



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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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

Moorhead Rotarian Abby Gold, PhD, MPH, RD, introduces the club to work of the NDSU Public Health Department. Our greeters are Bill Craft and Rob Remark.

Photos/Russ Hanson:
President-elect Jerry
Rogers. RYLA chair
Randy Farwell with 2019
participants Zahra Puh,
Moorhead, and Will
Daggett, Hawley.
(Right) Sergeant at Arms
Eric Johnson.



RYLA students tell of good times, learning at 2019 District 5580 youth event

President-elect Jerry Rogers — standing in for Steve Schaefer, who was in Norway — welcomed members and guests to Moorhead Rotary. They included three prospective members as well as RYLA students Zahra Puh and Will Daggett, as well as Will's father Bill.

and turning in four tickets. Two won \$100 dining certificates in the ensuing drawing, Doreen Filler and Gary Nolte. Names of those who have sold and turned in eight tickets before our Oct. 8 meeting will be entered in another drawing, with a variety of additional prizes awarded, including tickets to Trollwood and the Straw Hat Players.

Dictionary project needs volunteers

Dictionary project chair Russ Hanson updated the club on upcoming distribution dates for Merriam dictionaries at schools in Moorhead. Each third-grade student receives a personalized book, leading to amazed questions: "Do we get to keep these?" Many students have older siblings who already got a dictionary from Rotary.

Rotary builds wildlife shelters in S. Pacific

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson told about Rotary International projects taking place in the South Pacific. Rotarians are building shelters for wildlife and birds in many locations.

Each school requires about six volunteers to hand them out. The visit takes about one hour. Moorhead will wrap up with Ellen Hopkins School on Oct. 8 and Dorothy Dodds on Oct. 9. If you can help, please let Russ know.

He segued from birds to bats ... specifically, the bat colony that infests his home. Friends urged him to call the Batman, the famed local remover of bat life and the accompanying guano. He felt the price was extortionate, and is pursuing action on his own.

Travel raffle early bird drawing

Travel raffle chair Violet Deilke said 17 members qualified for the day's early-bird drawing by selling

Other members shared their personal bat encounters. Sue Koesterman told of bats in the church: "I nearly had to do my sermon under the altar."



Photos/Russ Hanson: Tom Riley, Zack Heuring, Dale Hetland and Gina Monson. Pat Gulbranson draws a card for the weekly raffle — one of only four left — but Eric points out his luck has failed him.

Guests, 10/01

Will Daggett, Hawley, and father Bill
Zahra Puh, Moorhead
3 prospective members

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	

Moorhead & Hawley teens tell of their experience at RYLA camp this summer

Randy Farwell, who chairs the club's efforts to sponsor students at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp this summer. He introduced Will Daggett of Hawley and Zahra Puh of Moorhead High School.

Will reported, "All the students were fun and agreeable. It was chaotic but a great experience."

Zahra noted that "RYLA taught us to be outgoing and to step out of our comfort zone." The students were very busy throughout the week-long event, including completing a community service project.

The two emphasized that teamwork and working cooperatively were at the core of their experience. "No one was excluded," Zahra said. "Team leaders make sure that every one of us was included in every aspect of our projects."

Will is a senior at Hawley High School. His takeaway, he said: "A leader works with everyone; people don't work for the leader."

Zahra's main lesson, she said, was not to judge. "Put yourself in the other person's shoes to understand what they're thinking."

Will plans to attend the Air Force Academy or the University of North Dakota, where he'll major in aeronautical engineering. Zahra is considering the University of Minnesota and a premed major.

Raffle ... just three cards remain!

Pat Gulbranson won an opportunity to draw one of only four remaining cards in the club's 50-50 raffle, where the winner and the club split the pot. The card he chose was one of the three losers left in the hand. Odds of someone winning are spectacular this week!

Looking Ahead

October 8

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramAbby Gold, NDSU Department of Public Health
GreetersBill Craft & Rob Remark

October 15

Sergeant at Arms.....Abby Gold
ProgramBeth Gronneberg, U Code Girl
Greeters.....Violet Deilke & Jon Riewer

October 22

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
ProgramDistrict 5580 Governor Rick Bricker
Greeters.....Brad Donabauer & Jerry Rogers

October 29

Sergeant at ArmsMatt Hallaway
ProgramBrandon Lunak, Moorhead School District Bond Issue
GreetersBrent Brandt & Kay Parries

November 5

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

November 12

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramRiley Miller, Cullen Hockey Center Renovations
GreetersRandy Farwell & Ernie Simmons

November 19

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

November 26

Sergeant at Arms
Program.....Member Talks
GreetersTammy Finney & Chris Volkers



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Dictionary Project Update

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Above: S.G. Reinertson School. Former member Gary Gonser, Bill Woods and Gary Nolte hand out personal dictionaries to 3rd graders Oct. 4.

Below: Handing out books at Robert Asp School are Dave Sederquist, exchange student Frida Lehtonen and Jean Hannig.



We have distributed Rotary dictionaries to third graders at four Moorhead schools through Oct. 7. Volunteers who have participated include:

St. Joseph's School: Bill Woods and Russ Hanson

Park Christian School: Bill Woods and Russ Hanson

S.G. Reinertson School: Gary Nolte, Bill Woods, Russ Hanson and former Rotarian Gary Gonser.

Robert Asp School: Jean Hannig, foreign exchange student Frida Lehtonen, David Sederquist, Gary Nolte, Bill Woods and Russ Hanson.

Coming up: Ellen Hopkins School at 1 p.m. Tuesday and Dorothy Dodds School at 1:30 Wednesday.



Rotary Oktoberfest

Come celebrate Rotary and learn about World Polio Day—October 24th.

Bring a guest and anyone who wants to learn more about Rotary.

Cash Bar & Free Will Appetizer Bar

5:30 pm—7:30 pm—Thursday, October 17th

Drekker Brewhalla—1666 1st Ave. N.—Fargo