



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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

### June Birthdays

Brandt, Brent	Jun 01
Farwell, Randy	Jun 18
Joppa, Teresa	Jun 27

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy	Jun 03 1958	64 years
Qualey, Neil & Carmen	Jun 15 1968	54 years
Wai, Sam & Coralie	Jun 20 1976	46 years
Tranby, Dave & Sharon	Jun 22 1974	48 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

Deilke, Violet	26 years
Jun 04 1996	



### No Meeting June 7!

Instead of meeting on June 7, spend the time searching your shelves, drawers and the basement for those old cellphones you replaced with the latest iPhone or Samsung Galaxy. We're collecting them to donate to the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center, where they're given to women in danger of violence. You can drop off your no-longer-used phones at Kay Parries' store, K & Krafts, in the Center Mall, or Violet Deilke's new location at Urban Edge Hair, 2600 52nd Ave S #103 in Fargo.



### Speaker Rolland Ellendu discusses recycling post-consumer textile waste

President Gina Monson, whose job with the school system in Lake Park has kept her away from in-person meetings, was back Tuesday to chair the Moorhead Rotary session.

Instead of our regular meeting Tuesday, June 7, we are devoting the day to digging out old cellphones in our homes and businesses. Our June service project focuses on gathering phones no longer in use. They will be donated to the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center, where they are refurbished and provided to women who have been victimized by domestic or other sexual violence.

Please drop off your donated gear at one of two locations: Kay Parries' shop, K & Krafts, in the Moorhead Center Mall, or Violet Deilke's new location at Urban Edge Salon, 2600 52nd Ave S #103 in Fargo.

Brent quizzes members on what they know

Trivia master Brent Brandt kicked off the meeting



Photos/Gary Nolte: (Top right) Rolland Ellendu of Ellendu Textile recycles clothing and other fabric, reducing the amount that goes into landfills.

President Gina Monson was back to chair the meeting.

Trivia master Brent Brandt.

Sergeant at Arms Emily Gess.

President-elect Dave Sederquist.

## Meetings

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

## Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 742 305 775  
Password: 630851

## 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

with several stumpers. What was the name of Adam and Eve's three sons? (Seth is the one you probably overlooked.) What was Nolan Ryan's number? 34. What kind of cheese is on a Rueben sandwich? Swiss, of course. And who is the best IT guy in Moorhead? Must be Rotary's man, honorary member Dan Markert.

## Sarge Emily offers overview of upcoming Rotary International convention

Sergeant at Arms Emily Gess addressed the biggest upcoming date on the Rotary calendar, the international convention coming up this week in Houston, with members Kay Parries and Jean Hannig in attendance.

This year marks Rotary International's 113th convention, and the 64th event held in the United States; the last was in Atlanta. She noted that three have been hosted in Minnesota — 1912, 1928 and 1974. The first was especially significant because it marked the first truly international gathering with the recent addition of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

This year's theme is "Discover New Horizons." It focuses on four topics, including engaging youth, leadership, promoting Rotary, and strengthening the organization. Among the break-out sessions was one titled "Not Your Grandfather's Rotary Club."

Emily turned attention to happy dollars. There were more thanks for Tom Riley for being MC for the centennial celebration in May. Others noted that the Schaefer will be the first host family for our exchange student this fall, and that Kay Parries is going to her first international

convention chaired by the group's first-ever female president in the club's 115-year history, Jennifer Jones of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada. Brent Brandt invited members to his birthday movie event at the Fargo Theatre. Violet Deilke asked Kay and Jean to be on the lookout for new fund-raising ideas. Gary Nolte donated three happy dollars for three happy bits of news: He survived COVID, his granddaughter Sophie graduated from high school, and Gary had a program ready just in case our speaker didn't show up.

## Ellendu Textile recycles used fabric

But Rolland Ellendu did arrive as expected! The Nigerian-born entrepreneur moved to Fargo with his parents as a young child. After graduating from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a degree in computer programming, he joined his brothers to establish a textile recycling business, similar to the one his father operates in the Netherlands.

Ellendu Textile collects post-consumer fabric, including discarded clothing. "America only recycles 15% of its post-consumer textiles," he said, "and Fargo-Moorhead has next to none." He partners with many local thrift stores to recycle their overstocked clothing and fabric at his facility in north Fargo.

The company collects clothes, shoes, bags, sheets and virtually any kind of fabric, including sheets, towels and leather shoes. Then 90 to 95% of what he collects is presorted, baled and sent to Central and South America and Africa for reuse. The remaining 5% that can't be reused is shipped to Germany, where a company converts it to insulation or carpeting.

## Looking Ahead

### June 7 — Service Project

#### June 14

Sergeant at Arms ..... Tim Hiller  
Rotarian of the Day ..... Dave Tranby  
Program ..... Abe Tamayo, Salvation Army

#### June 21

Sergeant at Arms ..... Eric Wilkie  
Rotarian of the Day ..... Steve Schaefer  
Program .... Sarah Solheim, Gooseberry Players

### June 28

Sergeant at Arms ..... Jean Hannig  
Rotarian of the Day ..... Chris Andreasen  
Program ..... Deb Dawson,  
African Soul/American Heart

### July 26 — FM Rotary Foundation Golf Scramble

1:30 p.m. .... Moorhead Country Club