



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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Sept. 24 New symphony conductor meets Rotary; members updated on many projects

Guest Linda Boyd, executive director of the F-M Symphony, was an unexpected guest star of Tuesday's Moorhead Rotary meeting. A talented pianist, she accompanied song leader Vern Goodin and the club in a rousing version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."



Bike ride raises \$5K for Miracle Field

It was a meeting with much to cheer. After president Warren Wenner welcomed guests and members, he commended volunteers who helped with Saturday's successful Rotary Bike Ride. The inaugural event raised some \$5,000 for Rotary Miracle Field. T-shirts that commemorate the successful occasion are available for \$10.

Students from 60 nations will picnic

Fargo-Moorhead colleges host more than 320 international students from 60 countries. Members are invited to play host at 3 p.m. Saturday at Lindenwood Park, a chance to get to know some of these outstanding visitors. The annual International Student Picnic is slated for the Rotary Shelter at the Fargo park.

Dictionary project: Word of day is 'delivery'

Our dictionary project is well underway, with members about to delight Clay County third graders with real books of their very own. Sign-up sheets were passed around at the meeting, but there's still time to volunteer to take part in this fun project.

Photos: Opening with a song. Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa. Christopher Zimmerman, the new conductor of the F-M Symphony. Rotarian of the Day introduces Zimmerman's presentation Tuesday.

Sergeant at Arms: Read about global clubs

Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa reinforced the international theme by urging members to catch up with the newest Rotarian magazine. She highlighted articles about the upcoming national convention in Sydney, Australia; clean water in Mexico City; and internships (both paid and unpaid) in corporations and nonprofits, as well as an excellent story on the process of recruiting new Rotarians.



Warren Wenner to bid F-M area — and club — 'adieu'

President Warren Wenner is moving to Houston, and our club will have a new president soon. Read Warren's letter to members on page 3.

Guests

Christopher Zimmerman & Linda Boyd, F-M Symphony, speakers

Make-Ups

Gary & Cindy Nolte, Duluth Rotary, 9/20, and Fargo West, 9/23
Russ Hanson & Gary Nolte, 2014 Convention Committee, 9/19
Bob Leiseth, Detroit Lakes Rotary, 7 meetings
Church Matthees, Rotary Miracle Field Foundation, 3 meetings

Resignations

Roger Richards
Jason Davis
Doug Hamilton

August Statistics

Total membership 67
Make-ups in August 9
Monthly attendance 54%

September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve Sep 01

Barden, Roland Sep 11
Kovash, Lynne Sep 12
Hanna, Bob Sep 13
Nolte, Cindy Sep 15
Craft, William Sep 22
Luther, Jerry Sep 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Hetland, Dale & Ruth
23 years Sep 01, 1990
Holtan, Paul & Vicki
34 years Sep 01, 1979
Andreasen, John & Carol Sue
41 years Sep 02, 1972
Dille, Roland & Beth
65 years Sep 04, 1948
Kolb, Ronald & Judy
54 years Sep 05, 1959
Deilke, Violet & Karl
38 years Sep 12, 1975

Club Anniversaries

Green, David 40 years
Sep 08, 1973
Hintermeyer, Mark 6 years
Sep 11, 2007
Craft, William 2 years
Sep 13, 2011
Myrvik, Donald 25 years
Sep 13, 1988
Tunheim, Nick 8 years
Sep 27, 2005

Symphony gets 6th conductor in 82 years

Despite being a part of the Fargo-Moorhead community for 82 years, the F-M Symphony is welcoming just its sixth musical director with this week's concert.

After a long and entertaining search and a year of concerts led by guest conductors, the symphony chose the London-born and American-educated musician. He also leads the Fairfax, Va., Symphony, and was recently lauded for his work there by the Washington Post. He made his orchestra debut with the Royal London Philharmonic, and has led orchestras in the U.S. and England.

He, his wife and two teenage sons continue to live in the Washington, D.C., area. He will commute here to lead the symphony's five masterworks concerts for the next three years.

Zimmerman spoke enthusiastically of the pieces to be debuted in his first concert with the local symphony this weekend, which he termed "passionate and dramatic." A special highlight is the world premier performance of a piece composed by bassoonist Russell Peterson, titled "Red River Overture." He composed it specifically in honor of the new conductor's taking up the baton at FMSO. Peterson is on the music faculty at Concordia College teaching bassoon, saxophone and jazz studies. He is a prolific classical



composer, and is also the lead saxophonist and arranger for the 12-piece Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome.

Zimmerman invited members to enjoy this and the remaining concerts in November, December, January, March and April.

The maestro's enthusiasm was contagious. He encouraged us to be open to newer music as well as the true standards and classical favorites.

President Warren invited our speaker to autograph the children's book *Flora and the Flamingos*, which will be presented to the Lake Agassiz Regional Library in his honor.

Lucky raffle ticket leads to unlucky draw

Cindy Nolte won the chance to draw a card in the weekly raffle ... but it wasn't the three of hearts. Had she won, the pot wouldn't still be growing. Stand by for your own lucky choice next week!

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Rotary Meetings

Oct. 1 Sergeant at Arms D Sederquist
ROD Randy Farwell
Program Moorhead Rotary RYLA program and students
Greeters Hutchins & Rogers

Oct. 8 Sergeant at Arms G Monson
ROD Jerry Rogers
Program Cheryl Sapp, RN, Clay County Public Health, "Flu 2013"
Greeters Eric Johnson & Rude

Oct. 15 Sergeant at Arms M Hulett
ROD Eric Wilkie
Program Oak Grove High School mission trip to Guatemala
Greeters Greg Johnson & Schaefer

A Letter from President Warren Wenner

Since I was 16 years old, I have worked for the Boy Scouts of America. It has been wonderful career. Linda and I have so many great friends around the country.

I will retire the end of next month. Linda and I are setting up a fund for four scout camps in three councils, the "Eagle Scout Jason Wenner Fund." The fund will provide camp improvements and new technologies for special needs scouts. The four camps are the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, Camp Wilderness (here), Camp Naish and Camp Vandeventer. I hope you can help. More to come.

Now for the hard part. We are moving to Houston, Texas, in October. I am looking forward to a major change in my life as the director of senior services for Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston. In this role, I will be directing the Meals on Wheels Program for the Greater Houston Area as well as some other great senior programs. Meals on Wheels of Greater Houston is one of the largest in the nation, serving more than 4,500 meals daily. I will have a staff of about 100 people. Other services provide by Senior Services include Friendly Visitors, Disaster Buddies, Home Repair, Food Box, Christmas gifts and aniMeals.

Now on to the Moorhead Rotary: I am and will always be honored to be asked to be club president. I am just sorry I can't take the whole club with me to Houston (especially in January).

I have been in Rotary off and on since I was 22. I have been in six clubs ranging from about 60 members to more than 325. Moorhead Rotary is a fun club, and I will miss it.

The board took action on Tuesday after our meeting and voted to have Cindy Nolte fill out my term. We all will vote on that as a full club at our next meeting. My last meeting will be mid-October.

I know Cindy will do a super job. We all know how much she has done around the world on behalf of Rotary. I know the club will be in great hands with Cindy as our club president.

Thanks again for your fellowship and friendship.

Warren Wenner