



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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 Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
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May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christopher May 2
 Gess, Emily May 4
 Hannig, Jean May 9
 Tranby, Dave May 14
 Moorhead, Tracey May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles & Barbara
 44 years May 26 1979
 Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan
 41 years May 22 1982
 Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig
 33 years May 05 1990
 Schaefer, Steve & Terese
 31 years May 30 1992

Rotary Anniversaries

Gess, Emily 6 years
 May 02 2017
 Rund, Austin 1 year
 May 02 2022

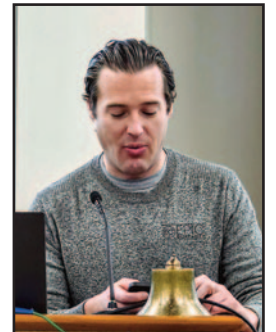


Coming Up Tuesday, May 2

Clay County historian Mark Peihl joins us Tuesday for a program about Moorhead's streetcars. Bill Craft will be our sergeant at arms, and Gary Nolte is Rotarian of the day.

Recital with a Cause

Support Polio Plus and young musicians Thursday — when the five F-M Rotary clubs present the 12th Recital with a Cause at 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church.



Guest Speaker Explains Origin & Mission of Family Voices of North Dakota

President Dave Sederquist led Moorhead Rotarians in a rendition of "My Country Tis of Thee" to open our meeting April 25. He followed up with the news that the tentative service project planned for May 2 — cleaning up the intersection of I-94's Exit 1 — has been cancelled after talks with MNDOT. "We're looking for a different location," he said.

Three special dates are coming up, he pointed out. The 12th annual Recital with a Cause is booked for Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in First Lutheran Church. The next day is the deadline for ordering Rotary barbecued ribs from the Fargo AM club. The Fargo Rotary track meet celebrates its 60th year May 8; volunteers are welcome to join in to help the venerable competition.

Randy Farwell, who chairs the RYLA committee, said they're still looking for another student to join the two already on board for the leadership camp in July.

After another musical interlude with "Sing a Song," Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa encouraged members to attend the upcoming district conference as well as the international Rotary convention this summer. She leveled fines on



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Tonya Oss-Brewer talks about Family Voices of North Dakota. Jon Benson hams it up. Steve Astrup, Violet Deilke, Chuck Matthees & Carmen Escobar. Dave Sederquist. Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa. (Below) Eric Wilkie.





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

anyone who has never been to a district conference and on those who aren't already planning to attend the Recital with a Cause.

Family Voices director explains group's support for parents of neurodivergent kids

Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup introduced Tonya Oss-Brewer of Family Voices of North Dakota. The nonprofit organization assists families of children and youth with chronic health conditions, special needs or disabilities. "As the mother of a son with Down syndrome, I have lived the experience," she told the club. "It can be overwhelming, exhausting and complex."

She said families and caregivers often struggle to find the resources and services their child and family may need. "Family Voices of North Dakota is there to help families. We are too are parents who have children and young adults with chronic health, physical, developmental and mental health challenges," she explained.

One in five families includes someone with a disability, Tonya told the club. They're the audience for the range of services provided — workshops and training through webinars, including workshops for siblings. FVND helps coordinate care; assists with Medicaid, trust and ABLE accounts; and supports transitioning to adulthood. It organizes and sponsors an annual Parent Leadership Institute, along with Sibshops for 6- to 12-year-olds with a brother or sister with a disability.

She left us with wise and hopeful words: "A little kindness can change everything."



ROTARY CLUBS OF FARGO MOORHEAD PRESENT

RECITAL WITH A CAUSE

Virtuoso performers showcasing their talents to help eradicate polio worldwide

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 7:00 PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 619 North Broadway, Fargo, ND

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Looking Ahead

May 2
 Sergeant at Arms.....Bill Craft
 Rotarian of the DayGary Nolte
 ProgramMark Peihl, "Moorhead Streetcars"

May 4 — Recital with a Cause
 7:00 p.m.First Lutheran Church

May 9
 Sergeant at ArmsEmily Gess
 ProgramSpecial program by Gary Nolte

May 11 — Service Project
 Details to come

May 16
 Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
 Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
 ProgramLaura Lobo,
 Business Leader Institute

May 23
 Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
 Program

May 30
 Sergeant at Arms
 ProgramCarrie Brimhall, M-State president