



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
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April Birthdays

Bill Woods April 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan	Apr 08 1989
33 years	
Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah	Apr 14 2011
11 years	
Hanson, Russ & Nancy	Apr 19 1975
47 years	

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, David	30 years
Apr 01 1992	
Riley, Tom	1 year
Apr 06 2021	
Johnson, Gregory	10 years
Apr 10 2012	
Matthees, Charles	29 years
Apr 13 1993	
Astrup, Steve	4 years
Apr 16 2018	
Hetland, Dale	20 years
Apr 16 2002	



Coming Up Tuesday, April 5

We're thinking spring Tuesday with our guest Don Kinzler, who'll talk about getting gardens ready for the season. Cindy Nolte is sergeant at arms, and Randy Farwell is Rotarian of the day.

Aldevron recruiter describes company's meteoric growth in genetic research

Acting president Jean Hannig welcomed members and guests John Lindemoen, Mike Meyer and speaker Samantha Havran to the last meeting in March. She reminded them of two upcoming occasions — the Recital With a Cause on April 21 at First Lutheran Church, sponsored by the FM Rotary Foundation, and our club's centennial celebration May 4. The evening includes a social hour, dinner and program that applauds its good works since being formed in May 1921. The link for reserving your tickets is in the email that carries this Paddlewheel.

Sarge Dale cites support of Ukraine

After trivia master Brent Brandt tried to stump the club's know-it-alls with trivia questions about TV and Las Vegas casinos, Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland turned to a more serious topic. He pointed to Rotary International's support of the Ukraine defense, detailed on the inside cover of the current Rotarian magazine. Grants are available for clubs in nations that border Ukraine and other districts that offer support to refugees. Contributions in support of Ukraine can be made at my.rotary.org/disaster-response-fund. Other relief efforts, including



Photos/Brent Brandt: Samantha Havran, manager of talent acquisition at Aldevron Inc.



Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland.

Rotarian of the Day Greg Johnson.

Acting president Jean Hannig.

(Below) Greg Johnson, Cindy Nolte, Jerry Rogers, Gary Nolte and Bill Woods.





Meetings

Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

Other F-M Rotary Meetings

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

ShelterBoxes, are also underway.

Turning to happier matters close to home, Dale fined those member who haven't yet reserved their centennial tickets.

Dave Tranby stepped up with the first happy dollars in honor of his grandson's PeeWee hockey team that has won the state. Dale himself reported the oldest competitor (himself) won the off-the-books weight-lifting competition with a fellow member. Guest John Lindemoen highlighted measures to keep the avian flu epidemic out of the Red River Zoo — "Do we need a no-fly zone?"

Samantha Havran traces home-grown bioscience leader Aldevron's rapid growth

Rotarian of the Day Greg Johnson introduced our program presenter Samantha Havran, senior manager of talent acquisition at fast-growing Aldevron Inc. She told about how she came to move from General Mills in the Twin Cities five years ago: "A recruiter found me on LinkedIn and told me, 'This company wants you,'" she explained. He added, "It's growing like crazy. If you

take this job, jump on the rocket ship and hang on!"

Aldevron, with its roots at NDSU, develops critical raw materials for the health-care industry. Its clients are developing medical products. Its most successful line is plasmid DNA proteins used in genetic medicines for gene and cell therapy. They are a key ingredient in Covid-19 vaccines.

"Aldevron is at the center of this industry," she said. "We supply the materials researchers use to develop vaccines and therapies. We lay the groundwork for vital new discoveries worldwide."

Founded in 1998 in a small laboratory on the campus of North Dakota State University by Michael Chambers and John Ballantyne, Aldevron — had grown to more than 530 employees in 2020 and 800 today. It was recently acquired by the Daneher Corp. of Washington, D.C., for \$9.6 billion. The company operates in a state-of-the-art 189,000 sq. ft. facility in south Fargo.

"Like Rotary, we want to make lives better," she said, adding, "We may help cure cancer someday."

Looking Ahead

April 5

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
Program.....Don Kinzler, "Get Ready for Spring"

April 12

Sergeant at Arms.....Bill Craft
Rotarian of the Day
Program.....Kory Wolden, Family Health Care
Mobile Clinic

April 19

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramKarla Isley, United Way

April 21 — Recital with a Cause

7:30 p.m.First Lutheran Church

April 26

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
Rotarian of the Day.....Ernie Simmons
Program ..McKenzeny Braater, EPIC Companies

May 4 — Centennial Dinner

5:30 p.m.....Concordia College Centrum

May 10

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
Rotarian of the DayKay Parries
Program.....Sheri Larson, Moorhead
Business Association

May 17

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Rotarian of the DayJon Benson
Program.....Sarah Chatelaine-Gress,
The Lotus Center