



The Paddlewheel

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August Anniversaries

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard
60 years Aug. 14 1964
Nolte, Gary & Cindy 55 years
Aug. 01 1969
Riewer, Jon & Kristine 28 years
Aug. 24 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 28 years
Aug. 06 1996
Nolte, Cindy 24 years
Aug. 15 2000



Pastor Paul Aladin explained the work of United Hearts for Haiti to educate young people in the troubled Caribbean nation.



Coming Up Tuesday, August 27

Emily Jones of Creative Spirit Counseling joins us at our meeting this week. Violet Deilke is sergeant at arms.

United Hearts for Haiti supports vocational education for young Haitian adults

Our new Rotary exchange student, Elizabeth Zimmerman, and her first host dad, Trent Gerads, joined Moorhead Rotarians on Aug. 20. Ellie is 16 years old. President Steve Astrup also introduced Paul Aladin, a Haitian native who has lived in the U.S. for more than 30 years. He is the pastor of Bridgepoint Community Church in Moorhead and founder of United Hearts for Haiti.

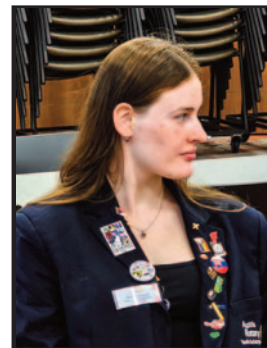
Steve reminded members of several fundraisers, including FM AM Rotary's sale of football raffle tickets and Fargo West's peach sale at the Holiday Inn.

Alex Aldrich reminded members of the Rotary shirts that are still available. Talk to Teresa Joppa if you haven't received yours.

The club will not meet on Sept. 3 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Sarge Laura tells of the power of music

Sergeant at Arms Laura Lobo shared two tales of the power of singing. She told of the "singing revolution" in Estonia during World War II, when citizens gathered to sing their national anthem, inspiring them to escape Soviet domination. She also recounted a tale of Navy Seals trainees who sang to keep one of their number from giving up



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) President Steve Astrup. Laura Lobo. (Above) Austrian exchange student Elizabeth Zimmerman. Jean Hannig & Kirk Scott. (Below) Eric Wilkie. Jerry Rogers and David Tranby.





Photos: Teresa Joppa, exchange host
Trent Gerads, Steve Astrup, Elizabeth
Zimmerman and Jean Hannig.

Alex Aldrich and Teresa Joppa.

Host parent Trent Gerads.

Cindy Nolte.



during a long, cold night that tested their mettle.

Grandma Jean Hannig and Great-Grandma Cindy Nolte contributed happy dollars in honor of time spent with their new offspring. Saluting Laura's story, Gary Nolte told about spending two weeks with the Navy Seals: "I lost 15 pounds," he noted. Eric Wilkie's happy dollars were in honor of his return, as well as for our new exchange student. Jerry Rogers reported that his wife won the 50-50 raffle at the FM Symphony Orchestra's annual "Symphony Rocks" concert last week; she took home \$1,800 as her prize.

Moorhead pastor leads Haitian project

Pastor Paul Aladin took the podium to tell of United Hearts for Haiti, the educational nonprofit he founded in 2008 along with Haitian and American supporters. Located in Cavaillon in the southwest corner of the island nation, it has seen a huge influx of refugees from the capital city of Port-au-Prince throughout the ongoing violence that has brought Haiti's government to a virtual halt.

United Hearts has built a school in the city, which had 26,000 residents but has swelled to nearly twice its size due to current events. Aladin raised funds to build the structure here, then recruited the people of Cavaillon to assist with every step of the building process, from guarding the construction materials at night to helping volunteers construct the facility.

In its first three years of operation, the school has offered vocational training to young adults. That was chosen.



adults, he says, after talking with Cavaillon residents. "I asked, 'What would you like to see?'" he says. "They told me, 'We need to train our young men and women for productive futures so they do not go into gangs.'" He adds, "If my own family had not seen that I got an education, I might have gone that way myself -- or might be dead."

Along with the political turmoil, Haiti has experienced two major earthquakes and several hurricanes in recent years. United Hearts has been able to provide shelter and food to their victims. With Haiti's literacy the lowest in the Western Hemisphere, the organization has also moved into elementary and secondary education. About 300 students completed their school's first term, which started in 2022.

Aladdin said his motto is "Do more with less." "A lot of people didn't think this would happen," he said. Doubters, he demonstrated, were wrong.

Looking Ahead

August 27

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
ProgramEmily Jones,
Creative Spirit Counseling

September 3 — No Meeting

September 10

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
ProgramSky Purdin, Jasmin Child Care

September 17

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
ProgramBruce Hanson, Heart of Clay

September 24

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
ProgramErnie Simmons, "All in the Future"