



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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& Steve Schaefer
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and Steve Astrup
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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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Nancy Edmonds Hanson

March Birthdays

Rogers, Jerry Mar 13
Wilkie, Eric Mar 13
Hendrickson, Chuck Mar 23

Rotary Anniversaries

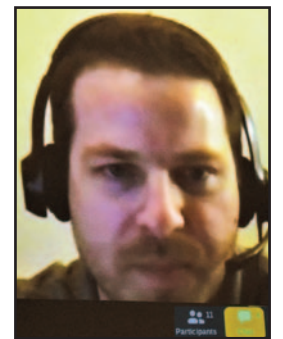
Wai, Sam 20 years
Mar 01 2001
Lunak, Brandon 4 years
Mar 28 2017



Coming Up Tuesday

Sheri Larson, executive director of the Moorhead Business Association, is our guest speaker this week. Russ Hanson is sergeant at arms, and Randy Farwell is Rotarian of the day.

Join us in person (if you're comfortable with precautions) at the Moorhead Schools Operations Center at 1313 30th Ave. S. or online via Zoom.



Mayor Carlson & Manager Mahli address Moorhead opportunities & concerns

President Jerry Rogers welcomed members Tuesday who attended in two ways — at socially distant tables in the Moorhead Schools Operations Center, and online via Zoom.



In honor of our guests, trivia master Brent Brandt quizzed members on Moorhead trivia. Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark, speaking via streaming video, welcomed members' Happy Dollars: Tracey Moorhead gave her dollar in honor of our speakers, and Violet Deilke applauded her dog. Bill Woods simply appreciated opening and enjoying his potato chips.

Eric Wilkie celebrated Ron Kolb's return to our in-person meeting and shared his appreciation of being able to meet in dual — hybrid — mode. Russ saluted imminent completion of the club's grant application to District 5580; we are asking for a \$5,000 matching grant to support our centennial "literacy and culture project." Randy Farwell's happy dollar pointed to the Bison's unexpected win.

Mayor Carlson exuberantly donated a purse-full of change, reminding us that she previously presented to the group about her "day job" with the

Photos/Russ Hanson: Eric Wilkie and Brent Brandt. Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduces our speakers. President Jerry Rogers. Dale Hetland contributes a Happy Dollar. Mayor Shelly Carlson, City Manager Dan Mahli.

Minnesota Elder Justice **Abuse** Center. Dale Hetland urged others to do as he's done and get their vaccines. Brent thanked the school district for making space for us. Dave Sederquist welcomed Ron Kolb back — in person for the first time in a year.

Remember to make your reservations!

Steve Schaefer reminded members planning to attend our next meetings to respond to the email (attached to this Paddlewheel, and arriving again Tuesday afternoon) — to reserve your lunch for April 6 and enable the operations center staff to

Guests 3/23/21

Mayor Shelly Carlson
City Manager Dan Mahli

set up enough tables for social distancing. You must make your reservation and choose your box lunch by **noon Wednesday**.

Carlson & Mahli highlight exciting developments in city of Moorhead

Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduced our speakers with a brief true and false quiz about Mayor Carlson, who was appointed by the City Council to fill the vacancy left by Johnathan Judd when he was named a judge in the Seventh District. All her questions were “true”: that Shelly’s family has hosted a Rotary foreign exchange student in the past; that she used to work at the Rape and Abuse Center; and that she’s married to a former Moorhead police officer.

The mayor promoted many of the new businesses that have appeared in town, including the new coffee shop and restaurant that opened during the time of pandemic restrictions. She highlighted progress of the city’s bike and walking trail system. Nearing completion, it will soon reach all the way from M.B. Johnson Park to the Bluestem Center for the Arts. The Midtown Trail portion from Woodlawn to Gooseberry, the last remaining section, has finally received funding and may be completed this summer. A pedestrian bridge over the river at Bluestem is in the talking stages.

She teased the possibility of the Fargo Marathon

someday moving to the trail system, a distance of 13 miles.

Manager Mahli told the group, “I’m not so impressed by city managers — I’m more impressed with the city staff who make the city work.”

He handed out information about new and exciting developments coming to Moorhead: “The amount of development is incredible, given the challenges of the past year.” The 2020 projects — including a good deal of housing — totaled more than \$200 million more than 2019.

“Moorhead is an amazing place,” he continued. “We have weathered the pandemic, like prior recessions, with resiliency ... mostly because of the people who live here.”

He added, “We are the place for people who need a place like America. Our diversity is valuable. Moorhead encourages it and educates everyone to achieve their dreams.”

Members asked about whether the city is overbuilding rental or commercial space. He answered no, citing 60% of residents who are home owners and 40% renters. About empty commercial space, he noted, “What is empty is old and built in the 1970s or before. It badly needs an overhaul.”

Looking Ahead

March 30

Sergeant at Arms.....Russ Hanson
Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
Program.....Sheri Larson, Moorhead
Business Association

April 6

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
ProgramJason McCoy, “Beyond Smoke
& Mirrors — Marijuana Prevention”

April 13

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Rotarian of the DayTracey Moorhead
ProgramErin Prochnow, YWCA Transitional
Housing

April 20

Sergeant at ArmsBob Hanna
Rotarian of the DaySteve Schaefer
ProgramAmina Falkhulkova, Tajkistan Well
Project

April 27

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer
Rotarian of the DayDave Sederquist
Program.....Jon Eisele, Enbridge Energy