



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580

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 President Nominee Steve Astrup
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 Past President Steve Schaefer

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 Song Leader Bob Hanna
 Trivia Master Brent Brandt
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May Birthdays

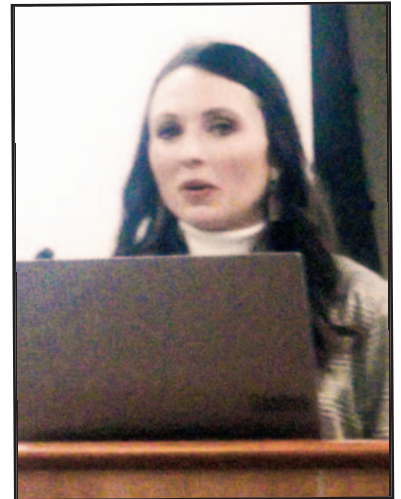
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 Gess, Emily May 04
 Hannig, Jean May 09
 Tranby, Dave May 14
 Moorhead, Tracey May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig
 May 05 1990 32 years
 Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan May 22 1982
 40 years
 Matthees, Charles & Barbara
 May 26 1979 43 years
 Schaefer, Steve & Terese
 May 30 1992 30 years

Rotary Anniveraries

Gess, Emily 5 years
 May 02 2017
 Monson, Gina 13 years
 May 05 2009



Celebrate 100 Years on Wednesday

No meeting on Tuesday! Instead, we gather at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, to celebrate Moorhead Rotary's 100th birthday! The social hour, dinner and program take place in the Centrum at Concordia College.

EPIC's Braaten describes development firm's projects, past, present and future

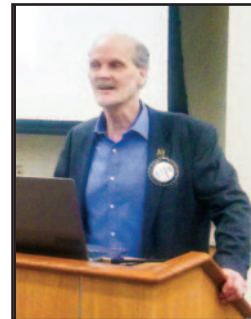
President-elect Dave Sederquist welcomed members and guest speaker McKenzie Braaten to the Moorhead Schools Operations Center Tuesday, April 26, starting the meeting with good news.

The 11th annual Recital With a Cause was a big success. Sponsored by the FM Rotary Foundation, the evening of stellar performances by the area's finest young musicians generated a total of more than \$50,000 in donations, according to John Andreasen — a substantial increase from last year's \$43,000 total.

Most of the recital funds are earmarked for Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio around the world. According to an RI broadcast that morning, Cindy Nolte said, the service organization *will* be able to achieve that goal. Members also watched a video produced for World Immunization Week April 24-30 on vaccinations for all preventable diseases.

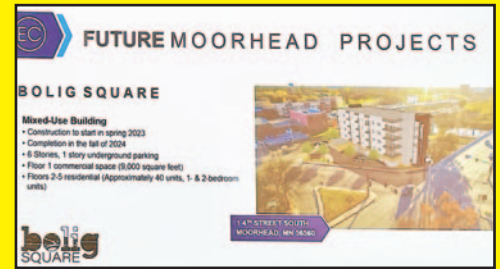
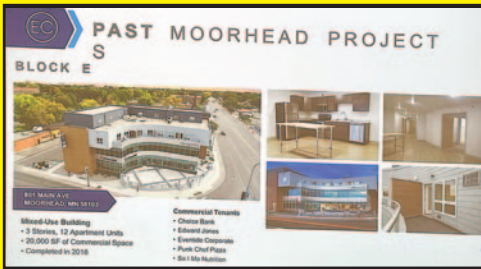
RYLA plans to resume in-person camp

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards chair Randy Farwell reported that the annual camp for high



Photos/Gary Nolte: (uppe right) McKenzie Braaten of the EPIC Companies. (Second row) President-elect Dave Sederquist. Trivia master Brent Brandt. (3rd row) Sederquist and RYLA chai Randy Farwell. (Below) Sergant at Arms Teresa Joppa. Rotarian of the Day Rob Remark.





Meetings

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

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=VOZTMVl1NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

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

school students will resume in person this summer from July 10 to 16. The club has always sent three to five high school leaders from Clay County schools to the event in Crookston.

Sarge Teresa levies 1st fine on ... herself

Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa levied Tuesday’s first fine on herself. “I guess I’m sergeant — sorta,” she confessed, adding that she’d forgotten to prep her presentation. Along with the self-fining, she fined the rest of the club for noting attending the recital or for not volunteering to help Dale Hetland with this year’s Travel Raffle.

Tom Riley and others donated happy dollars in honor of John Andreasen and his team for their great effort in putting together the most successful Recital With a Cause last week. Steve Schaefer and Gary Nolte salute the Moorhead High School speech team, which took first place in the Minnesota state high school speech meet ... for the sixth year in a row.

EPIC construction firm grows from three employees to 70 in 5 years

Rotarian of the Day Rob Remark introduced McKenzie Braaten of EPIC Companies, noting that the firm — formed in 2017 — has gone from three to 70 employees in just five years. It now serves nine communities, including Moorhead, from its offices in West Fargo and Minot.

Braaten, vice president for communications, announced a new division — an architectural team

that has joined the construction firm.

“The mixed-use concept is changing to include more options in the same development with residences and commercial tenants,” she told the club, “including park space and concert venues.”

Steve Gehrtz, former Moorhead city council member and resident, is president of the company. Braaten cited several past Moorhead projects, including Block E at the southeast corner of Main Avenue and Eighth Street South and Vanne Apartments, a mixed-use building on First Avenue North with commercial space and apartments.”It filled up very fast,” she commented.

EPIC also manages Comstock Commons and the Red Door Townhomes on Eighth Street north of Concordia. An upcoming project will be located downtown at the end of the Center Avenue Bridge at Third Street. To be called Bolig Square, the six-story development will include underground parking. Completion is projected in Fall 2024.

She talked about some of the community events her firm has been promoting. It’s a co-sponsor of Norsk Hostfest in Minot this year. Concerts have been staged in the open square of The Lights in West Fargo as well as art shows. “We try to incorporate art into all we do,” she commented.

Coming up are a new project in Perham and another on 45th Street South in Fargo. Incorporating an indoor/outdoor water park, it’s been named “The WAVE by EPIC.” It will include a 125-room hotel, and is envisioned as a destination place for fun.

Looking Ahead

May 4 — Centennial Dinner

5:30 p.m.....Concordia College Centrum

May 10

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Rotarian of the DayKay Parries
Program.....Sheri Larson, Moorhead
Business Association

May 17

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
Rotarian of the DayJon Benson
Program.....Sarah Chatelain-Gress,
The Lotus Center

May 24

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Rotarian of the DayJerry Rogers
ProgramMayor Shelly Carlson & City
Manager Dan Mahli

May 31

Sergeant at ArmsEmily Gess
Rotarian of the DayDave Sederquist
ProgramRolland Ellendu, Ellendu Recycling