



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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and Tracey Moorhead
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and Steve Astrup
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Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson
& 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

Dr. Tonya Hansen, MSUM professor of economics, addresses “How COVID-19 affects economic recovery” at this week’s meeting. Brad Donabauer is our sergeant at arms.

Jeremiah Program speakers detail program’s help for single moms

Two leaders from Fargo-Moorhead’s Jeremiah Programs joined Moorhead Rotarians for a Zoom session July 28. President-elect Gina Monson led the meeting; president Jerry Rogers was golfing in the F-M Rotary Foundation Golf Outing, along with Gary Nolte.

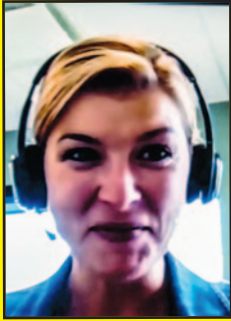
Members welcomed back Russ Hanson, who has been absent for five weeks recovering from a broken leg during a photo shoot. He regaled friends with his tale, including kudos for the care and therapy at Bethany Rehab.

Gina shared the obituary of longtime Rotarian Ed Wright, who died July 21. Ed had been a member of the club since 1955. We plan a donation to the Rotary Foundation in his memory.



Photos/Russ Hanson

Gina reminded members to save the date Sept.



Guests 7/28

Andrea Williams (above) and Lonnie Pederson, Jeremiah Project

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

The Challenge

- ▶ Many young, single mothers, even those with strong determination to attend college, must defer dreams to deal with harsh economic realities.
- ▶ Single mothers living in poverty face higher unemployment rates and are usually dependent upon public assistance.
- ▶ The children of low-income, single mothers often start school after their peers and find it difficult to catch up.

What Success Looks Like

- ▶ Graduates are earning 68% more than when they started in the program
- ▶ Graduates report average income of nearly \$48,000
- ▶ 100% of graduates live in safe housing
- ▶ 77% of graduates report decreased reliance on public assistance

15 for the club's second Drive-By Food Drive. It will take place in the highly visible parking lot of Concordia's baseball field on Eighth Street.

Violet Deilke reminded members that a few have not picked up their Rotary shirts yet at Centre for Hair and Wellness. She asks that you come by!

Sarge Dave shares others' good works, collects happy dollars from members

After levying virtual fines on members who missed the previous week's meeting at Gooseberry Park, Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared glimpses of other Rotary clubs' good works — an Indian club that created a free dialysis clinic, and another in Yakima, Washington, that placed 300 pianos around its city for the public to play.

Among the day's happy dollars: Jean Hannig's for the Jeremiah Program, Teresa Joppa and Bill Woods' for Russ's care and recovery, and Chris Andreasen for the good bread from Breadsmith shared by Brent Brandt at last week's gathering.

Jeremiah Project serves two generations

Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig introduced Lonnie Pederson, executive director of the Jeremiah Project, and Andrea Williams, its

development director. The two Concordia graduates described how the nationwide program (with six campuses, including Fargo-Moorhead's) serves two generations at the same time: single mothers and their children.

The program's three-story residence on Fiechtner Drive opened in January 2018 with 19 young moms and their youngsters. They provide access to education and child care to participants; Jean referred one of their first mothers, a student in her paralegal program.

Mothers must establish an education plan and schedule and maintain a 2.0 GPA each semester. They're expected to engage in employment, internships or volunteering, and participate in biweekly sessions with a family coach. They also take part in weekly life skills classes and quarterly resident council meetings and activities. Eligible children are enrolled in the program's on-site child development center.

Here's what success looks like: Graduates are earning 68% more than when they started the program, with average income of nearly \$48,000. Every one lives in safe housing, and 77% report decreased reliance on public assistance.

The club is considering a future service project to aid the program.

Looking Ahead

August 4 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsBrad Donabauer Program.....Dr. Tonya Hansen, MSUM professor of economics, "How COVID-19 affects economic recovery"

August 11 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods ProgramHolly Heitkamp, Moorhead Parks Department, Moorhead parks and bike trail extensions

August 18 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Astrup ProgramMaryann Allen, New American Consortium, "Supporting New Americans in F-M"

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.