



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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Song Leader Bob Hanna
Trivia Master Brent Brandt
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April Birthdays

Woods, William Apr 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan Apr 08 1989
32 years
Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah Apr 14 2011
10 years
Hanson, Russ & Nancy Apr 19 1975
46 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 29 years
Apr 01 1992
Johnson, Gregory 9 years
Apr 10 2012
Matthees, Charles 28 years
Apr 13 1993
Astrup, Steve 3 years
Apr 16 2018
Hetland, Dale 19 years
Apr 16 2002



Coming Up Tuesday

Jason McCoy, tobacco cessation coordinator with Clay County Public Health, joins us Tuesday to discuss marijuana use prevention. Cindy Nolte is sergeant at arms.

Join us in person (if you're comfortable with precautions) at the Moorhead Schools Operations Center at 1313 30th Ave. S. or online via Zoom.



MBA Director Sheri Larson discusses Moorhead Business Association impact

President-elect Gina Monson welcomed 16 Rotarians to the Moorhead Schools Operations Center, some in person and some via Zoom. She opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance: "Being back in a school building, I'm nostalgic for the Pledge," she explained. President Jerry Rogers was out of town, finally able to visit his grandchildren in South Carolina.



Please remember to RSVP for next week

Steve Schaefer urged members who plan to attend the next meeting in person to RSVP by noon Wednesday for a food count; it may be a buffet again. The email link for the following week is always in the Paddlewheel email.



Club applies for \$5,000 district grant

Russ Hanson, a member of the Centennial Committee, brought members up to date on the club's application for a \$5,000 matching grant from District 5580 to double our investment in the Literacy and Cultural Project. The project will buy books to encourage early reading in the Moorhead elementary schools among students in K-6. Working with head librarian Julie van Watermulin,

Photos: Glimpses of the hybrid meeting, with some members in person at Moorhead Schools Operations Center (left) and others participating via Zoom. President-elect Gina Monson. Trivia Master Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Russ Hanson. Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell introduces our speaker, Sheri Larson of the Moorhead Business Association.

Guest 03/30/21

Sheri Larson, executive director,
Moorhead Business Association

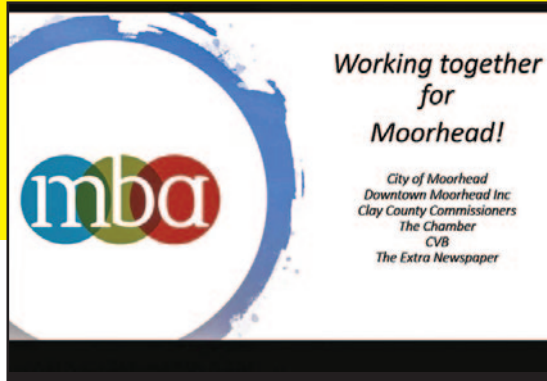


Photo: Randy Farwell, Brent Brandt and Dale Hetland

we plan to obtain books to help grow children's reading skills. A special focus is the youngsters who speak non-English languages at home; early reader titles will be chosen that relate to their cultures and topics familiar to them, both for their benefit and to increase cultural curiosity and understanding among native-born students. He asked, "Did you know that students in our school district speak 47 languages?"

Happy days, happy dollars

After trivia master Brent Brandt took a turn quizzing members about TV, sports and musical theatre trivia, Russ — as sergeant at arms — shared information from the Rotarian magazine on the history of vaccinations, including Rotary International's worldwide Polio Plus campaign.

Happy dollars were tendered by several in attendance. Bob Hanna donated a dollar for his return to Rotary. John Andreasen chipped in three dollars, one for each of his three grandchildren as well as the spring weather in Chicago during his visit. Sue Koesterman's \$5 celebrated the approval of Churches United's proposed Silver Lining Apartments. Chris Andreasen was grateful for the bread and potatoes given away last week.

Past MBA president Randy welcomes director

Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell — a past president of the Moorhead Business Association

— introduced our speaker, Sheri Larson, its executive director. Born in Kindred, N.D., Sheri attended MSUM, where she was a cheerleader ... a role she continues with the MBA. She and her husband Dale owned Fargo Rubber Stamp until selling it in 2008. They have two adult children. She was named to her position two years ago.

Sheri talked about the positive benefits of MBA membership, including networking with other professionals from very different lines of work at weekly meetings, held Wednesdays at the American Legion.

The MBA has sponsored a new group, the Alliance of Nonprofits, that meets on the last Mondays of the month. She shared the news that members of MBA are putting together Cruise Nights this summer for classic car buffs: They will be held on the first Thursday of each month starting in May.

The association has developed several festivals aimed at students in the community. Frostival expanded throughout the community this year, and a back-to-school event has been held in past Septembers on the bridge.

She said one of her and assistant Nick Lehr's regular tasks is visiting business owners to find out more about their needs. This year, the two brought along PPEs, along with critical information on Covid-related relief grants and other funding to help them survive the pandemic.

Looking Ahead

April 6

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
ProgramJason McCoy, "Beyond Smoke & Mirrors — Marijuana Prevention"

April 13

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Rotarian of the DayTracey Moorhead
ProgramErin Prochnow, YWCA Transitional Housing

April 20

Sergeant at ArmsBob Hanna
Rotarian of the DaySteve Schaefer
ProgramAmina Falkhulkova, Tajkistan Well Project

April 27

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer
Rotarian of the DayDave Sederquist
ProgramJon Eisele, Enbridge Energy