



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580

President David Sederquist
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Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
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February Birthdays

Sederquist, Dave February 23
Elmer, Corey February 23

Rotary Anniveraries

Cater, Alma 35 years
Feb 02 1988
Elmer, Corey 20 years
Feb 11 2003

Meetings

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



Photos/Nancy Hanson. (Below, top left) President Dave Sederquist. Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark. Steve Schaefer shares news of exchange student Sergio's triumphs in MHS speech. (Bottom) Jean Hannig, Sergio, Cindy Nolte and Rob Remark.

Coming Up Tuesday, March 7

This week we welcome the young writers who won our 2023 4-Way Test Essay Contest. Randy Farwell, who chairs the committee, introduces them. Steve Schaefer is sergeant at arms.

Emerging Digital Academy offers accelerated training in coding for aspiring IT professionals

President Dave Sederquist — who continues to maintain his pledge to ride his bike to every meeting during his term — welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and guest speaker Katie Burington, who introduced members to the new Emerging Digital Academy.

Nancy Hanson shared an invitation to members of the club to attend an International Women's Day event March 8 sponsored by the F-M Lions Clubs.

Dave reminded members that the Tri-District Conference will be coming up April 29 at Madden's Resort near Brainerd. He also reported on a meeting with Fargo Rotarian Heather Ranck, who updated the local clubs on progress of fund-raising for the Rotary Natural Play Hill. Construction will begin this summer in Riverfront Park north of downtown Moorhead.

Sarge Rob shares Rotary president's message

Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark passed on the message of incoming Rotary International president Gordon McNally, a Scottish dentist. Published in the March issue of the Rotary





Photos/Nancy Hanson.

Katie Burington describes the Emerging Digital Academy.

Bob Hanna and Randy Farwell.

Kay Parries draws a (losing) card in the weekly raffle while Eric Wilkie and sergeant Rob Remark look on.



magazine, McInally said his interests for his coming year of service are for increased caring and better mental health for all. He lost a brother to suicide; Rob added that a colleague of his lost a son. His message connected with the song the club had just sung, "Try a Little Kindness."

When Rob called for happy dollars, Teresa Joppa drew attention to the excellent showings by the Moorhead Spuds girls and boys hockey teams in the state tournaments. Steve Schaefer applauded exchange student Sergio's triumphs as a participant in MHS speech and debate. Nancy Hanson revealed her new car arrives later today — just in time to be shut in the garage for the upcoming Wednesday blizzard. Jean noted that Sergio's jacket needs more pins, and thanked Teresa for bringing several from her recent trip to New Zealand.

Burington details the mission & program of the Emerging Digital Academy

Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig introduced guest speaker Katie Burington to talk about the Emerging Digital Academy, a program developed by Fargo's Emerging Prairie organization to fast-track professional training in coding for computer programs and applications.

Burington, who grew up in Marshall, Minnesota, came to Fargo-Moorhead to attend Concordia College, from which she graduated in 2011. She noted that she is passionate about coaching people on their strengths — a boost to achieving their goals.



Called by its founders a "full-stack coding boot camp," the academy offers participants a way to become a qualified software engineer in just five months. Since its launch in March 2020, 60 men and women have graduated from the program. Burington reported that typical sessions have had five to eight students, but they could potentially accommodate 14 at a time.

Tuition is \$15,500. She added that scholarships are available as well as an innovative income-share program, in which students don't begin to repay their debt until they are employed and earning excellent salaries — often six figures. Graduates typically at least double their previous income. Ninety percent are employed in the field within the first six months after completing the course.

The next cohort of students begins their education March 20. The academy is currently accepting applications for the following session starting July 17; the deadline for registration is June 2

According to Burington, the curriculum is designed to emulate the on-the-job training experience that an entry-level developer would receive in the first few months at work. Students create connections to their fellow classmates, guest speakers, and local employers that they will be able to call upon throughout their careers. The classes use modern technologies like HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, git, React, and Node.js to teach foundational web concepts and techniques.

For more information, go to emergingacademy.org/

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

Looking Ahead

March 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer
Rotarian of the DayRandy Falwell
Program4-Way Test essay contest winners

March 14

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
Program

March 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program

March 28

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
ProgramDon Kinzler, Lawns of the Future

April 11 — No Meeting

May 4 — Recital with a Cause

7:00 p.m.First Lutheran Church