



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Welcome Our New Members!



**Patrick Lorenson**  
Ramsey State Bank



**Brett Drevlow**  
Boy Scouts



**Liz Brandenburg**  
Northwestern Bank



**Rob Mounts**  
Bremer Bank



**Roger Erbes**  
American Federal Bank



**Alex Ohman**  
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch



**Sharon Fangsrud**  
Pianist



**Chris Volkens**  
Moorhead City Manager



**Scott Wilkie**  
Avis Rent a Car



**Brent Brandt**  
Health Equipment Recycling



**Sue Koesterman**  
Churches United for Homeless



**Coming Up Tuesday:** Dr. Anne Blackhurst takes the podium at our first meeting of 2018 to give us an update on news and progress at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms and Gina Monson, Rotarian of the day. Paul Dovre and Sue Koesterman are our greeters.

### Rotarians tour St. John's Bible exhibit at their final meeting of 2017

The Moorhead Rotary Club's final meeting of 2017 brought a crowd to the Hjemkomst Center. A total of 17 guests joined us for lunch and a tour of "Illuminating the Word," the Hjemkomst Center's wildly popular exhibition of the first hand-lettered and illustrated Bible manuscript created in the past 500 years. Among guests was Donna Voorhees, the greeter who welcomes us every week, and three guests each hosted by President Corey Elmer and Steve Schaefer.

### Sam Wei honored for support of recital

Gary Nolte made a presentation to Sam Wai for his work planning the annual Recital with a Cause, the spring concert featuring young artists that has raised money to support Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign. An anonymous donor has completed Sam's Paul Harris Fellowship in his honor.

### Club surprises Rei with holiday gift

Rotary exchange student Rei Yajima received a surprise from the club – a black-and-orange Moorhead Spuds letter jacket. "Even though you are away from home, you are with family



*Photos/Russ Hanson: Sam Wai, Corey Elmer & Gary Nolte. Corey presents Rei with a gift. Chatting before the meeting. Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson. Gary listens intently to Anne Kaese.*

here," the president told her.

### Members share good news & happy \$\$

Gina Monson began the weekly collection of "happy dollars" with a contribution saluting the upcoming exhibit tour. Lynne Kovash contributed another for all the friends who attended her retirement reception Dec. 14: "It was overwhelming. Thank you." Eric Wilkie announced that, after five years at Oak Grove High School, he has accepted a new position at the Anne Carlsen Center in Fargo. Sam Wai's happy dollars celebrated his son's recent completion of his doctorate in economics; he is now job-hunting, including in the Twin Cities and F-M area. Bill Craft welcomed his wife and daughter's return home after medical treatment.

### Wilkie wins raffle chances — twice

On Dec. 12, new member Scott Wilkie drew the winning ticket in the club's weekly raffle ... but the actual drawing was delayed until the 19th, when the missing card deck was finally located. He drew the wrong card to qualify to



## Guests, 12-19-17

17 guests, including 3 each for Corey Elmer and Steve Schaefer  
Donna Vooheis, Hjemkomst Center greeter

## Visiting Rotarian

Jay Schmallen

## January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul	Jan 07
Riewer, Jon	Jan 14
Filler, Doreen	Jan 30
Belcher, Barb	Jan 31

## Wedding Anniversaries

Johnson, Gregory & Kelley	
Jan 05 2012	6 years
Kovash, Lynne & Dennis	
Jan 13 1971	47 years

## Rotary Anniversaries

Nellis, Troy	4 years
Jan 01 2014	
Schwandt, Bill	24 years
Jan 10 1994	
Gulbranson, Patrick	2 years
Jan 12 2016	
Ison-Fitzgerald, Heidi	2 years
Jan 12 2016	
Kolb, Ronald	43 years
Jan 14 1975	
Farwell, Randy	17 years
Jan 23 2001	
Beaton, Tim	7 years
Jan 25 2011	
Kovash, Lynne	16 years
Jan 29 2002	

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Club 970  
District 5580*

President	Corey Elmer
President-Elect	
Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter	David Wahlberg
	Doreen Filler
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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



win the pot.

Then he got a second chance to draw yet again as the winner of the current week's drawing. Once again, he chose a loser. The pot grows on.

## Calligrapher/organizer conducts special tour

When local calligrapher and artist Anne Kaese addressed the club about the Hjemkomst Center's big exhibit "Illuminating in the Word," she ended by telling us, "You

gotta see it ... you gotta see it.

"And today is your day!" she announced Tuesday.

Before leading us to the fourth floor gallery, she noted that the three-month exhibit has smashed all expectations, with 10,000 visitors – three times the usual number for the final quarter of the year – and more than 100 tours guided by the 42 volunteer docents. "The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County set a goal to generate 60 new memberships," she said. Instead, by year's end, 198 would sign up to support it. "The volunteers have been amazingly loyal," she said, donating four hours per shift for 200 shifts.

"The impact of this exhibition has been profound. The exhibit has touched hearts and minds of people from all walks of life, and from around the world," she told Rotarians. "It has been a wild, wild ride and we aren't finished yet." The engagement has been extended through Feb. 4.

## Looking Ahead

### January 9

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
Rotarian of the Day.....Gina Monson  
Program ....MSUM Update: Dr. Anne Blackhurst  
Greeters .....Paul Dovre & Sue Koesterman

### January 16

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
Rotarian of the Day .....Randy Farwell  
Program .....RYLA Students  
Greeters .....Doreen Filler & Chris Volkers

### January 23

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Rotarian of the Day .....Jean Hannig  
Program ..Rei Yajima, Rotary exchange student  
Greeters .....Randy Farwell & Joel Paulsen

### January 30

Sergeant at Arms .....Alex Ohman  
Rotarian of the Day .....Gina Monson  
Program .....Dr. Bill Craft, Concordia Update  
Greeters .....Heidi Olson-Fitzgerald & Chuck Hendrickson

### February 6

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....Violet Deilke  
Program.....Rick Holmberg,  
2 Levels Up Coaching  
Greeters .....Pat Gulbranson & Emily Gess

### February 13

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....Gina Monson  
Program.....Young Entrepreneur Academy,  
Katie Ralston, Greater FM Chamber  
Greeters .....Bob Hanna & Brandon Lunak