



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
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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 22

Major Abe Tomayo of the Salvation Army is our guest this week. Dave Tranby is Rotarian of the day, and Violet Deilke is sergeant at arms.



Photos/Russ Hanson: The club screened Kevin Wallevand's WDAY-TV features on "African Soul, American Heart," the education program to help African refugee girls. (At right) Founder Deb Dawson.

Trivia master Brent Brandt.

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist.



Club views WDAY videos on Fargo-based 'African Soul, American Heart' program

Jean Hannig welcomed Moorhead Rotarians with a reminder that the Rotary International Convention is still an in-person event, to be held in Houston June 4-8. Early registration (at a special early-bird rate) continues through the end of the month.

Members sort shoes for schoolkids

Russ Hanson reported that our volunteer team sorted more than 300 pairs of running shoes for Moorhead elementary students last Thursday. The shoes were donated to the four elementary schools and Horizon East by the Fargo Marathon and Scheels. Lending a hand on the footwear were Jon Benson, John Andreasen, Bill Woods, Jerry Rogers and Russ.



Sarge talks of Rotary and China

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist talked about the demise of Rotary clubs in China after 1951, when they were officially disbanded. Slowly they have returned; today there are 28, including one



Celebrate Mardi Gras!

Gary and Cindy Nolte are hosting a party for Mardi Gras ... or Fat Tuesday, if you prefer ... at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 1. Come enjoy an authentic menu along with your fellow members. Please call 1:218-233-6758 or email: NOL951@aol.com to RSVP to help them get an idea about numbers.



Meetings

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

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV1NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>
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

in Beijing, a city of 22 million. “Half of its members are non-Chinese,” he noted.

He threw in a quote by George Burns: “You know you are getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes ... and wonder what else to do while you’re down there.”

Happy dollars were offered in honor of the running shoe project and Teresa Joppa’s travels to Boise, Idaho, including her adventures in the airport.

‘Orphans of the Nile’ tells ASAH story

Jean Hannig introduced WDAY-TV’s series on African Soul, American Heart, the education program established by Fargo’s Deb Dawson, who could not attend the meeting. Compiled by reporter Kevin Wallevand, the video documentary that chronicles the work of Dawson’s nonprofit.

Dawson got involved in 2007 after meeting Joseph Akol Makeer, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. She set up a boarding school for South Sudanese orphan girls. After civil war broke out in 2014, the school closed, but she regrouped in Uganda.

A number of Fargo-Moorhead volunteers, including

Dr. John and Kim Baird of Moorhead, are sponsors of girls who live and attend the school. Its goal is to help orphans flee the dangers of war and famine.

The people of South Sudan, where civil war has been going on for decades, are considered the most traumatized in the world. According to the documentary, 100,000 people had escaped their homes to refugee camps since at the time it was produced in 2016.

ASAH’s mission is to “protect, educate and empower” the South Sudanese orphans — some as young as preteens — to prepare them for the transition to an independent life. Its program prepares them with the skills and knowledge to help their community and their country restore and sustain peace.

Basic sponsorships are available at \$1,500 per year (\$125 per month). Some donors choose to share these sponsorships. A full sponsorship, which covers most of the costs to support one student, is \$5,000. These student sponsorships have allowed ASAH to educate almost 50 young women, providing medical and dental care, food, clothing and—most importantly—role models, mentors, and caring staff to guide these girls into adulthood.

Looking Ahead

February 22

Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke
Rotarian of the Day Dave Tranby
Program Abe Tomayo, Salvation Army

March 1 — Mardi Gras Social

Social at Nolte home — no noon meeting
117 38th Ave. Circle S.....5-7:30 p.m.

March 8

Sergeant at Arms Steve Schaefer
Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell
Program Police Chief Shannon Monroe

March 15

Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons
Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer
Program Kellie Hamre, Gigi’s Playhouse

March 22

Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark
Rotarian of the Day Eric Wilkie
Program Chris Johnson, Rape & Abuse
Crisis Center

March 29

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland
Rotarian of the Day Greg Johnson
Program Samantha?, Aldevron

April 5

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell
Program Don Kinzler, “Get Ready for Spring”

April 12

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day
Program Kory Wolden, Family Health Care