



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	Gina Monson
President-Elect	David Sederquist
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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christophe	rMay 02
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	



Mayor Shelly Aasen Carlson and City Manager Dan Mahli addressed Moorhead Rotary on May 24.

Coming Up Tuesday, May 31

Rolland Ellendu of Ellendu Textiles, which saves landfill space by buying old, unwanted or overstocked textiles and giving them a second life is our guest speaker this week. Emily Gess is sergeant at arms, and Dave Sederquist is Rotarian of the day.

Mayor and city manager update Rotarians on Moorhead projects and plans

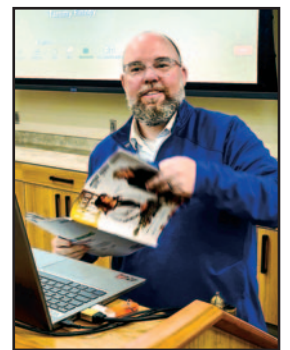
Acting president Jean Hannig welcomed members — online and in person — and our guests to Moorhead Rotary's May 24 meeting. She started out with a reminder of the club's current service project: collecting old, used cellphones to be refurbished and provided to victims working with the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center.

Member Violet Deilke asked whether the club could bring back the prayer that once opened its meetings.

Sign up now for Golf Scramble

Chairman David Tranby urged members to sign up now for the annual FM Rotary Foundation's 13th Annual Golf Scramble Tuesday, July 26. Play begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Moorhead Country Club, with dinner and awards afterwards.

Registration begins at 12:30, with the cost including greens fees, cart, driving range, dinner and awards. A foursome is \$500 or, with hole sponsorship, \$650. Hole sponsorship (without players) is \$200. Registration is \$125 for individual golfers.



Photos/Brent Brandt: Acting president Jean Hannig. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie.

Photographer Brent Brandt with Dan Mahli, Shelly Carlson and Eric Wilkie.



Rotarians line up for the lunch buffet.

Repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.



Meetings

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

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
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

Sarge Eric collects happy bucks

After Trivia Master Brent Brandt challenged Rotarians to dig deep in their mental vaults of facts, Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie shared thoughts on mentors and good advice from the current issue of The Rotarian magazine.

Turning to the weekly collection of happy news (and donated dollars to celebrate it), Eric called on Jean, who celebrated her birthday May 9. "It's a new decade," she said. Her thirties? Chris Andreasen again donated happy dollars in honor of his now-2-week-old daughter Mollie Mae. Other happy dollars honored Moorhead's current city leaders.

Eric's quote of the day: "Remember, when you are dead, you don't know it, and it's only painful for others. Same thing if you're stupid."

City leaders thank Rotary for support of Natural Playground, cellphone project

Jean introduced our guests, Mayor Shelly Carlson and City Manager Dan Mahli. Shelly opened her remarks with thanks to the club for its ongoing collection of cell phones to help keep rape and abuse victims safe and reminded them to also include charger cords and plugs.

She and Dan also applauded Moorhead and Fargo

Rotarians for their support of the Miracle Field, the inclusive ball field at Southwest Regional Park, as well as the Natural Playground along First Avenue North, where construction is expected to begin soon. "It's going to be a great addition to our downtown/river neighborhood," Dan said. "Very Minnesotan!"

They summed up other highlights coming up:

The 20/21st Street underpass, long in the making, will be completed by the middle of the summer.

Work begins soon on reconstruction of Center Avenue from the Red River bridge to Eighth Street. It will be completed in two phases to maintain as convenient access to businesses as possible. It should be done this fall.

The new Community Center/Regional Library project is moving forward. This fall, citizens will learn more about the proposed facility — to be located downtown — before being asked in November to vote on the bond issue that will underwrite its cost with a half-cent city sales tax.

"That sales tax will keep us close to Fargo's level, which also includes local taxes," Shelly noted. "We limited the amount for which we asked legislative approval." Minnesota will, of course, continue to avoid taxing clothing sold on this side of the border.

Looking Ahead

May 31

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

June 7 — Service Project

June 14

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
Rotarian of the Day..... Dave Tranby
ProgramAbe Tamayo, Salvation Army

June 21

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer
Program....Sarah Solheim, Gooseberry Players

June 28

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig
Rotarian of the Day Chris Andreasen
Program.....Deb Dawson,
African Soul/American Heart

July 26 — FM Rotary Foundation Golf Scramble

1:30 p.m.Moorhead Country Club