



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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June Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul Mardy
68 years Jun. 03 1958
Tranby, Dave Tranby, Sharon
52 years Jun. 22 1974

Rotary Anniversary

Deilke, Violet 30 years
Jun. 04 1996



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (above) Rotary President Tim Hiller presented library director Megan Krueger and Friends officer John Rowell with a check during the club's tour of The Loop May 19.

Coming Up June 2

Trenton Gerads fills us in about the Clay County Land Trust at our regular meeting Tuesday. Alex Aldrich is sergeant at arms.

Rotarians Tour New Library, 'The Loop'

Moorhead Rotarians gathered at The Loop, Moorhead's new downtown public library and community center, on May 19. Dining on a box lunch in the library's large meeting room, members took part in a brief meeting before touring the handsome new facility.

President Tim Hiller reported on the board of directors' meeting, in which they reviewed areas of the club's bylaws that are no longer in tune with regular practices. (A copy of the proposal is attached to this email and posted separately on ClubRunner.) The membership will be asked to vote on the changes this week (June 2).

He also announced that former member Brent Brandt is returning for the summer, when he'll once again be our official trivia master. He also noted that no regular meeting would be scheduled May 26, as it's the fourth Monday in May and our regular day of service at Micah's Mission.

He invited members to share their happy dollars. John Andreasen went first, applauding Paul Dovre's talk at the Sons of Norway Syttende Mai celebration. Nancy Hanson pointed out it was her granddaughter's 10th birthday, with the celebration highlighted by finally removing her car seat — and regaining use of her own back seat.

Dale Hetland contributed a happy dollar in honor of all Norwegians. Steve Schaefer noted that the annual FM Rotary track meet was being moved to



Photos: (Above) Dale Hetland. Rob Remark.
(Bottom) Janelle Leiseth, Paul Dovre, Violet Deilke and Tim Hiller served meals May 26 at Micah'





Photo/Nancy Hanson: Views of The Loop, Moorhead's new public library and community center, from the Rotary tour May 19.



the Concordia campus due to inclement weather.

Explaining What Makes the Loop Unique

Library director Megan Krueger, architect and Rotarian Rob Remark, and Friends of the Library v.p. John Rowell updated the group on Moorhead's new \$41.5 million downtown center.

Megan revealed that the staff has been seeing far more traffic and issuing more library cards since the facility opened in early May — with visitation up by 700 during its first three weeks of operation. Nine hundred new cards have been issued, compared to the regular rate of 200 per month.

Rob, whose firm designed the structure, said, "We're happy how well the building came together." He pointed out the large amount of wood used — an intentional choice that adds a cozy feel. The wood in the roof is both structural and aesthetic.

The one-eighth-mile walking track around the upper level was a challenge, he conceded, but represents an amenity often mentioned during planning sessions. The glass-walled walkway is cantilevered out from the second floor.also

He cited potential future improvements to the parking situation. Solar panels will be added to the roof as funds become available.

John said, "We weren't going to quit until Moorhead had a library similar to the Library of Congress. How'd we do?"



Looking Ahead

June 2

Sergeant at ArmsAlex Aldrich
Program.....Trenton Gerads, Clay County
Land Trust

June 9

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
Program.....Concordia President Colin Irvine

June 16

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
ProgramMarkus Krueger, "1937 —
Fargo Batman Dies"

June 23 — Rotary Service Day

June 30

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
ProgramPassing the Gavel