



The Paddlewheel

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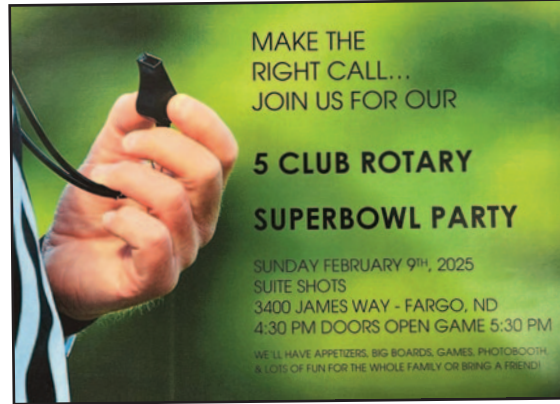
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February Birthdays

Sederquist, Dave February 23
Elmer, Corey February 23

Rotary Anniversary

Elmer, Corey 22 years
Feb. 11 2003



Tuesday, February 4

Sarah Flesberg of the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota/North Dakota presents our program this week. Jerry Rogers is sergeant at arms.

Rotary Guests Invite Members to Party, Share Details of Super Bowl Party Feb. 9

Moorhead Rotary had a full house Tuesday, Jan. 29, with not only members but a bumper crop of guests. They included four Fargo Rotarians who spoke to the group about the upcoming five-club Super Bowl party and their clubs' ongoing dictionary project, two very young future Rotarians, and Dr. Nathan Zaffke of Dental Care Fargo.



Super Bowl Party at Suite Shots next Sunday

Kriss Burns and Ken Rosson invited the club to come — and bring friends — to the five clubs' third annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb. 9.

The doors open at 4:30 p.m. at Suite Shots, 3400 James Way, Fargo. On the agenda are appetizers, big boards, games, a photo booth, and (in Kriss's words) "tons of fun for the whole family."



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen. Dr. Nathan Zaffke, Dr. Brandon Lunak & President Steve Astrup. Dale Hetland. Tom Riley.
(Below) Heather Ranck and children Aurelie and Oliver.

Club Donates \$1,000 to Moorhead Schools

President Steve Astrup presented a check for \$1,000 to Rotarian Brandon Lunak, superintendent of Moorhead schools, for use in buying essentials needed in the classroom.

Dr. Nathan Zaffke of Dental Care Fargo matched members' donations, contributing the balance of the gift.



Photos/Nancy Hanson:

Guest Kriss Burns.

President-Elect Tim Hiller.

Cindy and Gary Nolte.

Kayla Christiansen.

Oliver Ranck.



Sarge John Explores History of Pledge

We recite the Pledge of Allegiance before every meeting, but how much do we really know about it? Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen filled in the blanks. It was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, a pastor, teacher and socialist. The tradition of placing one's hand over the heart emerged in 1942, along with the military practice of hats off or saluting. The words "under God" were added in 1952 as a response to the threat of "godless Communism."

"The pledge is an affirmation of the core values of our club and nation," John said. He wrapped up with a quote by Marion Wright Edelman, former president of the Children's Defense Fund: "Democracy is not a spectator sport."

John went on to collect happy dollars for good news: The Noltes' daughter is in the FMCT production of "Dani Girl." Tom Riley is a grandfather for the fifth time. Ken Rosson said thanks for his recent win in the Travel Raffle. Kriss Burns' RYLA student daughter, who won an essay contest, is now a dentist and has joined Rotary in Council Bluffs, Nebraska. Gary Nolte said that MFA Mercy Pilots are once again flying into Haiti, very good news for future service trips.

Fargo Rotarians Offer Update on Dictionaries

Kayla Christiansen and Heather Ranck of Fargo reported on the four Fargo clubs continuation of the dictionary project. While Moorhead, which initiated the project in 2004, discontinued it after consulting with local third-grade teachers, the

Fargo clubs have continued distributing copies to every third grade student in Fargo and West Fargo schools.

According to Heather, a survey about continuing to present the books was conducted after the last presentation, with 28 of the 99 teachers answering the questions about the relevance of printed dictionaries in the internet age. Of those who responded, 90% said they wanted the program to continue, with 86% also preferring that Rotarians presented them to students instead of simply having teachers hand them out in their classrooms.

Heather showed a video on the project made by her son Oliver as a class project. It spotlighted both teachers and children sharing their thoughts on the value of the books.



Looking Ahead

February 4

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
ProgramSarah Flesberg, Alzheimer's
Association of Minnesota/North Dakota

February 9 — Five-Club Super Bowl Party

Suite Shots.....doors open 4:30 p.m.

February 11

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
ProgramGuatemala Project 2025

February 18

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program

February 25

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Program

March 4

Sergeant at Arms.....Ernie Simmons
Program