



# 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

**Chris Astrup**  
Bell Bank



**Coming Up Tuesday:** Dr. Bill Craft, president of Concordia College, reports to the club on the campus's plans and achievements. Alex Ohman debuts as sergeant at arms, and Gina Monson is Rotarian of the Day. Chuck Hendrickson and Lisa Borgen are greeters.

### Dual US-Japanese citizen Rei Yajima tells club about life at home in Tokyo

President Corey Elmer opened the regular meeting of Moorhead Rotary with several announcements. He and his son plan to go on a service trip to Guatemala led by the Fargo Rotary clubs in March.

Eric Wilkie reminded members of the club social coming up at Junkyard Brewing in Moorhead Tuesday, **Feb. 27**, from 4:30 to 7:30. There will also be a regular Rotary meeting that day at noon.

We join the four Fargo clubs on Saturday, **Feb. 10**, to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children at Atonement Lutheran Church. Moorhead Rotary's shift is from 8 to 10 a.m.

The District 5580 Conference is coming up **April 26-28** in Thunder Bay, Ontario ... and there's an economical, fun and comfortable way to get there! Violet Deilke reported that a bus will pick up Rotarians from Bismarck, Jamestown, Fargo-Moorhead, Detroit Lakes, Brainerd and Duluth and take them all the way to the site, which is four hours northeast of Duluth. Cost is \$163 per person. The bus departs April 25 and returns April 29. Email [Molly.J.Herrington@gmail.com](mailto:Molly.J.Herrington@gmail.com) to reserve.

### Sederquist shares tips for cheering up

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared four tips for overcoming disappointment: Acknowledge how you feel. Question your expectations. Take time to learn from the experience. Modify your expectations next time ... and find time for laughter.

*Photos/Russ Hanson: President Corey Elmer and Rei Yajima. Tammy Finney and Violet Deilke. Eric Wilkie, Brent Brandt and Scott Wilkie. (Right) Rei talks about life at home in Japan. (Below) Rei's daily schedule on a school day in suburban Tokyo, including soccer practice.*

Japanese daily life	
My daily life in Japan	
6:00	Get up
6:00-7:00	Study
7:00-7:30	Ready for school
7:30	Go to school
7:40-8:20	Morning practice(Soccer)
8:30-4:00	School
4:00-7:00	Club activity practice (soccer)
7:00-9:00	Study (calm school)
9:30	Go home
9:30-10:30	Eat dinner and relax time
10:30-12:00	Study
12:00	Go to bed



The weekly collection of happy dollars, though, did not disappoint. Jean Hannig and Violet both saluted our speaker, Rei. Lynne Kovash expressed gratitude for the Vikings' great season. Eric added, "Go Vikings!"

### 'Because my mom told me to!'

Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig introduced our guest Rei Yajima, who's been spending the school year with Rotary as a foreign exchange student attending Moorhead High School.

Jean asked the 18-year-old, who was dressed in a traditional Japanese kimono and sandals, "Why did you want to be an exchange student?"

Rei's reply: "Because my mom told me to!"

Rei, who is 18, lives with her family in suburban Tokyo. Born in the U.S., she holds dual citizenship. At home, both she and her younger brother enjoy the game of soccer; she is captain of her school's champion team, the Urawa Red Diamonds. She will graduate this year.

Rei's parents work from 8 a.m. to 8 or 9 p.m. "My father eats out a lot," she confided.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Jade Rosenfelt, Pat Gulbranson, Brandon Lunak and Emily Gess. Bob Hanna. Bill Woods and Tom Riley.

**Guests, 01-23-18**

Rei Yajima, Rotary exchange student

**Visiting Rotarian**

Tom Riley, Past District Governor, FM AM Rotary

The highlight of the year at home is New Year's Day, when everyone rises to watch the sunrise and, later, feast on osechi myori, lacquered boxes full of holiday delicacies.

Rei's Moorhead visit has introduced her to Nordic skiing as well as American soccer. She notes that American teens have much more family time than her classmates at home: "I love that."

In Japan, she rises at 6, dons her uniform, and studies until going to school at 7:30, where her day begins with morning soccer practice. She'll put in three more hours later, at 4 p.m.

Classes run from 8:30 to 4. After another soccer

practice, she studies there until 9 and gets home about 9:30. The family eats dinner together; then she studies until bedtime at midnight.

The school year extends from April through March. She rides there on her bicycle — a 5-minute trip each way.

**Raffle pot slips through member's fingers**

Paul Dovre's raffle ticket won him an opportunity to draw a card to win the ever-growing pot. The winning ace of spades, though, slipped through another Rotarian's fingers. With fewer cards left than can be counted on two hands, the odds get better every week.

**January Birthdays**

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

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Volkers, Chris & Todd Jan 04 1998  
20 years
- Johnson, Gregory & Kelley Jan 05 2012  
6 years
- Kovash, Lynne & Dennis Jan 13 1971  
47 years

**Rotary Anniversaries**

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



**Looking Ahead**

**January 30**

Sergeant at Arms .....Alex Ohman  
Rotarian of the Day .....Gina Monson  
Program .....Dr. Bill Craft, Concordia Update  
Greeters .....Chuck Hendrickson & Lisa Borgen

**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.fmsc.org/fargo](http://www.fmsc.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 .....Randy Farwell  
Rotarian of the Day .....Jean Hannig  
Program .....  
Greeters .....Dale Hetland & Adam Nordin

**February 27**

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

**February 27 — Club Social**

Junkyard Brewing Company .....4:30-7:30 p.m.

- 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 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