



The Paddlewheel

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May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christopher	May 2
Hannig, Jean	May 9
Lobo, Laura	May 13
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles & Barbara	
45 years	May 26 1979
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan	
42 years	May 22 1982
Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig	
34 years	May 05 1990
Schaefer, Steve & Terese	
32 years	May 30 1992

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, Dave	32 years
Apr. 01 1992	
Riley, Tom	3 years
Apr. 06 2021	
Johnson, Gregory	12 years
Apr. 10 2012	
Matthees, Charles	31 years
Apr. 13 1993	
Hetland, Dale	22 years
Apr. 16 2002	
Astrup, Steve	6 years
Apr. 16 2018	



Coming Up May 14

Stephanie Manesis joins us to introduce her World War II documentary. Gary Nolte is sergeant at arms.

We need to collect 50 each of **toothpaste, shampoo or deodorant** for our service project for the young adults at Fraser Ltd.! Our deadline is coming May 21!



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Rotary exchange student Elise Melis. Elise (second from right) and her family — mother Nathalie, sisters Salome and Amandine, father Didier — with Rotary exchange chair Jean Hannig. President Steve Astrup. Raffle chair Dale Hetland. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Jean Hannig. Tom Riley and guest Tim LeClair.

Belgian exchange student's family joins her for presentation to Moorhead Rotary

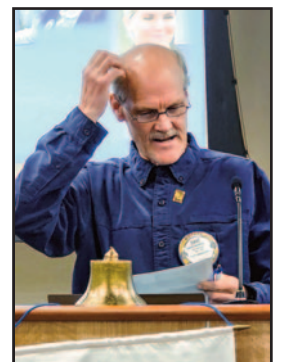
A rare — perhaps one-of-a-kind — group of visitors joined Moorhead Rotary on May 7. Rotary exchange student Elise Melis was on the program to talk about her year at Fargo North High School as a guest of the Fargo AM club. She brought four very special cheerleaders with her ... her parents Nathalie and Didier and sisters Amandine and Salome, who flew from Belgium to visit the city where their eldest had spent the past nine months.

According to Jean Hannig, who chairs the club's exchange program and is active in District 5580's program, the rare family visit may have been a first of its kind. After Elisa's presentation, club members took the opportunity to talk with her parents as well.

A quartet of dates to remember

President Steve Astrup reminded members of four upcoming dates to add to their calendars. First, the deadline for collecting shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant for the young adults served by Fraser Ltd. is coming up May 21. The goal of the service project is to gather and present the program with 50 of each of the essentials.

Second, there's no meeting on May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:

Dale Hetland and Steve Astrup.

Steve Schaefer and Chuck Matthees.

Tom Riley.

Cindy Nolte.



Third, the dedication of the Rotary Play Hill in downtown Moorhead is at 10 a.m. June 20. All members are invited.

And finally, our Kay Parries will be installed as governor of Rotary District 5580 on June 25. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:30 and the ceremony. Please RSVP to Kay by June 19.

Final travel give-away winners announced

Travel raffle chair Dale Hetland took to the podium to open and announce winners of the club's final raffle drawing of the year. Violet Deilke sold the third-place ticket to Jennifer Dahl; she'll receive a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica. Jean Hannig's ticket-buyer, Karin Storm of Fergus Falls, won second prize, \$200 in cash. The winner of the year's final trip — travel for two to a destination of his choice — is Larry Carlson, who purchased his raffle ticket from Nancy Hanson.

Sarge Dave shares kids' letters

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist levied fines for neglecting to wear one's Rotary pin, along with neglecting to already register to attend Kay's investiture dinner. He shared children's letters written to their mothers, God and the tooth fairy.



A flurry of happy dollars were contributed in honor of Kay's upcoming event, the success of various Minnesota sports teams, and for the visit by Elisa's entire family.

Dave concluded with a quote: "Follow your heart ... but take your brain with you."

Belgian teen tells of her country & experience

Eighteen-year-old Elise Melis, who spent the past year with host families in Fargo while attending Fargo North High School, offered a glimpse of her tiny but influential home country, Belgium. With 11 million people living in 12,000 square miles, it's one of Europe's most densely populated nations.

Elise's family lives in Beauvechain, a town 22 miles from Brussels. She noted that the European Parliament is headquartered there. The nation is nestled between the Netherlands, Luxembourg and France; residents are equally divided in speaking Dutch and French. Her family speaks French.

Already a graduate at home, Elise will collect her second diploma from Fargo North. She plans to study law. Elise will graduate (for the second time) from Fargo North. After upcoming travels, she plans to attend college in Brussels to study law.

Looking Ahead

May 14

Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte
Program Stephanie Manesis,
World War II documentary

May 21 — **LAST DAY for FRASER PROJECT**

Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen
Program Concorida Pres. Colin Irvine

May 28 — **No Meeting**

June 4

Sergeant at Arms Katie Fredricksen
Program Gary Nolte

June 11

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig
Program MSUM President Tim Downs

June 18

Sergeant at Arms Laura Lobo
Program

June 20 — **Rotary Play Hill**

Grand Opening Ceremony 10 a.m.

June 25

Sergeant at Arms Jon Benson
Program Gooseberry Park Players

June 25 — **Installation of Gov. Kay Parries**

River Haven Event Center 5:30 p.m.
RSVP by June 19 kkraftsmn@gmail.com