



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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**Moorhead Rotary Club 970
District 5580**

President Steve Schaefer
President-Elect Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022
Gina Monson
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Corey Elmer

Directors (2020)
Gina Monson, Pat Gulbranson and
Greg Johnson

Directors (2021)
Dave Sederquist, Kevin Heazlett and
Tracey Moorhead

Directors (2022)
Brent Brandt, Tammy Finney and
Steve Astrup

RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Sergeant at Arms Team
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson
& Jean Hannig

Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna, Brent Brandt
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

Rotary Exchange Student
Frida Lehtonen, Finland

Meetings are held at 11:50 a.m. every
Tuesday in Birkeland Lounge at
Concordia College's Memorial
Auditorium.

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



Coming Up Tuesday

Superintendent Brandon Lunak gives an overview of the school bond referendum on which Moorhead votes next week. Matt Hallaway is sergeant at arms, and Kay Parries and Bill Woods are greeters.

Gov. Rick Bricker describes Rotary's work combatting child abuse & trafficking

President Steve Schaefer welcomed members — including three brand new ones — and District 5580 Governor Rick Bricker and his wife Susan, as well as Holly Anderson of Fargo, the Rotarian of the year.

Travel raffle chair Violet Deilke urged members to redouble their efforts to sell the last of the 400 tickets for this year's drawing. As of the meeting, 50 remained to find purchasers.

President Steve noted that the club has an opening for a volunteer to lead the weekly song, filling in for departed member Brent Brandt. In the meantime, Brent's new employer Sue Koesterman filled in, leading "R-O-T-A-R-Y." If you're willing to lead, Steve said, please talk to him.

Sarge Jean describes duties of district gov

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig sketched out the duties of the district governor. District 5580 encompasses parts of two countries and three states. It would take 22 hours to drive from one side to the other. The governor is elected three years before his or her term begins. She noted Gary Nolte was governor in 1996.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Rotarian of the Day Kay Parries.
District 5580 Governor Rick Bricker.
Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig.
President Steve Schaefer and Gov. Rick welcome Josh Jaster,
Zach Heuring and Megan Wiesneski into Moorhead Rotary.

Help Wanted: Weekly song leader
Please talk to Steve Schaefer!

Jean's call for "happy dollars" brought donations to the club kitty for many reasons: Gary's interview about World Polio Day for the Oct. 24 Moorhead Extra newspaper; travel to Normandy; the yet-unknown volunteer who will take notes for Teresa Oct. 29; the Koestermans' and Hannigs' wedding anniversaries; and guest Holly Anderson Battocchi's completion of Shelter Box training in England.

Three become Moorhead Rotarians

President Steve and Governor Rick inducted three new members into the club. They include Zach Heuring of State Farm Insurance; Josh Jaster of Keller Williams Realty; and Megan Wiesneski of the Northern Lights Council of Boy Scouts of America.



Photos/Russ Hanson: (from left) Jean Hannig, District Governor Rick Bricker, Rotarian of the Year Holly Anderson Battocchi, Gary and Cindy Nolte, Kay Parries and Susan Bricker.

(Right) Travel giveaway committee members Pat Gulbranson and Violet Deilke.

Gov. Rick shares his Rotary story

Rotarian of the Day Kay Parries introduced Rick Bricker, governor of District 5580. Rick showed off his official Rotary "End Polio" shoes — a pair of red high-tops.

Rick, who operates a dry cleaning business in Brainerd, shared highlights of the international convention in Hamburg, Germany. The RI president has chosen "Rotary Connects the World" as our theme and our goal this year.

After graduating from high school in 1972, Rick joined the Army and was sent to Germany as a fireman. While overseas, a fellow soldier encouraged him to write to a gal back home — now his wife, Susan.

When he returned stateside, he went to work for a Minneapolis dry cleaner, one touched by greatness: Prince was one of its customers. After a brief experiment with running a golf course up north, Rick bought a dry cleaning establishment in Brainerd. It was there he was invited to his first Rotary meeting. "I liked the motto 'service above self,'" he said. He called himself a "so-so member" until he participated in a project that brought used bicycles to Haiti: "That's when I became enthusiastic about Rotary International!"

The governor shared stories of his own "bad childhood," a time of drug abuse, physical abuse and a suicide in his family. He was the oldest of six children and, he said "the only one who really came out of it very well." He continued, "Back then there was no help for traumatized children. That's different now."

He recommended club members view a short video on the district website about combatting child abuse and child trafficking. District 5580 is one of three that has made a commitment to the fight. They have pledged \$5,000 annually for the next several years to be used on abused children's behalf. "Don't think it isn't happening here," he concluded. "It certainly is."

Visiting Rotarians, 10/22

District Gov. Rick & Susan Bricker
Holly Anderson, Fargo PM Rotary

October Birthdays

Wai, Sam Oct 03
Hanson, Russ Oct 23
Johnson, Gregory Oct 28
Kolb, Ronald Oct 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Gess, Emily and David Oct 04 2008
11 years
Wright, Edgar and Virginia
Oct 09 1954 65 years
Moore, Noel and Thomas
Oct 12 1996 23 years
Hannig, Jean and Jeff Oct 24 1972
37 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John 27 years
Oct 01 1992
Johnson, Eric 7 years
Oct 02 2012
McLarnan, Rod 37 years
Oct 05 1982
Benson, Jon 12 years
Oct 09 2007
Volkers, Chris 2 years
Oct 17 2017
Donabauer, Brad 6 years
Oct 22 2013
Andreasen, Christopher 1 year
Oct 23 2018
Johnson, Nathan 3 years
Oct 25 2016
Gold, Abby 1 year
Oct 30 2018
Simmons, Ernest 1 year
Oct 30 2018



Mrs. Palm's 3rd graders at St. Joseph's School sent this photo with a thank-you note for the dictionaries presented by Moorhead Rotary earlier this month.

Looking Ahead

October 29

Sergeant at ArmsMatt Hallaway
ProgramBrandon Lunak, Moorhead School
District Bond Issue
Greeters Kay Parries & Bill Woods

November 5

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Program .Jean Hannig, Rotary Int'l Conference report
GreetersRay Erbes & Bill Schwandt

November 12

Sergeant at ArmsKevin Heazlett
ProgramRiley Miller, Cullen Hockey
Center Renovations
GreetersChris Volkers & Ernie Simmons

November 19

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
Program....Jenn Breeding, MN Reading & Math Corps
GreetersDoreen Filler & David Tranby

November 26

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
ProgramMember Talks
GreetersTammy Finney & Randy Farwell

December 3

Sergeant at ArmsSue Koesterman
ProgramParks Director Holly Heitkamp,
Moorhead Community Fund
GreetersEmily Gess & Sam Wai

December 10 — Evening Christmas Social

No regular meeting

December 17

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre, Christmas message
GreetersAbby Gold & Eric Wilkie

December 24 and 31 — No meetings