



# 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:** Our Rotary exchange student, Rei Yajima, tells us about her home and her experience in Moorhead. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms and Jean Hannig, Rotarian of the day. Randy Farwell and Joel Paulsen are greeters.

### RYLA alums share highlights of 2017 camp

President Corey Elmer welcomed members and guests, introducing prospective member Chris Astrup, a private banker at Bell Bank in Moorhead who has applied for membership. His sponsor is Greg Johnson. Chris brings the club up to 72 members, a net gain of four so far this year.

Since the board has voted to cover the cost of prospects' lunches, it's a great time to invite prospects. The clubwide goal is for each member to bring three guests between now and June 30.

Corey noted that we are still looking for the lucky (or brave) member who'll serve as president starting July 1. He and all of our past presidents will be more than happy to fill volunteers in on what a pleasure it will be.

### Updates on volunteers ... and beers

Dale Hetland invited members to go to the website [www.fmssc.org/fargo](http://www.fmssc.org/fargo) to sign up for the club's next volunteer gig, packing meals at Atonement Lutheran Church on Feb. 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. The code to sign up is 1319823.

Eric Wilkie reported another upcoming opportunity in February – the chance to drink beer with your fellow Rotarians at Junkyard Brewing. Stay tuned for the date and details.

### Sergeant at Arms turns purple

Sporting Vikings purple and gold, Sergeant at Arms



*Photos/Russ Hanson: Our Rotary Youth Leadership Academy alums from 2017, with Maret Kashmark of Moorhead High School and RYLA coordinator Randy Farwell. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist caught a major case of Vikings fever. Randy (left). (Below) Shayna Syverson and Jaycee Schmidt of Hawley High School, and Khadija Ali and Fatuma Abdallah of Moorhead High.*



Dave Sederquist called on members to pay up based on their reactions to Sunday's playoff victory over the New Orleans Saints. If you made a joyous celebration Sunday night, he ordered a fine of just \$1. He assessed the same fee for those who "didn't have any faith." But those who failed to don purple gear for the occasion – clearly not including Dave himself – the price was \$2.

Lynn Kovash offered the first happy dollar because "I'm always happy to be here." She added she and husband Dennis just celebrated 45 years of marriage. Steve Schaefer offer a happy dollar for his son Noah's sixth birthday. Gary Nolte

The Board of Directors has received a membership application from Chis Astrup, personal banking officer with Bell Bank. He is sponsored by Greg Johnson. Chris will be welcomed into membership after seven days allowed for comments. He is our 12th new member this year, bringing our membership to 72.

Song leader Jon Benson.  
President Corey Elmer.  
Gina Monson chats with Shayna  
Sverson of Hawley.



**Guests, 01-16-18**

Chris Astrup, prospective member,  
guest of Greg Johnson  
Dan Stauffer, former member  
Rei Yajima, Rotary exchange student  
Maret Kashman, Moorhead Public  
Schools  
RYLA alums Shayna Sverson and  
Jaycee Schmidt, Hawley, and  
Khadija Ali and Fatuma Abdallah,  
Moorhead

**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

Moorhead Rotary  
Chartered May 1, 1921  
Club 970  
District 5580

President Corey Elmer  
President-Elect  
Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter  
David Wahlberg  
Treasurer Doreen Filler  
Past President Eric Wilkie  
Director Dale Hetland  
Director David Sederquist  
Director Tammy Finney  
Director John Andreassen  
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 Andreassen  
Photographer Russ Hanson  
Meeting Reporter Teresa Joppa  
Paddlewheel Editor  
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

celebrated Cindy's new knee, implanted Monday:  
"She's on her way to becoming a bionic woman."

**RYLA grads share camp highlights**

Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell introduced four young women – two from Moorhead High School and two from Hawley High -- who told of their experience last summer at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp in Crookston. As has long been the club's tradition, we supported the cost of participation. "We invest \$500 per student every year because we believe so strongly in the program and these students," Randy said.

Jaycee Schmidt of Hawley told the club, "My favorite part of RYLA was the service day. It had two parts. First, we gave out roses to random people in local businesses. Then we packed 600 meals at the local food bank."

Fellow Hawley High student Shayna Sverson said her favorite part was being put into groups called families. "We did everything together and really got to know each other," she reported.

Khadija Ali of Moorhead High recounted how a tornado warning was issued while campers were

making a poster. "We went into a crowded bathroom and completed our task. Then, when we came out, we presented before the whole campus."

Fatuma Abdallah said, "My favorite part was learning about so many people. When we had the tornado drill, as a family we were lost ... but we came up with our skit in the shower. We bonded as families, and now we still hang out and talk with each other.

"Rotary is an organization that helps us get to be where we want to be" she added. "When I am through with school, I want to join the Rotary, too."

Jaycee noted, "People just don't understand about Rotary. Now we are able to go into classrooms and talk with the juniors about the camp to get them interested in participating."

One hundred twenty students participated in District 5580's 2017 camp. Randy Farwell urged us to contact him if you know of someone who would be interested.

Rotarian Emily Gess is a RYLA alumna.

**Looking Ahead**

**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 .....Lisa Borgen &  
Chuck Hendrickson

**February 6**

Sergeant at Arms .....Tim Beaton  
Rotarian of the Day .....Violet Deilke  
Program ...Rick Holmberg, 2 Levels Up Coaching,  
"What Kind Of 'ceeds' Are You Planting?"  
Greeters .....Pat Gulbranson & Emily Gess

**February 10 — Service Project**

Members of the five local Rotary clubs pack

meals all day. Moorhead's hours are 8 – 10  
a.m. ....Atonement Lutheran Church  
Sign up: ....[www.fmcs.org/fargo](http://www.fmcs.org/fargo), code 1319823

**February 13**

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

**February 20**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....Jean Hannig  
Program .....  
Greeters .....Dale Hetland & Adam Nordin

**February 27**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Jean Hannig, "Rotary Goals"  
Greeters .....Greg Johnson & Ray Grefsheim