



The Paddlewheel

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

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs
 Monday: FM/PM Rotary
 5:30 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
 Monday: Fargo West Rotary
 Noon, Holiday Inn
 Wednesday: Fargo Rotary
 Noon, Radisson
 Thursday: FM/AM Rotary
 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: Rotarians Stacey Ackerman & Gary Nolte report on their Rotary International service trip to Guatemala. Ron Hagemann serves as sergeant at arms, and Mike Hulett and Matt Thomason are greeters.

New EDA director Cindy Graffeo is seeking ways to be of help to business

Bill Schwandt led the club in a cheery rendition of "Smile, Sing a Song" to set the tone for Tuesday's regular meeting. President Eric Wilkie welcomed guests, including visiting Rotarian Steve Shark of Fargo West. He promoted sales of his club's annual motorcycle raffle — with a Harley Davidson Softtail bike as its top prize. All proceeds are earmarked for the Red River Zoo.

Rummage around for sale donations

It's the perfect time for Rotarians to do their spring cleaning in the house, the garage, the attic and at the lake. That's because our big rummage sale is just around the corner ... or, to be precise, at the Center Mall on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30.

More volunteers are needed to help with all phases of the sale, from picking up donated items that Wednesday and Thursday and working the sale Friday and Saturday, to helping with clean-up after it closes.

"You know you DO want to help," Eric informed us. The sale replaces the former



Photos: Bill Schwandt leads singing. Dave Sederquist recruits volunteers. Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen. Rotarian of the Day Violet Deilke. Our speaker, Cindy Graffeo, new director of the Moorhead Economic Development Authority. (Photos by Tammy Finney)

Taste of Moorhead, which required each member to sell or purchase \$100 to \$125 worth of tickets every spring. Proceeds support our many youth-oriented projects in the community.

The suggested pricing guide was sent to members earlier this month. You can also download it from Clubrunner.

Sergeant John quizzes club on peace

This month of relief sergeants at arms brought John Andreasen to the podium on another maiden voyage. He recalled meaningful moments during his 28 years in Rotary, including our meeting on September 11, 2001. His topic then was the Rotary Foundation. "On that day of days, I was grateful for its work," he noted.

He quizzed members on Rotary's peace studies programs at seven premier universities and up to 100 selected for peace studies scholarships.



Guests, 04/12/16

Cindy Graffeo, Moorhead EDA, speaker

Visiting Rotarians

Steve Shark, Fargo West Rotary

Make-ups

Kay Parries, president-elect training
John Andreasen, Fargo Downtown Rotary

April Birthdays

Leiseth, Robert Apr 29
Woods, William Apr 30

Anniversaries

Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah 5 years
Apr 14, 2011
Hanson, Russ & Nancy 41 years
Apr 19, 1975

Club Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 24 years
Apr 1, 1992

Photos: Russ Hanson takes more portraits for the new membership directory. President Eric Wilkie demonstrates using a dollar. Stacey Ackerman talks as Noel Moore, Barb Belcher and Doreen Filler listen.

Happy dollars abounded. Among high points cited were the new pool at the downtown YMCA; Mark Bertilrud's move to his home town, Warroad, to lead the Senior Living Center; a successful event for the Jail Chaplains; and our guest sergeants at arms this month.

John closed with a quote from Jimi Hendrix: "When the love of peace overcomes the love of power, we will have peace."

EDA director Cindy Graffeo talks about upcoming projects and plans

Rotarian of the Day Violet Deilke introduced Cindy Graffeo, Moorhead's new Economic Development Authority director, hired by the EDA board of directors 90 days ago. She worked in marketing for Sanford Health Systems before assuming her new position; previously she was employed by the city of Eau Claire, Wis.

She reported that the EDA is beginning a new project to recognize key businesses. She wants to talk with you! She is also examining whether the EDA and city are

offering the right kinds of programs to help existing businesses and those that may be looking at the city. She cited the EDA's program to assist with local code compliance.

Asked about the local sign ordinance and code issues, she assured the group that the EDA will work with citizens and the city to resolve problems.

She noted that the EDA's development priorities continue to be the city's industrial parks and the downtown core. She said she'd especially like to see projects to fill in the "doughnut hole" in the city center.

Raffle prize draws closer as losing cards eliminated from the deck

Our weekly raffles are causing growing excitement, as the pot continues to blossom and the number of remaining cards dwindles. Paul Dovre won the chance to draw a card ... but like so many others', his luck failed. He took home only the \$5 consolation prize.

Upcoming Meetings: Programs and Assignments

Tuesday, April 19

Sergeant at ArmsRon Hagemann
Program.....Stacey Ackerman & Gary Nolte,
Rotary mission to Guatemala
Greeters.....Mike Hulett & Matt Thomasson

Tuesday, April 26

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramTom Anderson, U of M Regent
Greeters.....Greg Johnson & Dave Tranby

Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30

Rotary Rummage SaleCenter Mall

Tuesday, May 3

Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett

Program.....Wayne Christianson, DDS:
American Dental Assoc. Missions of Mercy
GreetersDave Keller & Dave Wahlberg

Tuesday, May 10 — no regular noon meeting
Community service project at Dorothy Day House

Tuesday, May 17

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program
Greeters.....Ron Kolb & Sam Wai

Tuesday, May 24 — 4 p.m.

Tour of D-S Beverages Warehouse conducted by Doug Restemayer. Plans include sampling the products.