



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs

Monday: Fargo West
Noon, Holiday Inn
1st & 3rd Tuesdays: FM/AM
5:15 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
Wednesday: Fargo
Noon, Radisson
Thursday: FM/AM
7 a.m., Ramada Plaza

If you attend meetings of any of these clubs, just check in. We have a reciprocal agreement.

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This week's program: We're having our annual Club Assembly this week, led by President Jon Benson and President-elect Eric Wilkie. Sam Wai will also present grant checks to their recipients.



Clay County commissioner Jon Evert discusses challenges of Diversion

President Jon Benson welcomed members to Rotary at the Bluestem Center south of Moorhead.

Photos: President Jon Benson welcomes members to the Bluestem Events Center. Alma Cater talks about "Random Acts of Kindness Week." Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Speaker Jon Evert of the Clay County Commission & other boards.

Alma Cater brought roses! She distributed them to everyone to keep or to pass on as part of "Random Acts of Kindness Week," sponsored by her business Country Greenery.

Rotarians update on plans & progress

- Charism, a local charity, is collecting gently used shoes that will be distributed in third-world countries to help the less fortunate.
- George Davis of the Travel Giveaway Raffle Committee reminded members that our major annual fund-raiser kicks off at our next meeting Sept. 23.
- Gina Monson said Rotarians are especially invited to a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, Sept. 23, to honor our own Anne Blackhurst, the new president of MSUM. The event is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Rourke Art Gallery

A note from the Travel Raffle committee

Attached to this edition of The Paddlewheel is an example a letter members may want to send to people who have bought travel raffle tickets from you in the past. Of course, you will want to change it into your own words and add your customer's name and your own signature. You'll receive a list of your past sales.

If this is your first year in Rotary, see Violet Deilke for an orientation or instructions! Call her at 701.371.3306 to set up a meeting.



Tuesday, Sept. 23

Sergeant at Arms: E Johnson
RODs: Jon Benson & Eric Wilkie
Annual Club Assembly. Lots of great ideas & opportunity for input by all of our membership.
Presentation of checks to grant recipients: Sam Wai
Kickoff, Annual Travel Giveaway raffle program: Violet Deilke
Greeters: Deilke & Moorhead

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Sergeant at Arms: M Hulett
ROD: Tim Beaton
Program: "Moorhead Community Conversations" with Tim, Cher Hersrud & Courtney Larson
Greeters: Donabauer & Myrvik

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Sergeant at Arms: G Monson
ROD: Randy Farwell
Program: 2014 RYLA students reflect on experiences at camp
Greeters: Dovre & Parries

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Sergeant at Arms: E Johnson
ROD: Ass't Dist. Gov. Kay Parries
Program: District 5580 governor Tim Kaminski of Hibbing, MN
Greeters: Elmer & Qualey

Guests, Sept. 16

Jon Evert, speaker
Eric Andersson, FES
Riaz Aziz, guest of Vern Goodin

Make-ups

Jon Benson & Kay Parries, 5-Club Presidents meeting
Kay Parries, several clubs including Valley City
Dale Stenerson, Fargo West
Ron Kolb, Bob Swenson, Paul Skatvold, Doreen Filler & Eric Wilkie — labeling dictionaries 9/12 and other meetings

September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve	9-01
Barden, Roland	9-11
Kovash, Lynne	9-12
Hanna, Bob	9-13
Nolte, Cindy	9-15
Craft, William	9-22

Anniversaries

Hetland, Dale & Ruth	9-01
24 years	
Holtan, Paul & Vicki	9-01
35 years	
Andreasen, Jon & Carol	9-02
42 years	
Kolb, Ronald & Judy	9-05
55 years	
Deilke, Violet & Karl	9-12
39 yearst	

Club Anniversaries

Bertilrud, Mark	9-03
1 year	
Craft, William	9-13
3 years	
Myrvik, Donald	9-13
26 years	
Tunheim, Nick	9-27
9 years	



Vern Goodin leads a song.. Exchange student Eric Andersson with Doreen Filler, Jean Hannig & Vern. Jon Evert & Chuck Matthees.

Museum, 521 Main Ave., Moorhead. Registration for the free event is requested via the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber website, www.fmwfchamber.com/

- According to Russ Hanson, the city needs to recruit election poll workers for the general election coming up Nov. 4. If you can help, please talk to Russ.

Sergeant at arms collects happy bucks

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett collected happy dollars, including many in honor of our exchange student Eric Andersson's birthday. He turned 17! Others were contributed in honor of Ron Kolb's happiness for 55 years of wedded bliss and Violet Deilke's 39th anniversary of marriage to Karl. Gary Nolte's work putting together the International Student was celebrated. Gary in turn saluted Anne Blackhurst, who worked all day at the picnic, calling her a "true Rotarian."

County commissioner Jon Evert tackles issues surrounding the Fargo Diversion

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced our speaker, Jon Evert of Comstock — a familiar figure in Moorhead and Clay County who has been involved in public service for 40 years. Elected to the county commission in 1975, Jon is a fifth-generation farmer and seed dealer. He and his wife Phyllis have five grown children and seven grandchildren. In

addition to the commission, he serves on the Fargo Diversion Authority and is a past member of the Red River Basin Commission. He has been active on the ELCA's Rural Life Commission, the Minnesota Association of Counties, and the International Commission for Land and Water Stewardship.

Jon addressed the need for the Fargo Diversion and the many challenges that face the project in achieving flood control. "Our area is essentially one community," he said, "Fargo and Moorhead as well as Comstock and Hickson, with many families owning land and farming both sides of the river." The Everts' pioneer log cabin on the original homestead would be under 8 feet of water, according to projections, while land across the Red River south of Fargo would be under 12 feet. He estimated 30,000 to 50,000 acres of farmland in the staging area would be engulfed during flood event; he doubts the duration would be only the estimated five to seven days.

Other questions have been raised. Who will clear the land of debris left behind by intentional flooding and floodwater hold-back? And what how will long-term flooding affect the land itself — including the 5,000 acres set aside for organic culture? What will happen to the 11 cemeteries potentially flooded in the diversion area?

He contrasted the relatively straightforward buy-out of homes in Moorhead and Fargo with the complicated issue of moving entire farms, as well as maintaining field access. Farmers are also questioning their being asked to give up development rights on their land to preserve other development areas in south Fargo.

"We need to focus on what is just," he said, "and how many will have to sacrifice for the good of many. Long-term flood protection is obviously needed. We need to balance that need with the cost and the impact of the project."

Why I Am a Rotarian ...

'Why I Am a Rotarian' Assignments

Bob Hanna	due July 22
Paul Holtan	due August 12
Eric Johnson	due August 26
Greg Johnson	due September 2
Teresa Joppa	due September 9
Ron Kolb	due September 16
Lynne Kovash	due September 23
Bob Leiseth	due September 30

Please mail your comments to nancy@hansonphoto.com

DONATE SHOES TO BENEFIT CHARISM NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER!



Make a difference in Fargo AND in developing countries!

- WHO:** CHARISM is a Fargo non-profit that provides support and outreach programs for at-risk children and families.
- WHAT:** CHARISM is collecting 300 bags with 25 pairs of used shoes. The shoes will be used to create micro-businesses in under-developed countries like Haiti, Ghana and others. CHARISM will also receive \$3000 to fund our programs in the process!
- WHERE:** Drop off shoes at CHARISM's office (get shoe bags here, too!):
2601 12th Ave. S, Suite A, Fargo, ND 58103
- HOW:** Ask your family, friends, and neighbors for shoes they no longer wear. Any style, any condition accepted! Try to get 25 pairs if you can. 😊

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 5 - OCTOBER 24



For more information, contact Jessica Ueland at (701) 356-0262 or at jueland@charism.org. Learn about CHARISM at www.charism.org!