



The Paddlewheel

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May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christopher	May 2
Gess, Emily	May 4
Hannig, Jean	May 9
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles & Barbara	
44 years	May 26 1979
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan	
41 years	May 22 1982
Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig	
33 years	May 05 1990
Schaefer, Steve & Terese	
31 years	May 30 1992

Rotary Anniversaries

Gess, Emily	6 years
May 02 2017	
Rund, Austin	1 year
May 02 2022	



College Overview

- Locations
- Who we serve
- Workforce Development Solutions
- Dual Enrollment program

Coming Up Tuesday, June 6
Dr. Bill Craft, who retires as president of Concordia College at the end of June, talks about his 10 years leading the campus. Sue Koesterman is sergeant at arms.

M State's President Carrie Brimhall reviews opportunities & achievements

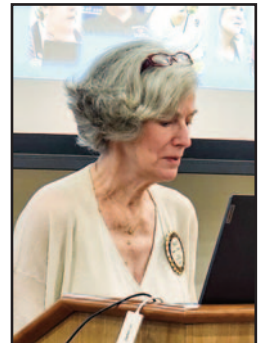
President Dave Sederquist welcomed Moorhead Rotarians on May 30, along with speaker Dr. Carrie Brimhall of M State and guest Brenda Richman, information officer for the Moorhead school system. After a Memorial Day tribute, the group sang "God Bless America."

Members were once again invited to plan on attending the ground-breaking June 15 for the Rotary Natural Play Hill and Bike Park in downtown Moorhead. Sponsored by Fargo-Moorhead's five Rotary clubs, the innovative playground will incorporate natural materials into a place where children can explore and let off steam. According to chair Heather Ranck, a reception has been added after the 4 p.m. event at River Haven next to the park site on First Avenue North.

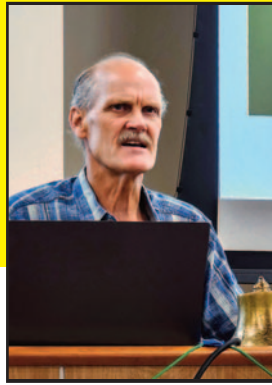
Brent Brandt returned, thanks to the end of the school year, to conduct a brisk round of trivia, quizzing members on famous Davids, ice cream and noted Minnesotans.

Sarge Nancy cites changing phone habits

Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson drew attention to the changing phone habits of older vs. younger users. "When we were younger, the sound of a ringing phone was something to anticipate," she said. Today, younger generations are inclined to



Photos/Nancy Hanson:
(Top) Dr. Carrie Brimhall, president of M State.
Trivia master Brent Brandt. Rotarian of the Day Tracey Moorhead.
Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson. Student Sergio Guerrero.
Guest Brenda Richman, with Eric Wilkie & Steve Schaefer.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Jerry Rogers and Kay Parries; with Bill Woods.

President Dave Sederquist.

Violet Deilke.

Austin Rund.

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

avoid answering it at all, preferring to be contacted by text (if at all) to avoid interruptions and being put on the spot for an immediate answer. “Imagine if when Alexander Graham Bell had phoned his assistant: ‘Mr. Watson, come here,’ and instead Watson had let it go to voice mail,” she imagined.

After fining members who’d let at least three calls go to voice mail over the Memorial Day holiday, she asked for happy dollars. Chuck Matthees told of his trip to Prague and Berlin. Several members shared dollars for Brent’s return, for exchange student Sergio Guerrero who is back at the Schaefer’s home, and for narrowly missing a traffic accident. Gary Nolte celebrated that when he tried on his old uniform on Memorial Day, it still fit. And Bill Woods continued to work toward his goal of \$90 for his 90th birthday.

Dr. Brimhall: ‘Education can change lives, families and communities’

Rotarian of the Day Tracey Moorhead introduced Dr. Carrie Brimhall, who has been president of Minnesota Community and Technical Colleges — better known as M State — since 2018. She expressed amazement that, after July 1, she will be the longest-tenured head among Fargo-Moorhead’s four institutions of higher education (following the retirements of Anne Blackhurst and Bill Craft and last year’s appointment of David Cook at NDSU).

“No one in my family had gone to college,” she told the club. “I didn’t think I would either, until a teacher told me I could do it.” Today she heads a four-campus institution serving a total of 14,000 students, including 1,800 high school students who

are taking college credits for free ... saving \$5 million dollars in tuition.

She told of several sources of funding that are opening more opportunities for students, both of traditional college age and older adults. M State received a large federal grant to education new Americans in health-care fields. It has enabled creation of simulation labs that will equip the school to bring health-care education to rural schools.

Another grant for \$2 million will support low-income and minority students. “We are finding ways to make past life experiences count for credit and to make education affordable for more people,” she said.

Many students come from difficult circumstances, she said. She called the 2,500-member student body at M State’s Moorhead campus “very diverse.”

New areas of study are being introduced in coming months, including an engineering program in public safety; construction specialties; and power engines. Fire fighter training is coming in 2024. The addition of the Small Business Development Center last fall suggests other opportunities for business owners and new entrepreneurs.

Carrie herself attended M State in Fergus Falls before enrolling at Concordia College. She praised the M State faculty. “These are people who could do many other things, but they want to teach. The wants to support their students,” she said. “Our teachers believe in their students before they even come to believe in themselves.

Looking Ahead

June 6

Sergeant at ArmsSue Koesterman
ProgramPresident Bill Craft of Concordia

June 13

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramJill Berg, Insight Counseling

June 15 — Groundbreaking, Rotary Play Hill

600 First Ave. N.....4 p.m.
Happy hour follows at River Haven.

June 20

Sergeant at ArmsRandy Farwell
Program.....Markus Krueger,
“Founding Clay County”

June 27

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramGooseberry Park Players

July 4 — No Meeting