



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580

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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

April Birthday

Woods, William April 30

Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan	35 years
Apr. 08 1989	
Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah	17 years
Apr. 14 2007	
Hanson, Nancy & Russ	49 years
Apr. 19 1975	

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, Dave	32 years
Apr. 01 1992	
Riley, Tom	3 years
Apr. 06 2021	
Johnson, Gregory	12 years
Apr. 10 2012	
Matthees, Charles	31 years
Apr. 13 1993	
Hetland, Dale	22 years
Apr. 16 2002	
Astrup, Steve	6 years
Apr. 16 2018	



Jeff and Julie Kemink of Africa Uplifted

Coming Up April 23

Dr. Mark Thompson, president of Essentia West, is our speaker this week. Teresa Joppa is sergeant at arms.

Don't forget to bring **toothpaste, shampoo or deodorant** for our service project for the young adults at Fraser Ltd.!

Former member Jeff Kemink returns to tell about Africa Unlifted's work in Sierra Leone

Three guests joined Moorhead Rotarians at our April 16 meeting — former member Jeff Kemink and his wife Julie, who presented a program on their work with Africa Uplifted, and Dan Parries, who introduced himself as “first husband” to the district governor-elect.

President Steve thanked those who brought toothpaste, deodorant or shampoo as part of our plan to donate 50 of each to the young adults of Fraser Ltd. The deadline for donations is May 26.

Recital breaks all records!

Recital with a Cause chairman John Andreasen reported on the record-setting concert April 11 and the even more memorable goal reached in raising funds for PolioPlus. A total of about \$112,000 was gathered for the Rotary International campaign to eradicate polio. (Several thousand dollars of that total will also be donated to the two local youth symphonies.)

He said the audience of about 160 was the largest in the concert's 14-year history. Matched two-to-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, more than \$300,000 will go to the cause.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: District Gov.-Elect Kay Parries. Recital chair John Andreasen. (Below) President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Jerry Rogers. (Bottom) John's daughter Karin Andreasen Gambel and granddaughter Cora performed at the conference.



Map of Africa showing location of Sierra Leone, site of Africa Uplifted project.

District 5580 certificate — largest per-club combined contribution for past year.. Our club's total was by far the highest announced at the district conference.



Sarge Jerry shares facts about Tax Day

On the day after the tax deadline, Sergeant at Arms Jerry Rogers shared its background. Congress passed the first income tax measure in 1861 to fund the Civil War. Before that, federal funds were raised through excise taxes. The income tax as we know it today came to be in 1913 with ratification of the 16th Amendment. The deadline of April 15 was established in 1954.

Jerry initiated the first happy dollars — one in honor of exchange student Ansgar stepping up to receive the club's honors at the District Conference, and another for John Andreasen's 9-year-old granddaughter Cora Gambell, who performed a violin duet at the conference with her mother Karin.

Jean Hannig saluted the exchange students who performed at the conference, along with the excellent speakers and everyone who helped organize the event.

Dave Tranby and Violet Deilke both designated their dollars in honor of former Moorhead Rotarian Jeff Kemink and his wife. Tom Riley celebrated the recital's success — "It was amazing!" He also mentioned that his "other" club continues to collect orders for their delicious precooked barbecued ribs; to order, go to www.rotaryribs.com.

Keminks tell of work in Sierra Leone village

Many members welcomed Jeff Kemink "home." The former Wells Fargo bank president has worked in Montana, Bemidji and the Twin Cities since leaving Moorhead. Now retired, he and wife Julie have joined forces with their friends Lance and Julie Burma, who established the nonprofit called Africa Uplifted 15 years ago.

The charity focuses its work on one village, Manonkoh, in the very small western African nation of Sierra Leone. Its first group of volunteers established a clinic that sees. After establishing a clinic, water wells and latrines in its first visit in 2009, the group went on to install solar panels to provide electricity to the village. Volunteers have gone on to establish and then expand a village school. It now employs 10 teachers who provide preschool and elementary education to more 300 students.

Africa Uplifted volunteers visit Sierra Leone regularly. The Keminks have participated in four of those two-week trips. Jeff told the club, "Imagine the hottest you've ever been. It's hotter than that. Then think of the highest humidity. It's worse." Some trips focus on medical outreach, while others may have an educational, spiritual or an economic developmental focus.

For more information on the organization and its work, go to www.AfricaUplifted.org.

Looking Ahead

April 23

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
Program.....Dr. Mark Thompson, Essentia West

April 30

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
ProgramAnsgar Disselbeck,
"My Exchange Year"

May 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program

May 14

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Program.....Stephanie Manesis,
World War II documentary

May 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
Program ..Pres. Colin Irvine, Concordia College

May 28 — No Meeting