



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

Welcome Our New Members!

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Patrick Lorenson
Ramsey State Bank



Brett Drevlow
Boy Scouts



Liz Brandenburg
Northwestern Bank



Rob Mounts
Bremer Bank



Roger Erbes
American Federal Bank



Steve Astrup
Vogel Law



Sharon Fangsrud
Pianist



Chris Volkens
Moorhead City Manager



Scott Wilkie
Avis Rent a Car



Brent Brandt
Health Equipment Recycling



Sue Koesterman
Churches United for Homeless



Chris Astrup
Bell Bank



Dan Stauffer
Retired



Scott Greelis
Lion's Way Consulting



Coming Up Tuesday: We meet at the Comstock House this week, 506 Eighth St. S., for a box lunch and tour. Matt Eidem of the Historical Society will lead us on a tour of Moorhead's first mansion, built by pioneer leader Solomon Comstock, now owned by the Minnesota Historical Society and operated by HCSCC.

Club elects officers and directors; learns about pioneer Solomon Comstock

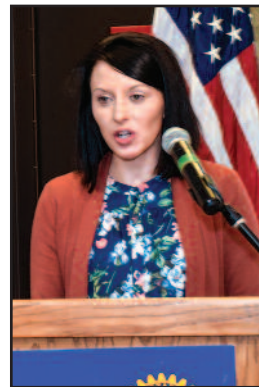
Brent Brandt led members in a rousing chorus of "Give My Regards to Broadway" — a musical welcome to guest Sarah Schultz, granddaughter of Gary and Cindy Nolte. Sarah, who is a member of the Straw Hat Players theater company this summer, invited members to enjoy the five upcoming shows.

President Corey Elmer conducted the election of officers and directors for the next several years. Unanimously elected were president for 2019-2020, a rotation of John Andreasen, Troy Nellis and Corey; president-elect for 2019-2020, Steve Schaefer; treasurer, Doreen Filler, and secretary, Dave Wahlberg.

The board has voted to increase the number of directors from six to nine. Serving terms that expire in 2019 are Tammy Finney, John Andreasen and Brett Drevlow. Expiring in 2020 are Jerry Rogers, Troy Nellis and Pat Gulbranson. Serving through 2021 are Emily Gess, Dave Sederquist and Rob Mounts.

Announcements

Jade Rosenfeldt is completing her term as program chair, to be followed by Nathan Johnson. They're looking for the next to take on program duties.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Checking in — Teresa Joppa, Corey Elmer, Paul Dovre and Jade Rosenfeldt. Song leader Brent Brandt. Fargo Rotary President Jennifer Dahl. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. Rotarian of the Day Jade Rosenfeldt. Matt Eidem, program director of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

Jennifer Dahl, president of Fargo Rotary, promoted her club's raffle fund-raiser. The top prize is a Harley Davidson motorcycle; second is \$1,000 and third, \$500 cash. The long-running project has raised half a million dollars for the Red River Zoo.

The club is still looking for families ready to welcome and host our new Brazilian Rotary exchange student, who'll arrive in August. Please let Jean Hannig know if you can help.

Guests — May 15

Kim Schlotfeldt, guest of Violet Deilke
 Sarah Schulz, granddaughter of Gary
 and Cindy Nolte
 Paul Collins, father of Jade Rosenfeldt

Visiting Rotarian

Jennifer Dahl, Fargo Rotary

Reported Makeups

Gary and Cindy Nolte
 Jerry Rogers
 Brett Drevlow

May Birthdays

Brandenburg, Liz	May 01
Gess, Emily	May 04
Hannig, Jean	May 09
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa & Norwig, Richard	
May 05 1990	28 years
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan	
May 22 1982	36 years
Matthees, Charles & Barbara	
May 26 1979	39 years
Schaefer, Steve & Terese	26 years
May 30 1992	

Rotary Anniversaries

Gess, Emily	1 years
May 02 2017	
Monson, Gina	0 years
May 05 2009	

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 Club 970
 District 5580*

President	Corey Elmer
President-Elect	
Secretary & Paddlewheel reporter	David Wahlberg
Treasurer	Doreen Filler
Past President	Eric Wilkie
Director	Dale Hetland
Director	David Sederquist
Director	Tammy Finney
Director	John Andreasen
Director	Troy Nellis
RYLA Coord.	Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coord	Cindy Nolte
Sergeant at Arms Team	
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson, Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig	
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders	Bill Schwandt, Bob Hanna, John Andreasen
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Meeting Reporter	Teresa Joppa
Paddlewheel Editor	
Nancy Edmonds Hanson	



Photos:

Sarge Eric talks about habits & travel

Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson highlighted an article, "Neuro-Logic," from the current Rotarian magazine, explaining what causes us to entrench ourselves in an opinion or belief. He encouraged us to think about consciously being more open-minded, and to listen — really listen — to others.

As for business travel, he said, "It's not all that fun," even though spouses and loved ones might wonder. He quoted actor Bill Murray in the movie "Lost in Translation," who tells his wife over the phone from Japan, "It's not better ... it's just different."

Eric gathered happy dollars for travel plans, for granddaughters, for new members of our club, for college graduations, and for the graduation of former exchange student Maria from University of Minnesota - Duluth.

HCSCC director Matt Eidem introduces story of pioneer Solomon Comstock

To prepare Rotarians for this week's tour of the Historic Comstock House on Eighth Street South in Moorhead, Historical and Cultural Society program director Matt Eidem told the story of Solomon Comstock, one of Moorhead's most prominent founders.

Comstock, an attorney, moved from the Twin Cities to Moorhead in 1871, when the city was at the western end of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He also played a role in bringing a second railroad to the Moorhead-Fargo crossing when



Photos/Russ Hanson: Cindy Nolte and granddaughter Sarah Schultz chat with Brent Brandt. Brent and Gina Monson pose for a selfie.

he met Great Northern Railroad baron James J. Hill while serving in the Minnesota Legislature. The second set of tracks arrived and crossed the river in 1882. Comstock was involved in plotting the railroad's course across Minnesota and ultimately made his fortune in real estate.

Comstock, who served as Moorhead's first prosecuting attorney, served several terms in the state legislature and one term in the U.S. Congress.

He built what was the city's most lavish home on Eighth Street in 1883. The handsome Queen Anne house, now owned by the Minnesota Historical Society, was sited well away from the raucous downtown saloon district and built at a cost of \$45,000.

Comstock later laid the groundwork for both of Moorhead's colleges with a gift of 6 acres of land to Bishop Whipple School, now Concordia College, and another 6 acres to Moorhead Normal School, now MSUM.

His wife Sarah promoted many local causes including the establishment of a town library. Eldest daughter Ada went into higher education; eventually she became the first full-time president of Radcliffe College. Middle daughter Jessie, who became an English teacher, later took care of her parents in their later years. It was she who donated the house to the state.

The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County has been in charge of managing the site for the past two years.

Looking Ahead

May 15
 Tour of Comstock House, 506 Eighth St. S.
 Box lunches will be served.

May 22
 Sergeant at ArmsMike Hulett
 Rotarian of the DayTroy Nellis
 Program.....Chris Volkens, City Manager
 Greeters.....Steve Astrup & Neil Qualey

May 29
 Sergeant at ArmsBob Hanna
 Rotarian of the DayJade Rosenfeldt
 Program.Linda Kingery, Citizens Climate Lobby
 GreetersScott Greelis & Jon Riewer

June 5
 Sergeant at ArmsEmily Gess
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program
 GreetersJoel Paulsen & Jerry Rogers