



The Paddlewheel

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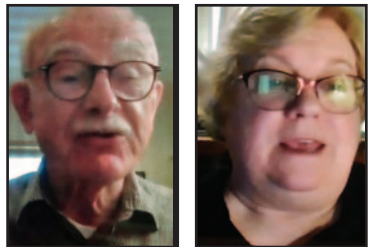
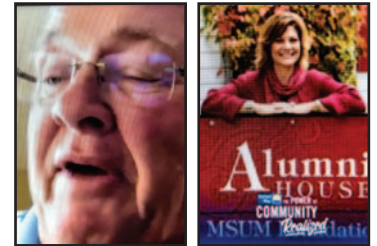
**Moorhead Rotary Club 970
District 5580**

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Pat Gulbranson and Greg Johnson
Directors (2021) Kevin Heazlett
and Tracey Moorhead
Directors (2022) Tammy Finney
and Steve Astrup
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& Jean Hannig
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

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



Coming Up Tuesday — via Zoom

Maryann Allen of the New American Consortium joins us Tuesday for a talk on supporting New Americans in Fargo-Moorhead. Steve Astrup is up as sergeant at arms, and Sue Koesterman is Rotarian of the Day.



Top: F-M Rotary Natural Playground rendering. Above: Holly Heitkamp, Parks Director.

Parks director Holly Heitkamp offers update on river trails and other plans

President Jerry Rogers welcomed 19 Moorhead Rotarians to the club's virtual meeting on Zoom.

Look on bright side for the positives

After Brent Brandt's weekly taste of movie trivia, Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson spoke up about the healthy habit of finding positive news in our daily lives today and tomorrow. "We can look at the Misery Index for each president over the years," he said, but we can also look at the bright side of things."

In his own life, he said, he has three children struggling with unemployment and a wife who has had to stop teaching — but his family's future is still bright. "Look at Rotary's mission," he urged. "It is based on hope for the future." In keeping with Rotary meetings' generally positive vibes, he said, he will remember what is good, just and rights in

the world. He asked us to all name a good thing that we are glad for — simultaneously pressing our "unmute" buttons. The cacophony was encouraging.

After asking for happy dollars, Eric recognized Dave Tranby, who gave \$5 in honor of "one of the best sergeant commentaries ever." He also cited his grandson's baseball and hockey. Chris Andreasen tossed in a virtual \$2 for wrapping up Pathways' summer events in health and safety ... and his announcement that he and wife Nicki are expecting a baby.

Steve Schaefer expressed happiness over the international students now arriving at Concordia after mastering "so many hurdles." Jean's dollars were for guest Holly Heitkamp and plans for the upcoming Rotary Natural Park in Moorhead. Brent welcomed students back, reminding member to share the news that they can turn to the food pantry

Guest 8/11

Holly Heitkamp,

August Birthday

Cater, Alma Aug 01

Wedding Anniversaries

Nolte, Cindy & Gary Aug 01 1969
51 years

Baldwin, Jill & Jerry Aug 02 1969
51 years

Hendrickson, Chuck & Renae
Aug 13 1994 26 years

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard
Aug 14 1964 56 years

Belcher, Barb & David Aug 17 2013
7 years

Johnson, Eric & Kirsten Aug 21 2012
8 years

Riewer, Jon & Kristine Aug 24 1996
24 years

Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl Aug 29 1981
39 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 24 years
Aug 06 1996

Lorenson, Pat 3 years
Aug 12 2017

Blackhurst, Anne 8 years
Aug 14 2012

Nolte, Cindy 20 years
Aug 15 2000

Qualey, Neil 28 years
Jul 21 1992



if needed. Paul Dove is happy about a new great-grandchild, and Eric for his negative COVID test results.

Parks director talks of progress & plans

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced Holly Heitkamp, director of Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Holly began her career at Eventide in Moorhead in 1982 as its activities director, then moved to the Hjemkomst Center as building manager. Ultimately she was named to her present position heading the city's recreation areas and activities.

Holly focused on the progress of the trails through the corridor along the Red River. Construction is going on now on the segment from Gooseberry Park to the Bluestem Center for the Arts. The project — envisioned in a 2014 master plan — was kicked off in 2015 with Clay County's construction of a trail from the Wall Street river crossing to Matson Field on 15th Avenue North. The Homestead and Downtown Trails segments were completed in 2018 and 2019, extending the bicycle and walking path from the historic Bergquist cabin south through downtown to Woodlawn. The next segment — the Midtown Trail — is still unfunded, as is the final Harvest Trail segment from Bluestem to the river at 60th

Avenue South.

The Blue Goose Trail is expected to be completed along Rivershore Drive and the river route later this year. When complete, the trails will feature message center with historical information along the route compiled by archivist Mark Peihl. Excerpts from the sidewalk art and poetry project are stamped into concrete pads on which benches (made of recycled materials) are being installed.

Holly updated the club on progress, plans and construction in other Moorhead parks, including updates to the city pool, which was built in 1962. The city's top five priorities include completion of the river corridor trails, a community recreation and aquatics center, an inclusive playground next to Rotary's Miracle Field, the new south-side dog park and the Natural Playground in Riverfront Park on First Avenue north of downtown. A third footbridge across the Red is eventually planned in the Bluestem area.

The grand opening of the dog park in River Oaks Point is expected during Greater Moorhead Days next month. A soft opening is also planned in coming days, showing off fencing and amenities in the long-anticipated pet-exercise site.

Looking Ahead

August 18 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsSteve Astrup
Rotarian of the DaySue Koesterman
ProgramMaryann Allen, New American Consortium, "Supporting New Americans in F-M"

August 25 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
Rotarian of the Day.....Gina Monson

September 1 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson

Rotarian of the DayKay Parries

September 15 — Drive-By Food Drive #2

Most Moorhead Rotary meetings will probably continue to be conducted virtually via Zoom for the remainder of 2020, since Concordia is not permitting outside groups from meeting on campus. The board will continue to look at when, where and how indoor meetings will be able to resume.