



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

Welcome Our New Members!

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Patrick Lorensen
Ramsey State Bank



Brett Drevlow
Boy Scouts



Liz Brandenburg
Northwestern Bank



Rob Mounts
Bremer Bank



Roger Erbes
American Federal Bank



Steve Astrup
Vogel Law



Sharon Fangsrud
Pianist



Chris Volkens
Moorhead City Manager



Scott Wilkie
Avis Rent a Car



Brent Brandt
Health Equipment Recycling



Sue Koesterman
Churches United
for Homeless



Dan Stauffer
Retired



Scott Greelis
Lion's Way Consulting



Coming Up Tuesday: Speaker Karis

Thompson discusses the issues surrounding debt created by payday loans. Jean Hannig is sereant at arms, with Nathan Johnson as Rotarian of the day. Chuck Hendrickson and Steve Schaefer are greeters.

Bright Sky Apartments offer permanent housing for formerly homeless families

Rotarians met at Moorhead's new Bright Sky Apartments Tuesday, learning more about the new transitional housing residence sponsored by Churches United for the Homeless.

Churches United director Rev. Sue Koesterman explained that the coalition of 63 community congregations envisioned a step away from homelessness with the apartment house, which had its grand opening June 14. It provides Fargo-Moorhead's first permanent supportive housing. Individuals and families will occupy 43 apartments at the facility, located at 3005 34th St. N., just north of Cashwise Foods on Highway 10 East.

Sue explained that each of Fargo-Moorhead's eight shelters has its own unique demographic. Hers is the only one that can house families with fathers. On a typical night, all 85 beds are filled. It sheltered 673 guests in 2017, with an average length of stay of 31 days. It also served 85,000 meals.

The community's programs can house a total of 350 people. "They are all almost all full," Sue said. She noted the fastest growing demographic is senior citizens seeking shelter.



The Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency provided \$5 million of the cost of the Bright Sky Apartments. The rest of the \$8 million total came from \$2.5 million in tax credits awarded to an investment firm, and \$500,000 in local contributions.

"On of the biggest myths is that homeless people are dangerous," said Sue. "The truth is that the homeless are far more likely to be victims of a crime than perpetrators of a crime.

"Another myth is that the homeless must be lazy because they aren't working. But if you can't afford a car to get to work or if you have childcare expenses, a job can be out of reach."

Guests — June 12

Past District Governor Keith Brokke

June Birthdays

Brandt, Brent Jun 01
 Baldwin, Jill Jun 09
 Schwandt, Bill Jun 09
 Farwell, Randy Jun 18
 Joppa, Teresa Jun 27
 Wright, Edgar Jun 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy Jun 03 1958 60 years
 Suomala, Paul & Dorothy Jun 13 1964 54 years
 Qualey, Neil & Carmen Jun 15 1968 50 years
 Wai, Samuel & Coralie Jun 20 1976 2 years
 Tranby, Dave & Sharon Jun 22 1974 44 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Deilke, Violet Jun 04 1996 22 years

*Moorhead Rotary
 Chartered May 1, 1921
 Club 970
 District 5580*

2017-2018 Officers

President Corey Elmer
 President-Elect David Wahlberg
 Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter Doreen Filler
 Treasurer Eric Wilkie
 Past President Eric Wilkie
 Directors (2018) Eric Wilkie & Dale Hetland
 Directors (2019) Tammy Finney, John Andreasen & Brett Drevlow
 Directors (2020) Jerry Rogers, Troy Nellis & Pat Gulbranson
 Directors (2021) Emily Gess, Dave Sederquist & Rob Mounts
 RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
 Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
 Sergeant at Arms Team
 Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson, Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig
 Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
 Song Leaders Bill Schwandt, Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
 Photographer Russ Hanson
 Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

2018-2019 Officers

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President Nominee 2020-2021 Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022 Gina Monson
 Treasurer Doreen Filler
 Secretary TBD
 Past President Corey Elmer



Looking Ahead

June 19
 Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Rotarian of the DayNathan Johnson
 ProgramKaris Thompson
 "Pay Day Loan Debt"
 GreetersChuck Hendrickson & Steve Schaefer

June 26
 Sergeant at ArmsSam Wai
 Rotarian of the DayViolet Deilke
 ProgramKelsy Hewitt, Trollwood Park
 Arts School update
 GreetersBrandon Lunak & Bill Schwandt

July 3 — No Meeting

July 10
 Sergeant at ArmsTeresa Joppa
 Rotarian of the Day

ProgramHector Airport executive director
 Shawn Dobberstein
 GreetersDave Tranby & Adam Nordin

July 17
 Sergeant at ArmsStacey Ackerman
 Rotarian of the Day

July 24 -- Club Social, Junkyard Brewing

July 31
 Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 Rotarian of the Day