



The Paddlewheel

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February Birthdays

Dave Sederquist Feb 23
Corey Elmer Feb 23

Rotary Anniversaries

Cater, Alma 34 years
Feb 02 1988
Elmer, Corey 19 years
Feb 11 2003



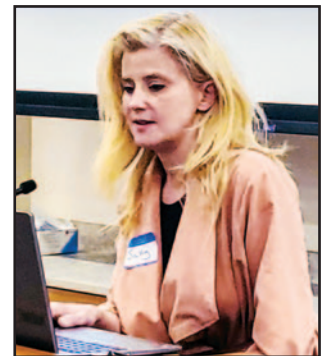
Coming Up Tuesday, February 15

Deb Dawson introduces us to her organization "African Soul/American Heart" this week. Brent Brandt is our sergeant at arms, and Chris Andreasen introduces Deb as Rotarian of the day.

Photos/Russ Hanson:
Sally Jacobson (at right), executive director of the Red River Zoo, shared plans for the local attraction.

Jean Hannig,
Emily Gess.

Members gathered in the Moorhead Schools Ops Center and online via Zoom.



Zoo director shares plans for expansion

Acting president Jean Hannig welcomed Rotarians Feb. 8 with several announcements. Of greatest local importance was her update on progress of the Natural Playground being put together by the FM Rotary Foundation. For the first time, she said, the foundation's project is participating in Giving Hearts Day, the areawide event focusing on charitable giving to nonprofit organizations and projects. Promoting the playground, the foundation sponsored a contest for young and old designing a treehouse for the all-natural attraction ... building their dreams with the packets of marshmallows and toothpicks distributed to members several weeks ago. Our Teresa Joppa was one of the five whose designs were deemed winners.

Jean also shared the news that Rotary's international convention — held online for the past two years — will go back to face-to-face sessions in Houston, Texas. "We'll see friends from around the world, wonderful international speakers, excellent workshops, friendships and the local sights again," she said. The special registration rate of \$495 extends through the end of February.

100+ pairs of running shoes

Russ Hanson announced a new centennial project





Photos/Russ Hanson: Sergeant at Arms Brent Brandt.

Teresa Joppa's imaginative treehouse for the Natural Playground, built from mini marshmallows and toothpicks.

Russ Hanson, Jon Benson, Gary Nolte and Jerry Rogers sorted and organized some 300 pairs of running shoes donated by the Fargo Marathon and Scheels for young Moorhead athletes. Not pictured: Bill Woods.



Meetings

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

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMVl1NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
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

for this special centennial year that will take place Thursday. Moorhead schools have asked us to help sort and organized some 300 pairs of running shoes donated by Scheels and the Fargo Marathon for young local athletes.

Sarge Brent gathers happy news & dollars

Brent Brandt performed double duty — his usual trivia challenge plus a stint as sergeant at arms. After quizzing members on words with four S's, he turned to more serious matters, reviewing Rotary International's mission statement. He went around the room, asking each member to introduce herself or himself and share a personal interest, why they like Rotary or what makes them happy that day.

That led to Happy Dollars. John Andreasen expressed gratitude for help with an online hacker. Guest John Lindemoen celebrated a gift of \$100,000 for the Natural Playground received from Scheels. While Cindy Nolte was grateful for all our Rotary friends around the world, Gary talked about shoe projects that encircle the globe and kids who are grateful for any shoes.

Teresa Joppa reported she will soon be unemployed: She told her boss she is retiring in early May. Russ was pleased with the opportunity to help with the running shoe project this week and those who volunteered. Jerry Rogers celebrated being back on his feet after his successful hip surgery, as well as the centennial event coming up May 4. Tammy Finney expressed her thanks for

being part of our Rotary family.

Red River Zoo has new exhibits coming up

Rotarian of the Day Emily Gess introduced Sally Jacobson, executive director of the Red River Zoo. Sally told members, "Our zoo is entirely self-funded, an unusual situation among most American zoos." A member of Fargo West Rotary, Sally has worked in all aspects of zoo animal care and operations. She has worked for the local organization since 2012 and was named director in 2016.

The zoo – located in the southwest quadrant of Interstates 94 and 29 – has grown steadily since it opened its gates in 1999. Today it's home to 89 species native to North America and northern Asia, and has earned the respect of the international Association of Zoos and Aquariums ... in no small part due to the steady support of its 3,500 member families and partner businesses throughout Fargo-Moorhead.

Sally described several upcoming additions to the zoo, funded in part by Fargo West Rotary's annual motorcycle raffles. Coming soon is American Adventure, an area that will showcase bison as well as other native animals of the Northern Plains. The next planned addition is Extreme Asia; its residents will include Amur tigers and leopards, as well as other hardy species. Viking Wilderness lies ahead, as funds are raised to support the exhibits.

Looking Ahead

February 15

Sergeant at ArmsBrent Brandt
Rotarian of the DayChris Andreasen
ProgramDeb Dawson, "African Soul/
American Heart"

February 22

Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup
Rotarian of the DayDave Tranby
ProgramAbe Tomayo, Salvation Army

March 1 — Mardi Gras Social
Social at Nolte home — no noon meeting

March 8

Sergeant at ArmsSteve Schaefer
Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
ProgramPolice Chief Shannon Monroe

March 15

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
Rotarian of the DaySteve Schaefer
ProgramKellie Hamre, Gigi's Playhouse

March 22

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Rotarian of the DayEric Wilkie
ProgramChris Johnson, Rape & Abuse
Crisis Center