



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Welcome New Members!

Kevin Heazlett
American Crystal Sugar

Rob Remark
JLG Architects

Matt Hallaway
Oak Grove High
Scyhool

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

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Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022
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& Brett Drevlow
Directors (2020)
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Gulbranson
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& Rob Mounts
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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

No regular noon meeting Tuesday! Instead, we'll gather from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Billiards, 701 Center Avenue, for a club social. Food will be served ... drinks are on your own.

Rotarians explore ag with Ray Johnson

Moorhead Rotarians took to the road Tuesday for a special meeting at the Ray and Jolene Johnson farm northeast of the city. President John Andreasen welcomed them and opened the meeting with several announcements:

- Instead of our regular time, the club will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for a club social at Billiards on Center Avenue in downtown Moorhead. Food will be served at the event, which wraps up at 7:30; beverages are on your own.
- There will be no noon meeting Oct. 2. Instead, members are invited to join other F-M Rotarians for dinner with district governor Blaine Johnson Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Tru Blue Steakhouse in Fargo.
- Russ Hanson asked for — and got — volunteers



Photos/Russ Hanson: Moorhead Rotarians met at the Ray and Jolene Johnson farm northeast of Moorhead. (Above) The Johnsons. (Below) Members hear more about growing sugar beets, corn and soybeans during lunch.





Photos/Russ Hanson: Steve Astrup, Jon Andreasen & Bill Woods. (Center) Pat Gulbranson & Nathan Johnson. (Right) Ron Kolb & Jon Riewer.



September Birthdays

Lorenson, Pat	Sep 01
Schaefer, Steve	Sep 01
Kovash, Lynne	ep 12
Hanna, Bob	Sep 13
Nolte, Cindy	Sep 15
Craft, William	Sep 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Hetland, Dale & Ruth	Sep 01 1990	28 years
Andreasen, John & Carol Sue	Sep 02 1972	46 years
Kolb, Ronald & Judy	Sep 05 1959	59 years
Deilke, Violet & Karl	Sep 12 1975	43 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Nordin, Adam	3 years
Sep 08 2015	
Erbes, Roger	1 year
Sep 09 2017	
Craft, William	7 years
Sep 13 2011	
Hendrickson, Chuck	3 years
Sep 15 2015	
Shockley, John	3 years
Sep 21 2015	

to help label the dictionaries that the club will present to Clay County third graders over coming weeks. They'll apply individual names to more than 800 books from 8:30 to 11:30 Tuesday morning.

- Violet Deilke announced that we'll be getting tickets for the annual Travel Raffle on Tuesday, Sept. 25. It's not too soon to start calling your regular customers!

Government affects ag more than weather

Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup introduced our host, Ray Johnson, who talked about changes and challenges during his 37 years of farming. "It used to be the weather that impacted us," he said. "Now it's government actions."

Johnson farms 9,000 acres, sharing land, crops, equipment and employees with his neighbors' operations. He raises corn, sugar beets and two kinds of soybeans — regular beans and natto beans, which are shipped to Japan for sprouts — but, he said, "very little spring wheat anymore."

He employs three workers year-round and as many as 30 part-timers during harvest.

He explained how GPS aids in maximizing farming techniques, from keeping the combine on a straight track and making perfect square turns at the end of each row to employing an agronomist to identify and precisely control fertilizer, insect infestation and other problems.

He gave examples of the cost of equipment. A new four-wheel-drive tractor runs \$350,000 or more. New combines are \$400,000, with each header an additional \$120,000. A 36-row planter runs as high as \$200,000. He said the mechanic whom he employs installs \$15,000 to \$20,000 of parts each year.

He built on-site storage bins 10 years ago to better weather fluctuating crop prices. "I just ordered more," he added. "With the tariffs, the price is going up \$23,000 on each. I ordered them earlier this fall than I normally would to get in on the old price."

Looking Ahead

September 18 — volunteers to label dictionaries
8:30–11:30 a.m. — Probstfield Dist. Office, #303

September 18 — Club social (no noon mtng.)
4:30–7:30 p.m. — Billiards, 701 Center Ave.

September 25
Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
Rotarian of the Day
Program Sawyer Anderson,
4th grade philanthropist
GreetersBrent Brandt & Adam Nordin

October 2 — No noon meeting

October 4 — Dinner with Gov. Blaine Johnson
Tru Blue Steakhouse, 6 p.m.

October 9
Sergeant at Arms.....Jean Hannig
Rotarian of the Day

Program
GreetersAlma Cater & Kay Parries

October 16
Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramRob Remark, JLG Architects —
Teddy Roosevelt Presidential Library
Greeters.....Bill Craft & Joel Paulsen

October 23
Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramRep. Colin Peterson's staff
Greeters.....Violet Deilke & Neil Qualey

October 30
Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramBruce Quick, Vogel Law
GreetersPaul Dovre & Jon Riewer