



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
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December Birthdays

Lunak, Brandon	Dec 04
Andreasen, John	Dec 05
Deilke, Violet	Dec 20
Hanson, Nancy	Dec 24
Monson, Gina	Dec 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Sederquist, David & Jane	
Dec 08 1984	37 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Finney, Tammy	6 years
Dec 08 2015	
Baldwin, Jill	21 years
Dec 12 2000	Dec 13 1988
Parries, Kay	33 years
Dec 13 1988	



Coming Up Tuesday, December 7

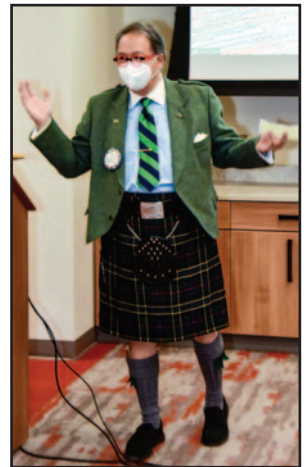
Moorhead Rotary holds its annual club assembly this week, with the agenda including election of officers and directors for 2022-23. Jon Benson is sergeant at arms. *Don't forget to bring socks for our centennial 100 for December Project!*

Photos/Russ Hanson:
Acting President Jerry Rogers.

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig.

Guest speaker Amina Fatkhulloeva reported on the water project in Varzi-Kanda, Tajikistan, which the club and District 5580 helped support.

Sergeant at Arms Sam Wai wore his kilt in honor of St. Andrew's Day. He is the patron saint of Scotland who was crucified just 25 years after Christ.



Tajikistan water project supported by Rotary grant has been completed

Acting president Jerry Rogers welcomed members to the Nov. 30 meeting, then turned the podium over to Jean Hannig, who chairs the F-M Rotary Foundation. She reported on fund-raising progress for the Natural Playground. At that time, \$284,000 had been raised for the \$700,000 project, which will finance a new community play area in Moorhead's Memorial Park near downtown.

Of the five Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs, she said, some have reached the goal of 100% participation — including Fargo West, Fargo AM and Fargo PM. The downtown club ws at 59% ... but in our club, she said, only 39% have made a financial pledge.

"Today I'm challenging you to change that," she told members, "with a pledge or one-time donation. Some members haven't donated, but you can donate in their name. Sponsor anyone by saying 'in honor of a Moorhead Rotarian.'"

Kilt-clad Sergeant Sam collects happy \$\$

Sergeant Sam Wai wore a kilt to the meeting in honor of the Scottish observance of St. Andrew's Day. St. Andrew, an apostle crucified 25 years after Christ, is the patron saint of Scotland.

Mark Your Calendar!

Instead of our noon meeting on Dec. 14, we'll meet at the new Moorhead Career Academy for a tour led by Supt. Brandon Lunak. Afterwards, we'll shift into party mode for our annual holiday celebration, with food by Concordia Catering and entertainment by Moorhead High's Carolers and the Apollo Strings.

100 for December — Lots of Socks



As part of Moorhead Rotary's 100th anniversary, we are gathering 100 pairs of socks during December for homeless guests at Churches United for the Homeless. When you're shopping for gifts between now and Christmas, pick up some of these very special presents to commemorate our club's century of service.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Amina Fatkhulloeva, Steve Shaefer and Jerry Rogers.
Gary Nolte and Kay Parries.
Bill Woods and Jean Hannig.



Meetings

Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=VOZTMV1NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

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

He turned attention to happy dollars. The first made both donor Dale Hetland and Teresa Joppa happy: She won tickets to the Concordia Christmas concert, but couldn't go, so Dale sought \$20 for them. Jerry Rogers offered a "condolence dollar" for Dave Tranby, who is not a believer in the Minnesota Gophers. Jean's \$5 were in honor of the MHS production of "Bonnie and Clyde"; thanks to donors to the Natural Playground; and the largest in-person attendance at a meeting since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Eric Wilkie was pleased that all his family is healthy and back to school after a week of Covid. Teresa was grateful for her father's good care in Sanford Hospital. Gary Nolte celebrated his sister's receiving a kidney donation last week. Russ applauded the day's fantastic attendance.

Tajiki water project increases food security

Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer introduced Concordia College senior Amina Fatkhulloeva, who updated the club about the success of her project to bring irrigation water to the village of Varzi-Kanda in her native Tajikistan. It was funded through a \$6,000 grant from Moorhead Rotary and District 5580, along with a Projects for Peace award of \$10,000 from the Shelby Davis Foundation, a Go Fund Me account Amina set up, and other private donations.

The site of the project is a tiny landlocked village where virtually all of its 600 residents — many of

them single mothers — subsist below the poverty level. There are no employment opportunities; people survive through hunting and farming.

The project brought irrigation water to the area, a tremendous boon for raising crops there. It was completed over last summer. Amina said she was very frustrated with the local vendors, who changed prices for labor and supplies despite many discussions and much planning.

"It took longer than I expected, but it did finally get done," she said. During the 13-week process, she said, "I learned much about infrastructure and engineering."

The pipeline's water is not filtered for drinking. That would have required a bigger and more complicated undertaking. Plans to train area farmers had to be postponed due to Covid.

Amina invited the Rotarians to visit her beautiful mountainous country and the village where their gift has been put to use. "I have a large family, and will be happy to welcome you and host you," she said.

The international student, who was elected president of Concordia's student senate last spring, is majoring in finance and accounting. After graduation in May, she plans to move to Seattle to work for Deloitte Touche — and perhaps join Rotary there.

Looking Ahead

December 7

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Program..Club Assembly — Election of Officers

December 14 — No noon meeting Christmas Party at 4:30 p.m.

Meet at the Moorhead Career Academy at 4:30 for a tour, followed by the club Christmas party.
FoodConcordia Catering
Entertainment....MHS Carolers & Apollo Strings

December 21

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
Rotarian of the DayBill Craft
Program.....Christmas message, Paul Dovre

December 28 — no meeting

January 4 — no meeting

January 11

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day
Program.....Dan Hannaher, Lutheran
Immigration and Refugee Services