



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

Welcome Our New Members!

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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 Alstrup
Bell Bank



Dan Stauffer
Retired



Scott Greelis
Lion's Way Consulting



Coming Up Tuesday: Brittney Engebretson of Lutheran Social Services discusses Youth Court and Restorative Justice this week. Jade Rosenfeldt is Rotarian of the day, and Brett Drevlow is sergeant at arms. Our greeters are Pat Lorenson and Chuck Matthees.

Vogel attorneys offer estate-planning tips

President Corey Elmer welcomed members, then brought John Andreasen to the fore to discuss the Recital With a Cause held Tuesday night. John reported the Robert Leiseth challenge grant was surpassed by \$2,500, with Moorhead Rotary leading the pack with financial support. "I personally feel so proud of the way this club has stepped up," he told us. More gifts continue to come in. In the 10 years of its history, the recital has generated \$75,000 impact for its causes, supporting young musicians and Polio Plus.

Corey reminded members that the noon meeting on April 17 has been cancelled and replaced by a club social and tour at D-S Beverages beginning at 4:30.

He encouraged members to bring prospective members for the fun event. "We will soon be inducting another group of new members, a total of 14 new members since July 1," he announced, "and we are looking for four more new members before the end of June. He added, "We are now the largest Rotary Club in Fargo-Moorhead."

April's raffle prize winners revealed

Nate Johnson revealed the three winners of April's Travel Giveaway. Dave Sederquist sold the third-place winning ticket, a \$100 gift card to Rustica/Mezzaluna, to Allison Archer of Cottage Grove. Greg Johnson's customer Chris Astrum won



Photos/Russ Hanson: Alex Ohman and guest Kevin Zacchea. Nathan Johnson and Violet Deilke announce April's raffle winners. Brad Donabauer, Jerry Rogers and speaker Stephen Astrup. Whitney Irish and Stephen Astrup of Vogel Law.

second prize, \$200 cash.

The trip winner is Vernon Dobis of Pelican Rapids. This is the second year in a row that Jean Hannig has sold him a first-prize ticket. The odds seem good he'll buy another next year!

Sergeant at arms teases the winter-weary

Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis offered some solace in the midst of a brutal late winter with the 30 top signs of spring, including several still out of reach, like melting snow and the sound of neighbors mowing their lawns. Other reminders of better days to come ... singing birds, spring catalogs in the mailbox, days getting brighter and longer, and a long-long range forecast of temperatures rising to the 40s by the end of the week.

When he opened the floor for happy dollars, Sam Wei stood up to thank an anonymous member for completing his Paul Harris Fellowship as well as the Recital With a Cause. Teresa Joppa celebrated winning a Data Practices Act case. Jean Hannig



Photos/Russ Hanson: Sergeant at Arms Troy Nellis. Featured performers at Recital With a Cause. Gary Nolte greets Bill and Marijinn Woods at last Tuesday's concert.



Guests

Whitney Irish and Stephen P. Astrup, Vogel Law Firms, speakers
 John Vander Linden, guest of John Andreasen
 Kevin Zacchea, guest of Alex Ohman
 Rei Yajima, Rotary youth exchange

Visiting Rotarians

Chris Paustian, guest of John Andreasen, Fargo West Rotary

Reported Makeups
 John Andreasen, Fargo West, 4-02

April Birthdays

Grefsheim, Ray Apr 23
 Drevlow, Brett Apr 29
 Woods, William Apr 30

Anniversaries

Parries, Ka & Dan Apr 08 1989
 29 years
 Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah Apr 14 2011
 7 years
 Hanson, Russ & Nancy Apr 19 1975
 43 years

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

offered a happy dollar for the third host family who have accepted our international student into their home, and Bill Woods celebrated Concordia College's \$5 million gift to support its Korean Language Camp.

Planning your estate: Attorneys present a litany of do's and don'ts

Serving as Rotarian of the Day, Corey Elmer introduced two attorneys from his firm, Whitney Irish and Stephen Astrup, who discussed estate planning.

Stephen Astrup received his undergraduate degree from Concordia College and law degree from St. Thomas, while Whitney Irish completed her undergrad studies at UND and law degree at the University of Denver. In addition to estate planning, her practice includes oil and gas, while Stephen focuses on business and farm succession planning.

The young attorneys covered a range of topics of interest to those taking stock of their lives. They urged members to give someone else the ability

to make financial decisions when they are not able through grant power of attorney.

A will is essential. Among the opportunities it presents are to take care of minor children by creating a trust; it enables better distribution of assets than "dumping a ton of cash on an 18 year old."

They explained the difference between guardianship, which guardians the person, and conservatorship, which preserves the assets of the estate.

Those who are on Medicaid should take care to consult an attorney before gifting.

Under probate, the court appoints a personal representative (aka executor) to distribute the decedent's assets to heirs. "Don't assume things will work themselves because your kids don't fight," they urged their audience.

They noted a disparity at present between estate tax exemptions. In North Dakota, the 2018 federal estate tax exemption is \$11,200,000. In Minnesota, it is \$2,400,000.

Looking Ahead

April 10

Sergeant at ArmsBrett Drevlow
 Rotarian of the DayJade Rosenfeldt
 Program Brittney Engebretson, LSS
 Youth Court and Restorative Justice
 GreetersChuck Matthees & Pat Lorenson

April 17 — no noon meeting

D-S Beverages, 201 17th St. N.....4:30 p.m.
 Beer tasting and tour

April 24

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the DayJohn Andreasen
 Program John Ammerman, MHS hockey coach
 Greeters.....Liz Brandenburg
 & Tracey Moorhead

April 26-28 — District 5580 Conference Thunder Bay, Ontario

May 1

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the DayJade Rosenfeldt
 Program Rich Duysen, Moorhead Fire Chief
 Greeters.....Chris Volkers & Adam Nordin

May 8

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the DayJade Rosenfeldt
 ProgramMatt Eidem, program director,
 Historical & Cultural Society/Comstock House
 GreetersBrent Brandt & Kay Parries

May 15

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the Day
 ProgramTour of Comstock House
 Greeters