



The Paddlewheel

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March

Birthdays

Rogers, Jerry March 13
Wilkie, Eric March 13

Rotary Anniversaries

Riley, Thomas 33 years
Mar. 01 1993
Lunak, Brandon 9 years
Mar. 28 2017



Coming Up March 10

Guest speakers Siham, Annie and Kailyn join us this week to talk about the Family Resource Center. Rob Remark is sergeant at arms.

Immigration lawyer Anna Stenson offers overview of complex immigration laws

Past president Steve Astrup took to the podium March 3, filling in for president Tim Hiller.

As always on the first meeting of the month, Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland unveiled the winners of a trip, cash and dinner, while Dave Sederquist built the excitement with a drum flourish. Lonnie Anderson won third prize, a \$100 dinner at Rustica, on a ticket sold by Violet Deilke. Mark Leutke received second prize, \$200 in cash, after buying from Jean Hannig. Jon Benson was the big winner — the trip of his choice — a reward for buying a ticket himself.

Sarge Nancy offers roundabout observations

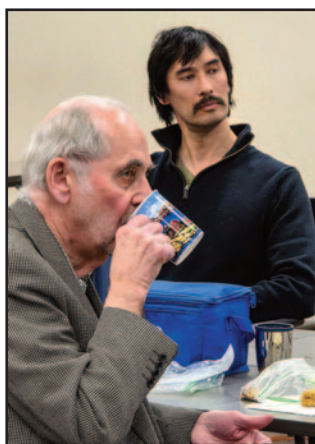
Sergeant at arms Nancy Edmonds Hanson — introduced by Steve as the “nifty, nurturing and noble Nancy — shared news about safety improvements on 40th Avenue South, the road where 4th grader Adam Amin was killed last summer while crossing near SG Reinertson School. Along with traffic beacons, a pedestrian island in the middle of several blocks and improved pedestrian pathways, a roundabout is to be installed at the intersection of 40th and 20th Street South. She explained the history of the traffic-calming structure and its far-improved safety record for preventing crashes.

Happy dollars piled up as members reported



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Immigration attorney Anna Stenson. (Above) Past president Steve Astrup. Secretary Alex Aldrich. (Below) Raffle chair Dale Hetland. Dave Sederquist on drums. (Bottom) Janelle Leiseth, Bill Woods and Brandon Lunak.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:

Attorney Anna Stenson.

John and Chris Andreasen.

Dave Sederquist and Chuck Matthees.

Jerry Rogers.

good news. Dave's dollar was in appreciation for the report, while Jerry Rogers tossed in another in gratitude for the diverging diamond intersection over I-94, which has also dramatically reduced accidents. Jean Hannig donated in anticipation of Anna Stenson's presentation. Violet's buck favored Chris Andreasen, our incoming president. Gary put a dollar in the cup and told of how 40th Avenue was gravel when he came to Moorhead ... offering good terrain for rabbit hunting.

Stenson: 'No one-size-fits all' solutions

Nancy introduced Anna Stenson, one of only three full-time immigration attorneys in North Dakota. She tackled an overview of the extremely complex laws regarding immigration to the United States — established in the 1950s, but amended or changed over the years. "There have been over 900 policy changed to immigration," she said, "over just the last year."

Anna offered a taste of the complexity of enforcement and immigration itself. She named eight federal departments or agencies involved in enforcement, including the departments of Homeland Security, Justice and Labor.

Then she pointed out that immigrants — legal or unauthorized — come in many forms. The law concerns some who are naturalized citizens or whose birth in the U.S. conferred citizenship. Non-citizens come in many varieties. Some have immigrated for family connections, jobs, humanitarian parole or are "conditional permanent

residents." Many foreigners have no plans to immigrate, but are here as students, employees and visitors.

She cited two varieties of undocumented residents: Those who entered without authorization (the category most often in the news today), and others who came with a visa but have overstayed its duration.

Anna left us with what she called "five take-aways":

- Deportation raids are not new, but the scale and severity today require a new response.
- There's no "one-size-fits-all" advice. One-on-one consultation is best.
- Seemingly small mistakes on paperwork can result in denial of immigration benefits and lead to deportation.
- ICE agents are now targeting formerly sensitive areas like school, churches, courts and ... hospitals.
- People from at least 79 countries — 40% of the world — are restricted from coming into the U.S. Refugees are being re-vetted, and affirmative asylum applications have been paused.

A Rotarian asked whether there has been any action regarding targeting sensitive areas, specifically people's skin color. "Historically, this wasn't the case," she answered. "There could be a better way to do it, such as focusing on those with criminal activity."

Looking Ahead

March 10

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramSiham, Annie & Kailyn,
Family Resource Center

March 16 — Board Meeting

Sanders Flats4 p.m.

March 17

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
ProgramToato Kpor, Lumina Youth Empower

March 24

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
ProgramConnie Faulkner, Pride
and Joy Rescue

March 31 — Rotary Service Day

April 7

Sergeant at ArmsCindy Nolte
ProgramJohn Andreasen,
Recital with a Cause