



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

President Jerry Roger
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& Steve Schaefer
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& Jean Hannig

Program Chair Jean Hannig
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader Bob Hanna
Trivia Master Brent Brandt
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Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

June Birthdays

Brandt, Brent Jun 01
Baldwin, Jill Jun 09
Farwell, Randy Jun 18
Joppa, Teresa Jun 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy Jun 03 1958
63 years
Qualey, Neil & Carmen Jun 15 1968
53 years
Wai, Sam & Coralie Jun 20 1976
45 years
Tranby, Dave & Sharon Jun 22 1974
47 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Deilke, Violet 25 years
Jun 04 1996

Meetings

Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV1NldkY2xMbnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851



Coming Up Tuesday
Instead of our regular noon meeting, we'll meet for our first club social since 2019! Join us from 4:30 to 6:30 at Harold's on Main, 1330 Main Avenue. A highlight will be the traditional passing of the gavel from President Jerry Rogers to President-Elect Gina Monson at 5:30 p.m. In addition to beverages, we'll have the Pico Food Truck on hand to serve up its specialties.

River Keepers director Christine Holland seeks more appreciation of the Red River

President Gina Monson welcomed Rotarians in person and on Zoom to the final regular meeting of the 2020-2021 club year.

She announced that no noon meeting will be held on June 29. Instead, club members and their guests will gather at Harold's on Main to celebrate summer and the return to in-person meetings and fellowship. The gathering from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. will feature cold beverages and snacks or supper from the Pico Food Truck.

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Sarge Jean highlights Rotary Int'l projects

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig shared information on Shelter Box, an organization that aids refugees after natural disasters, and Easter Seals. The well-known latter organization was established by Rotary to finance hospitals in places where there were none. She also noted that a Rotarian started the Little Free Library program in his own neighborhood. When more of the curbside boxes were requested, his Rotary club built and supplied them. The movement has grown from there.



Photos/Russ Hanson: President-Elect Gina Monson. Teresa Joppa, Christine Holland and Gina. Christina Holland has worked with River Keepers since 1993. (Right) Rotarian of the Day Teresa. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Trivia master Brent Brandt.

Moorhead Rotary welcomes our newest member, Mike Gjerde! Mike, a Thrivent financial representative serving the Fargo-Moorhead area, was sponsored by Tammy Finney.

The **Natural Playground mailing** has gone out to all FM Rotarians (thanks to Knight Printing). Be sure to take a moment to read the letter, view the flyer, and consider your gift to our project. The FM Rotary Foundation Committee is hoping to achieve 100% participation by every member of all five clubs!



Photos/Russ Hanson: (Above) Our youngest guest, Jean Hannig's 7-year-old granddaughter.

Dale Hetland, Dave Tranby and Bill Woods.

Images of some of River Keepers' accomplishments on behalf of the Red.



When it was time for Happy Dollars, Jean started it off with her own — in honor of her granddaughter, who came along to the meeting. Steve Schaefer applauded the upcoming social at Harold's on Main, where outdoor seating is being reserved for our group; please respond to the request for RSVPs (link included in this email). He added extra happy dollars for a "great vacation on Lake Superior."

Dave Tranby's happy dollar was in gratitude for "seeing a movie in an actual movie theatre." He recommended both the experience and the movie, "In the Heights." Randy Farwell celebrated playing golf with his daughter, and Bill Woods saluted the sergeant of the day.

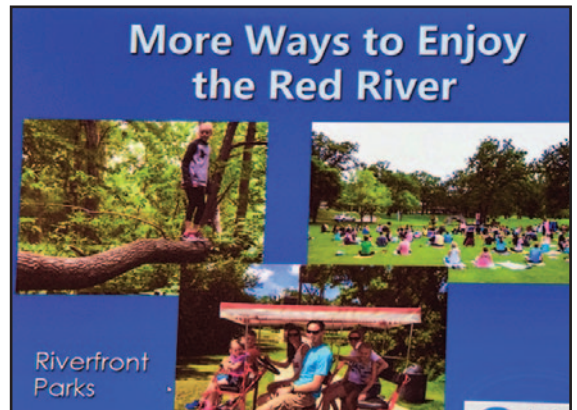
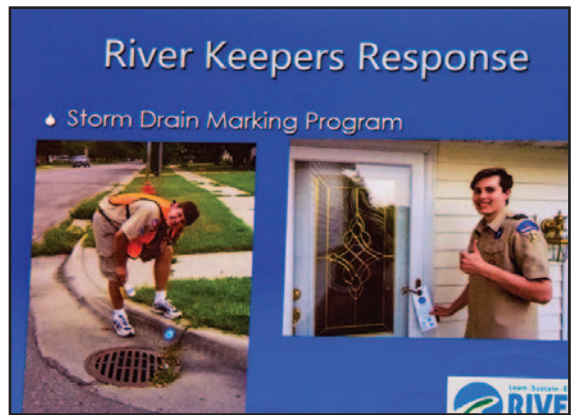
Jean reported on attending Rotary International's virtual convention, recommending that everyone watch the streaming video on the internet — particularly the new international president's speech. She ended with his quote: "Service is the rent we pay for our time on earth. I want to be a good tenant."

'Underutilized, underappreciated, mistreated'

Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduced our speaker, Christine Holland, executive director of Fargo-Moorhead's 30-year-old River Keepers organization. She joined the organization three years after its formation in 1990, when it was created after a large community-wide assessment determined that the Red River is underutilized, underappreciated and in some cases mistreated.

Since then, she says, she has been an intern, administrative assistant, project coordinator, first mate, captain, purser, trip leader and now executive director. A major portion of her job is helping the community learn about the Red so they can help sustain it and enjoy it.

She offered an overview of the river's storied history of transportation, social activities and recreation. One of the first goals of her organization was retrofitting the dams to make



them safer and open the river again for enjoyment.

River Keepers monitors water quality and its volunteers assist in reforesting the shoreline. The group provides a variety of workshops for young and old, from the Red River Water Festival each fall for fourth graders to how-to workshops on making rain barrels. Volunteers clean up the riverbanks and mark storm drains to remind residents they empty into the river.

"The community message used to be the river was dangerous," she told us. "But River Keepers has worked hard to change that attitude. We want to make sure people have access and can enjoy the beautiful shoreline and river."

Looking Ahead

June 29 — Club social (no noon meeting)
 Passing of the GavelHarold's on Main

July 27 — Rotary Golf Tournament
 1:30 p.m.Moorhead Country Club