steve also presented her with a Paul Harris Foundation pin for her contributions to Rotary.

Club's veterans honored

President Steve brought veterans Gary Nolte and Paul Dovre to the podium so we could thank them in the spirit of Veterans Day. Steve Schaefer also displayed a shadow box of photos and momentos of his grandfather, who served in the U.S. Navy. He read one of his poems about a ship on which he served during the Korean conflict.

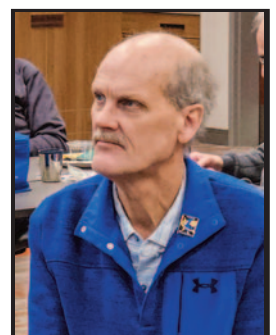
Sarge Gary shows off Rotary pins

Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte showed some of his favorite Rotary pins received during his own term as district governor. He told of wearing his cowboy pins and boots on a flight to Denver, prompting security agents to delay the flight to determine whether he was "packing a gun." (He was not.)

Happy dollars honored our new district governor, starting off with \$5 from Jean Hannig. Cindy Nolte



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) District 5580 Gov. Kay Parries. President Steve honors vets Paul Dovre and Gary Nolte. Steve presents a Paul Harris Foundation pin to Kay. (Below) Bob Hanna. Dan Parries invites Violet Deilke to pull a question from his hat. Jean Hannig. Dave Sederquist.



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Photos/Nancy Hanson: Dan and Kay Parries.

Tracey Moorhead.

Jerry Rogers.

Brandon Lunak.

followed her lead, adding that hers was for both Kay and Dan, especially Dan, who has been a supportive partner in her journey. "That's so important," she said.

John Andreasen honored Kay, then mentioned the Sons of Norway's upcoming Lutfisk Festivalen. The week includes a variety of dinners and events, including one at which he is speaking.

Gov. Kay talks of what makes Rotary special

Sarge Gary introduced Kay. "We were 'induced' together as members in 1988," he said. Both have been club presidents and have gone on to lead the district.

Kay pointed out that our district is special in several ways. That includes being one of only two around the world that is international. It is 11,000 miles wide ... a distance she has come to know very well in past months.

Kay reminisced about the \$100 Rotary scholarship that meant a lot to her as a high school student in Evanston, Illinois — one of hundreds given to her class that year.



She and Dan have hosted two exchange students in their home. She has also led a group study exchange of five non-Rotarians, staying in Icelandic homes. "It was before everyone had hones," she remembered, "and without any language skills I gained a lot of leadership skills fast!"

She asked us the same questions she's brought to other clubs she has visited: Who or what is missing from your club? What does "the Magic of Rotary" mean to you? She urged us to think about who in our community could benefit from being a member of our club. She also encouraged us to attend the 2025 international convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



Looking Ahead

November 19

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramExchange student Elie Zimmerman

November 20 — Board Meeting

Sanders Flats4 p.m.

November 26

Sergeant at ArmsNancy Hanson
Program John Andreasen, Thanksgiving

December 3

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
Program Joan Windus, Change Is Good

December 10

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
ProgramRotary 4-Way Test essay contest

December 17

Sergeant at ArmsCindy Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre's Christmas Message