



The Paddlewheel

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August Birthday

Hiller, Tim August 20

August Wedding Anniversaries

Moorhead, Tracey and Richard

62 years Aug. 14 1964

Nolte, Gary and Cindy

57 years Aug. 01 1969

Riewer, Jon and Kristine

30 years Aug. 24 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 30 years

Aug. 06 1996

Nolte, Cindy

26 years

Aug. 15 2000



Coming Up August 11

Bob Dutcher, a retired engineer and National Intelligence Agency staffer, talks about he membership in the Ukrainian Rotary Club. Brandon Lunak is our sergeant at arms

Thomas Hill discusses YouthWorks' new transitional housing in Moorhead

President Chris Andreasen welcomed members and half a dozen guests to the club's regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 4. Among them were his wife Nikki and daughter Molly. Two Fargo Rotarians were on hand to remind of ongoing fund-raisers: Tim LeClair of FM/AM, who touted his club's football books, and Ken Rosson of Fargo Rotary. Janelle Leiseth introduced her father-in-law David, a former Rotarian. Prospective member Lesley Aune again joined us, as did Mark Heinert, executive director of YouthWorks, who accompanied speaker Thomas Hill.

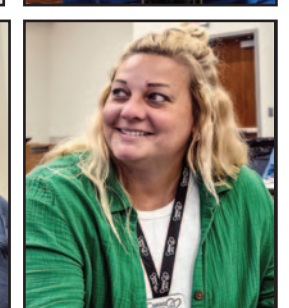
Chris kicked the meeting off with several announcements. Our next service project will be collecting school supplies for Golden Drive Homeless Kids. A club social has been scheduled for Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. at Junkyard Brewing.

Also, the five FM Rotary Clubs will collaborate on a Walk to End Polio Saturday, Oct. 24.

In the trivia master's absence, he reminisced about several kids' games, including a round of rock-paper-scissors.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Guest Thomas Hill describes Youthworks. (Above) President Chris Andreasen. Nikki and Molly Andreasen. (Below) Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark. Tim Hiller. (Bottom) Ernie Simmons. Stephanie Ressler of Churches United.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:

(Above) Secretary Alex Aldrich listens to Rob Remark.

(Right, top) Guest Dave Leiseth. Prospective member Lesley Aune.

(Right, bottom) Guest Tim LeClair, of FM AM Rotary Club. Dave Sederquist.



Sarge Rob Talks About New Libraries

Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark focused on new libraries — the presidential libraries of Barack Obama in Chicago and Theodore Roosevelt in Medora, as well as The Loop in downtown Moorhead. He was part of the planning of both of the latter, involved in the TR library for years before moving to Moorhead.

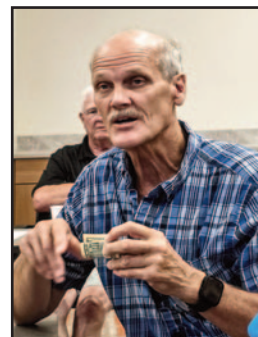
Rob described both the Obama and TR sites as “experiential instead of archival,” aimed at providing visitors with equally significant but very different takeaways. He noted that the presidential library has already hosted more than 50,000 visitors in its first month.

Inspirations for happy dollars ranged from the playful — Jean Hannig’s dedicating her to Rob “because he showed up” — to serious, as Dave Sederquist honored his parents’ memory a week after his mother’s death. Gary Nolte’s cash celebrated his and Cindy’s 57th anniversary.

YouthWorks: ‘We Walk Alongside Them’

Thomas Hill of YouthWorks described the North Dakota-plus-Moorhead program’s mission of helping ensure youth (ages 18-24) have “a safe place to belong and be heard.” The nonprofit has completed its purchase of the former Ecumen Evergreens assisted living facility, reimagining it as transitional housing for those they serve.

The new facility includes 25 units of housing, with



staff on hand around the clock. After just three months of operation, it’s already full. The average stay is six to seven months.

By the end of August, he said, at least seven youth will have already exited to safe and stable housing. “What these youth need,” he said, “are a job, education, stable and safe housing, emotional well-being and permanent connections to adults who care about them.” A \$2 million campaign is underway to pay off the newly acquired facility.

Looking Ahead

August 11

Sergeant at Arms.....Brandon Lunak
ProgramBob Dutcher, Ukrainian
Rotary Club

August 18

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program.....Steve Smith, YMCA

August 25 — Board Meeting

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September 1

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program

September 8 — Tour of YWCA

September 15

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Program

September 22 — Club Social

Junkyard Brewing.....4 p.m.

September 29 — No Meeting

Oct. 24 — 5-Club Walk for Polio @ The Loop