



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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May Birthdays

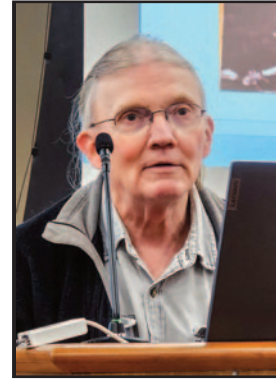
Andreasen, Christopher May 2
 Gess, Emily May 4
 Hannig, Jean May 9
 Tranby, Dave May 14
 Moorhead, Tracey May 27

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 9
 Gary Nolte presents a special program at our meeting Tuesday, May 9. Emily Gess will be our sergeant at arms.

Photos/Nancy Hanson: Clay County archivist Mark Peihl talked about Moorhead and Fargo's streetcars.

Dr. Bill Craft, sergeant at arms. (At right) Why is this woman smiling? Her lucky week! (Below) Travel Giveaway chair Dale Hetland. Dave Sederquist. Attentive listeners at lunch. Tim Hiller and (in background) Katie Fredericksen.



Clay County archivist Mark Peihl tells story of early Fargo-Moorhead streetcars

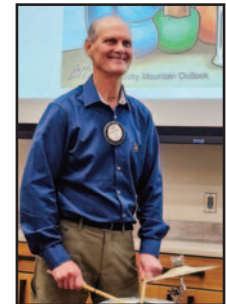
President Dave Sederquist opened the meeting by welcoming Fargo Rotarian Ken Rosson to the group. He then surprised Nancy Hanson with her long-awaited official name badge.

Jean Hannig and Kay Parries reported on the district conference the previous Saturday. Sharing a point emphasized there, Cindy Nolte urged members to move to a new table at each meeting to get to know our fellow Rotarians better — a practice she and Gary demonstrated.

John Andreasen reminded members of the upcoming Recital for a Cause. "Be sure to attend if at all possible," he urged. He thanked Nancy for the front page story on the recital that appeared on the April 25 edition of the FM Extra. John told the club, "We are at about \$27,000 in donations right now, but we're hoping for \$30,000 by the concert." That achievement would bring the lifetime contribution of the project, started in 2010, to \$500,000, including the two-to-one match contributed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dave told members that former Rotarian Brent Brandt has more free movies coming up at the Fargo Theatre — "ET" on May 9, and "Animal House" on May 16.

He also reminded the club to place their orders for the precooked barbecue ribs being sold by FM AM Rotary. The deadline for orders is Friday.





Photos/Teresa Joppa: (Above) Nancy Hanson finally gets her pin.

(Center and right) Scenes from the 2023 Recital with a Cause on May 4.



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

May Travel Giveaway winners revealed

Dale Hetland, chair of the Travel Giveaway raffle, announced the final winners of the 2022-23 fundraiser. Jean Hannig won the third prize, a \$100 dining certificate to Rustica, by buying one of her own tickets. She also sold Greg Stutz the ticket that brought him the \$200 second prize. Kay Parries sold the top prize, a trip for two, to her daughter Emily Gilbert.

Sarge Bill tells of father's Rotary allegiance

Sergeant at Arms Bill Craft, who is retiring after 11 years as president of Concordia College invited the Rotarians to the farewell event for him and his wife Anne from 4 to 6 p.m. May 11.

He went on to tell of growing up in a small Presbyterian and Republican town in Pennsylvania. "I remember encouraging votes for Nixon in 1960," he confessed. He dated the daughter of an FDR New Deal Democrat, the antithesis of his father's beliefs. "There were just two places where they could work together — the school board and Rotary," he said. "Rotary is the place where we can be common citizens doing good together."

After fining John Andreasen for the story in the Extra, Dale pointed out that Bill was in the same issue. Mutual fines! Other happy dollars saluted John for 13 years of work on the recital. Violet Deilke shared that she's getting a new puppy. Cindy applauded Trinity Lutheran's decision to again sponsor a refugee family, probably from Sudan or Somalia. Gary reminisced that he was elected district governor at Madden's 22 years ago — the

same locale as last week's district event. Time Hiller pitched in a dollar as a thank-you to Bill Craft for what he's contributed to the community during his presidency. Bill Woods contributed another birthday dollar to the "happy" collection. (He's working up to 90, the birthday he celebrated last month.)

Peihl traces the route of FM streetcars

Rotarian of the Day Gary Nolte introduced one of our favorite speakers, Mark Peihl of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

The historian traced the history of streetcars in the early days of Moorhead and Fargo, starting as early as 1880. In 1890, when a system seemed imminent, he said, "The people of Moorhead were less than excited about an easier way for Moorhead folks to shop in Fargo."

Rotarian Bob Hanna's great-grandfather, L.B. Hanna — who later became governor of North Dakota — was involved in efforts on the west side of the Red River.

The first streetcar began running on Thanksgiving 1904. They became very popular, charging only 5 cents per ride. The initial line ran to the courthouse in north Moorhead and as far south as Moorhead State College, thanks to a donation of land by Solomon Comstock, one of the city fathers.

Though popular, the line steadily lost money from 1919 to 1937, when it finally met its end. The cities ultimately switched to buses. Only two cars remain, one in a back yard in Fargo, the other awaiting restoration by the Minnesota Streetcar Museum.

Looking Ahead

May 9

Sergeant at ArmsEmily Gess
ProgramSpecial program by Gary Nolte

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

June 6

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramPresident Bill Craft of Concordia

June 13

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramJill Berg, Insight Counseling