



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580*

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Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna, Brent Brandt
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Coming Up Tuesday
Melissa Sobolik presents a program on the Great Plains Food Bank this week. Our greeters are Dale Hetland and Chris Volkers.

Down Home group provides formerly homeless families with furnishings

After a welcome by president Steve Schaefer, Chuck Hendrickson led Rotarians in a pair of songs — “Red River Valley” for Brett Drevlow, who is leaving to assume a new job in Denver with the Boy Scouts, and “Oh Canada” in honor of Canada Day. Steve announced that Chris Andreasen has agreed to take Brett’s position on the public relations committee.

Sergeant Dave collects fines, happy bucks

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared insights into who and what are honorary Rotarians before turning to the real order of business: collecting happy dollars. First, though, he levied fines for failing to have put up a flag in your yard, or not having found a wood tick yet on either yourself or your dog.

Dale Hetland chipped in the first happy dollar, announcing it was the first day he hasn’t worn a tie to work in years. “The kids don’t wear them anymore, not even to work at the bank,” he reported. Gary Nolte celebrated the moment he gave away all his ties when he retired.

Gina Monson thanked members for their love and support during her mother’s illness and after her death. Brad Donabauer gave in appreciation of having lunch with his 13-year-old son and a 93-



Photos/Russ Hanson: President Steve Schaefer. Song leader Chuck Hendrickson. Rotarian of the Day Jerry Rogers. Speaker Char Kuznia of Down Home.



Cherries for Charity

It’s time for our next volunteer opportunity!
The 37th Annual

Cherries for Charity begins Wednesday, July 10, and runs through Tuesday, July 16 ... and the YWCA of Cass Clay is looking for volunteers to give out samples and promote sales at Hornbacher’s. Volunteer shifts are two hours long. You can sign up for as many as you want, by yourself or with a friend or child.

Dale Hetland will have sign-up sheets Tuesday. While we concentrate on the Moorhead stores, you can sign up for any location.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Greeter Stacey Ackerman and Sue Koesterman. Ernie Simmons and Chuck Hendrickson. Speaker Char Kuznia and Dave Sederquist.

July Birthdays

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| Benson, Jon | Jul 06 |
| Erbes, Roger | Jul 16 |
| Qualey, Neil | Jul 17 |
| Fangsrud, Sharon | Jul 21 |
| Parries, Kay | Jul 2 |

Wedding Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Koesterman, Sue & Michael | Jul 05 1960 | 59 years |
| Rogers, Jerry & Sue | Jul 18 1970 | 49 years |

Rotary Anniversary

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| Dovre, Paul | Jul 01 1980 | 39 years |
| Wilkie, Eric | Jul 01 2011 | 8 years |
| Schaefer, Steve | Jul 02 2002 | 17 years |
| Qualey, Neil | Jul 21 199 | 27 years |

year-old woman. Stacey Ackerman reported on how well the district's upcoming service project to build a clinic in Bolivia is coming together.

Organization furnishes new home for formerly homeless families

Rotarian of the Day Jerry Rogers introduced Charlene Kuznia, the CEO of a relatively young nonprofit called Down Home. She explained the all-volunteer organization helps homeless families and individuals who are transitioning into permanent housing. A former banker, she said, "I enjoy this work much, much more."

The idea for Down Home originated with Char's daughter, a school counselor in north Fargo. Its ultimate goal is to provide safe homes for children so that homelessness and all the problems that accompany it do not carry on to the next generation.

Down Home collects donated furnishings and household items, from furniture right down to dishes, towels, and even toilet paper. Begun in December 2017, it has served 34 families so far. They're screened when they apply and asked to "pay it forward" in whatever way they can. Donations are stored in a 5,000-sq.-ft. warehouse

rented by the organization. Volunteer designers meet with clients and plan for their moves.

Charlene said the organization is growing "much bigger and much faster than we expected." Donations are needed to help pay rent and utilities at the warehouse.

Groups can choose to sponsor a family at various levels. They're also welcome to help outfit the home, from loading and unloading the truck that brings household items to being present for the "big reveal" when the family first walks into its new residence. In the past, sponsors have included church groups, businesses and families.

According to its flyer, "Down Home is intentional in its design. Each home is filled with inspirational quotes, games, soft pillows and blankets, cookbooks, home-cooked meals and so much more. ... We partner with area referral agencies, and we remain in close communications with the families and individuals we serve to ensure the greatest opportunities for future connections and future success." Its slogan: "Where they know you by name and treat you like family."

More information is available at www.down-home.org.

Looking Ahead

July 9

Sergeant at Arms
 ProgramMelissa Sobolik, Great Plains Food Bank
 Greeters.....Dale Hetland & Chris Volkers

July 16

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
 ProgramDick Walstad, Fargo AirSho
 GreetersGreg Johnson & Sam Wai

July 23

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 ProgramAddie Bengtson-Loerzel,
 Minnesota Miss Amazing Teen
 GreetersNathan Johnson & Scott Wilkie

July 30

Sergeant at ArmsAnne Blackhurst
 ProgramClub Assembly, Steve Schaefer
 Greeters.....Ron Kolb & Bill Woods

July 30 — Five-Club Golf Fun-Raiser

5-Club Rotary Foundation golf tournament at Moorhead Country Club ... shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., followed by dinner and awards.
 Registration information on Clubrunner

August 6

Sergeant at ArmsBrad Donabauer
 ProgramJean Hannig, Rotary International
 Conference report
 Greeters.....Chris Andreasen & Brandon Lunak