



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

November Birthday

Riley, Thomas November 2
Hetland, Dale November 3
Matthees, Charles November 8
Nolte, Gary November 28

Wedding Anniversaries &

Riley, Thomas & Ann 36 years
Nov. 21 1989
Benson, Jon & Jessica 23 years
Nov. 11 2002

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry 40 years
Nov. 05 1985
Tranby, Dave 39 years
Nov. 25 1986
Moorhead, Tracey 33 years
Nov. 10 1992
Joppa, Teresa 24 years
Nov. 27 2001
Riewer, Jon 22 years
Nov. 25 2003
Woods, William 21 years
Nov. 05 2004
Hanson, Nancy 13 years
Nov. 18 2012



Coming Up November 11

Sarah Kennedy of Presentation Partners in Housing joins us Tuesday to talk about Cooper House. Rob Remark is our sergeant at arms this week.

Amy Longtin explains Tech4Kids' mission providing technology for students

President Tim Hiller welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and guest Ken Rosson of Fargo Rotary to Nov. 4's meeting — one highlighted by a report on what the Travel Give-Away has achieved this year and the announcement of the first monthly winners.

Committee chair Dale Hetland took the podium to the sound of a bright drum flourish. He opened the envelope of winners and announced the lucky ticket-buyers — Doug Peters, who won 3rd prize, a \$100 dinner certificate from Rustica; Tom Moore, husband of former member Noel Moore, who won 2nd prize, \$200 in cash; and the winner of the trip for two of his choice, Dan Parries, husband of Rotarian Kay Parries.

Dale reported that sales of the raffle ticket covered expenses and generated a total of \$17,000 — funds which the club will award to the local causes it selects this year.

Kay reports on District 5580 convention

Kay Parries brought back three awards from the District 5580 conference held in Duluth Oct. 24-26. Moorhead Rotary was recognized for donating the

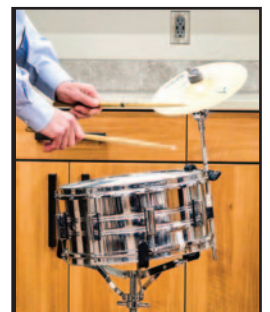


Photos/Nancy Hanson:
(Top) President Tim Hiller and past Gov. Kay Parries presents awards for Polio Plus support to regional chair Gary Nolte and Cindy Nolte. Kay Parries presents Tim with District 5580 award for club's top gifts to Rotary Foundation.

(Left) Amy Longtin of Tech4Kids.

(Below) Travel Give-Away chair Dale Hetland announces the first trio of winners ... to the sound of a drum flourish by Dave Sederquist.

(Bottom) Kay Parries and Violet Deilke.





Photos: Janelle Leiseth.
Treasurer Dave Sederquist.
Chris Andreasen.

largest amount of charitable funding among all clubs in the district, thanks to the Recital with a Cause and other projects. Gary Nolte, the Zone 29 chair of Polio Plus, and Cindy Nolte, the district's chair, both also were honored with awards at the conference.

Sarge Jean shows off new Rotary banner

Jean Hannig stepped into the breach as the day's sergeant at arms. She focused on stories from the November issue of The Rotarian magazine, especially the new Peace Institute in Istanbul. She also showed off the new perennial club banner introduced at the district conference. It features the U.S. and Canadian flags, along with the Rotary seal.

Jean, who is also our program chair, noted that the scheduled tour of HIA Hospice's new Heather's House has been rescheduled for Oct. 18. A spokesman for Presentation Partners for Housing will join us in its place.

She called for happy dollars, insisting that every Rotarian present must have something good to share. That generated Nancy Hanson's admiring report on her own visit to Heather's House, along with applause for all of the Minnesota teams that won over the weekend. Janelle Leiseth pointed to the upcoming play at Moorhead High School. John Andreasen mentioned the first meeting to

plan the 2026 Recital with a Cause coming up that week. Guest Ken Rosson said he was happy to have attended the district convention. Gary Nolte noted that November is Foundation Month, and announced that anyone who brings in a new member will become a Paul Harris Fellow by year's end.

Jean wrapped up with a quote: "If you want to see change in the world ... be the change."

Tech4Kids collects computer gear

Guest speaker Amy Longtin — a former Mrs. North Dakota who has a master's in science from the University of Mary — introduced the club to Tech4Kids. The volunteer-operated nonprofit that provides the necessary software and technological tools needed to support a remote academic learning environment to help young students succeed.

The nonprofit was formed during the pandemic by two influential women in IT. They were concerned that many children did not have access to technology in their homes during the school shut-down and decided to do something about it. Tech4Kids repurposes donated laptops and tablets, ensuring that those without home access to technology receive the devices they need for remote learning, homework assistance, online tutoring and mental health support. For more information, go to tech4kidsfgo.com.

Looking Ahead

November 11

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramSarah Kennedy,
Presentation Partners re Cooper House

November 18—Tour of Heather House

November 25

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramAndreasen Family

December 2

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramErin Shapiro, Plains Art Museum

December 9

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
ProgramMPD Chief Chris Helmick

December 16

Sergeant at ArmsCindy Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre's Christmas Message

December 23 — No Meeting

December 30 — No Meeting

January 6

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramTravis Christopher,
Sanford Peltier Lodge

January 27 — Rotary Service Day

February 10

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramAna Beatriz Prata,
Rotary Youth Exchange