



The Paddlewheel

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 Nancy Edmonds Hanson

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 4

Thomas Hill joins us to talk about the new Youthworks facility in Moorhead. Rob Remark is sergeant at arms

Concordia President Invites Rotarian To Dream Up Collaboration with Students

President Chris Andreasen welcomed Moorhead Rotarians on Tuesday, July 21, along with two guests — prospective member Paul Nelson, Seve Schaefer's wife Terese, and Kjerstin Andreasen, the president's sister.

He opened the meeting on a midsummery note with a poem written by his grandmother Alice Andreasen in 1930: "Oh, happy day, our school is done. I'm going to have a lot of fun, I'm heading for the swimming hole, I'll take my tackle and my pole, I'll get some pop and bubble gum, And whistle for my dog to come." He illustrated it with another bit of family memorabilia — his father, Rotarian John Andreasen, in 1949.



Sarge Dale Conducts Round of Cobber Trivia

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland served up the weekly snack of trivia in Brent Brandt's absence. He focused on facts about Concordia College in honor of our speaker, President Colin Irvine.

Then he turned to happy dollars. Among those who contributed to the club kitty with good news of



Photos/Nancy Hanson: President Chris Andreasen with 1949 poem and photo of his dad. Concordia President Colin Irving. (Above) Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland. Paul Dove and Kay Parries share a big laugh. (Bottom) Jean Hannig and Paul Nelson. Dave Tranby.





Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Chris and Kjersten Andreasen.

(Right, middle) Brent Brandt. Kirk Scott.

(Right, bottom) Cindy Nolte. Gary Nolte.



the hour was Steve Schaefer — back from a trip to Spain. Kirk Scott translated a motto from the Greek. Nancy Hanson urged members to remember to vote in the Aug. 11 primary election, either by voting early at the County Center (through Aug. 10) or balloting on Election Day. John Andreasen saluted Pastor Rasmus Jensen, the first Norwegian cleric in North America.

Cobber President Challenges Members

Dr. Colin Irvine told the club, “Exciting things are coming soon.” But with that, he pivoted to a challenge in the spirit of the book **Reset**, whose theme is “how to change things that aren’t working.”

He invited members to come up with innovations through which Rotary can collaborate with young Cobbers. Two ideas emerged. The first: Establishment of a Rotaract club on the campus this fall. The Rotary affiliate is for young people ages 18 and older to work on global solutions. A second proposal was mentorship program in which Rotarian professionals interact with students.



Looking Ahead

August 4

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Program.....Thomas Hill, Youthworks

August 11

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramBob Dutcher, Ukrainian
Rotary Club

August 18

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

August 25 — Board Meeting

Trinity board roomnoon

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. 25 — 5-Club Walk for Polio @ The Loop