



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary
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Club 970
District 5580

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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Wednesday of each month.



International President Ron Burton, Norman OK
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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. 3 New member inducted; speaker explains railroad's woes dealing with RRV soil

The song of the day was "Grandfather's Clock" — fitting, perhaps, on the day when many Moorhead Rotarians attended the funerals of community leaders Vijay Sethi, former Clay County administrator, and retired Oak Grove High School principal Darwin Gorder.

Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett honored the late Sethi, calling him "a good and kind man who helped others do more."

Happy dollars were offered for the anniversaries of weddings 17, 23 and 54 years ago, as well as the Bison's big win in Kansas and Paul Skatvold's daughter's promotion to Marine Corps major.

Bertilrud is newest Moorhead Rotarian

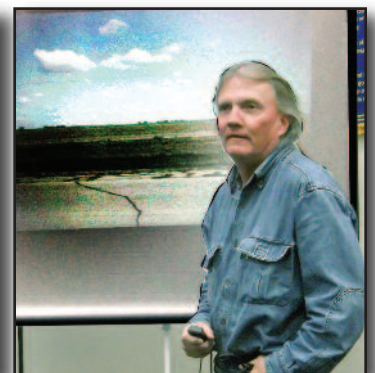
President Warren Wenner inducted Mark Bertilrud into Moorhead Rotary. The new executive director of Eventide Moorhead was sponsored by Jon Riewer.

Matthees calls for bike ride volunteers

Chuck Matthees issues a call for volunteers to help with the Rotary Bike Ride Sept. 21 to raise funds for Rotary Miracle Field. He needs Rotarians to work at the rest stations along the route.

Picnic with students from around the world

Gary Nolte reminded us of Rotary's



Photos (from top left): Greeters Dale Hetland & Kay Parries. President Warren Wenner. Jon Riewer presents new member Mark Bertilrud with his Rotary pin. Sergeant at Arms Mike Hulett. Maureen Jonason & Mark Peihl of HCSCC. Photos by Gary Nolte

International Student Picnic Sept. 29. It's the 22nd year that local Rotary clubs have hosted international students from the three local college and university campuses. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Talking trains with archivist Mark Peihl

Rotarian of the Day George Davis, a railroad buff himself, introduced our speakers from the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

Executive director Maureen Kelly Jonasson reminded members to stop by the museum during these last days of the St. John's Bible

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Guests

Maureen Kelly Jonason & Mark Peihl, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County (speakers)

Visiting Rotarians

Clif & Yvonne Hamilton, Fargo West Rotary

Make-Ups

Chuck Matthees, Rotary Miracle Field committee (3)

September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve	Sep 01
Richards, Roger	Sep 08
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	



Chuck Matthees is looking for volunteers to work at rest stops along the route of the Rotary Miracle Field Bike Ride on Sept. 21. We also need riders! For more information and to sign up to ride, go to www.FMMiracleField.org.

calligraphy exhibit, which ends Sept. 15. The society is also sponsoring German Culture Day Sept. 28.

She then introduced a familiar Rotary guest, archivist Mark Peihl, who has worked with preserving and sharing the county and region's history for 27 years.

Mark focused on the difficulties that the Northern Pacific Railroad has had with the geology and topography of the Red River Valley. In 1869 the company sent engineers to investigate spots to cross the Red River.

They reported back that this was good and flat. But it presented — and continues to present — some unique challenges to rail builders.

Railroad tracks are typically flat and built close the ground. Yet east of Moorhead they

are on a rise. East of Glyndon, they are 15 to 18 feet aboveground. By the time they reach Buffalo State Park, they're 30 feet in the air.

Blame the Ice Age and the ancient Sheyenne and Buffalo rivers that left several levels of soil and various sandy beaches. Part of the solution was a huge hand-built lumber trestle. It was later covered with soil — an amazing 3.5 million yards of fill.

"The railroad grossly underestimated the composition of our soil," he pointed out. Regular slumping or sinking continues to offer challenges.

Raffle kitty forced to grow on

Bob Swenson won the chance to pull a card for our raffle kitty, which was at \$307, but came up empty. He took home the consolation prize of \$5.

Looking Forward ... to Upcoming Rotary Meetings

Sept. 10

ROD

Program

Greeters

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie

Russ Hanson

Moorhead Rotarian Tim Beaton, director of F-M Area Foundation

Hintermeyer & Qualey

Sept. 17

ROD

Program

Greeters

Sergeant at Arms Jon Benson

Volunteer needed!

Update on Sanford Moorhead Clinic with Dave Anderson, Jeff Hoss and Dr. Stephen Nelson

Holtan & Reimche

Sept. 24

ROD

Program

Greeters

Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa

Volunteer needed!

Christopher Zimmerman, new conductor of FM Symphony

Hulett & Richards