



The Paddlewheel

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Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

November Birthdays

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

Anniversaries &

Riley, Thomas & Ann 35 years
Nov. 21 1989
Benson, Jon & Jessica 22 years
Nov. 11 2002

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry 39 years
Nov. 05 1985
Tranby, Dave 38 years
Nov. 25 1986
Hanna, Bob 36 years
Nov. 08 1988
Moorhead, Tracey 32 years
Nov. 10 1992
Joppa, Teresa 23 years
Nov. 27 2001
Riewer, Jon 21 years
Nov. 25 2003
Woods, William 20 years
Nov. 05 2004
Hanson, Nancy 12 years
Nov. 18 2012



Coming Up Tuesday, November 12

District 5580 Gov. Kay Parrie rejoins us after her travels to share news of the district's clubs and projects.

Pastor Brooks details financial challenges facing Churches United for the Homeless

President Steve Astrup welcomed members Nov. 5 with an apology for his casual attire and an explanation: It's T-shirt day at Hospice of the Red River Valley. He announced that the Paul Harris Dinner that was planned by the five F-M Rotary clubs for Thursday has been cancelled due to low registrations. The date has been rescheduled for Jan. 16. *[A link in this week's email enables members to complete a brief survey sharing their ideas about the dinner.]*

Four receive Paul Harris honors

He invited Jerry Rogers, Jean Hannig and Jon Riewer forward. The members were presented with bejeweled Paul Harris Foundation pins for their gifts and support of the Rotary charity fund.

First Travel Raffle winners announced

Dale Hetland summarized results of this year's Travel Raffle: Members sold 317 tickets, netting \$21,500 for club charities after allocating \$8,000 on seven first-prize trips; \$1,400 for second place; 700 on seven third prizes; and \$100 on miscellaneous costs.

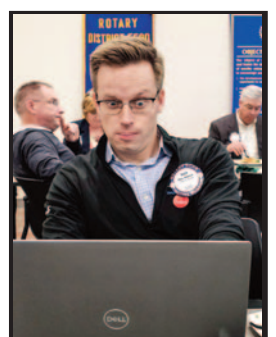
Then, to a drum flourish by Dave Sederquist, he opened envelopes to announce November's winners. Third prize, Nate Hunter (sold by Jon Riewer); second prize, Liz Hannon (sold by her mother, Jean Hannig); and first prize, Cindy Baily, purchased from Eric Wilkie.

HOMELESSNESS IS A COMPLEX COMMUNITY ISSUE

While there are many factors that can lead to homelessness, two major contributing factors are poverty and a lack of affordable housing, both stubbornly intractable societal challenges. But mental health issues and substance-use disorders also often underlie chronic homelessness. All of which explains why work with those who are unhoused requires a long game to address the layers of issues involved. Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes to homelessness. It takes time, intention and a multi-disciplinary approach to fix these issues.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Steve Astrup presents pins to Paul Harris winners Jerry Rogers, Jean Hannig and Jon Riewer. (Below) Dale Hetland announces winners, with a drum flourish by Dave Sederquist. (Bottom) Sergeant at Arms Sam Wai. Alex Aldrich takes notes.





Photos/Nancy Hanson: Jon Benson & Dale Hetland (before and after hug)

Tim Hiller/

Tom Riley

Steve Schaefer.

Sarge Sam flourishes sabre

Sergeant at Arms Sam Wai startled members by taking the podium armed with an ornate sword. Its purpose, he assured us, was peaceful. The so-called “champagne sword” is used to open bottles of champagne with a dramatic flourish.

After that, his call for “happy dollars” was definitely taken seriously. Dave Sederquist noted he is happy to live in a country where we can vote freely. Jon Benson saluted Dale Hetland’s birthday. Jean mentioned her happiness when the scheduled program speaker shows up. Gary contributed \$5 for the deer who will not die because he isn’t going hunting; Jon Riewer added another fiver for those who’ll surely be spared because he *is* going. Tom’s buck (this one was cash) was prompted by his return from Alaska. Steve Schaefer thanked all who worked on the travel giveaway. Jerry Rogers noted that, though the Spuds lost, he enjoyed the game on Spud TV.

New Churches United director steps up

Pastor Devlyn Brooks joined us to talk about the challenges facing Churches United, from its mission to feel and shelter men, women and children without homes to its struggle to stay alive. The shelter houses as many as 120 every night. Its Dorothy Day Food Pantry provides 32% of the food distributed to the hungry in Clay County.

He noted that seniors are the fastest-growing demographic of homelessness in the nation due to rising costs and fixed incomes. The number of children from infants through age 5 is also increasing. According to the most recent audit, there are about 1,500 homeless people in Fargo-Moorhead.

The nonprofit is facing a severe shortage of funds, with cash on hand to last only until the end of November. “We’re in desperate survival mode to get through the next seven months,” he said.



Looking Ahead

November 12

Sergeant at Arms
Program.....District Governor Kay Parries

November 19

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
ProgramExchange student Ellie Zimmerman

November 20 — Board Meeting

Sanders Flats4 p.m.

November 26

Sergeant at Arms
Program John Andreassen, Thanksgiving

December 3

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
Program Joan Windus, Change Is Good
Second winners announced in Travel Raffle

December 10

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
ProgramRotary 4-Way Test essay contest

December 17

Sergeant at ArmsCindy Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre’s Christmas Message

December 24 — No Meeting

December 31 — No Meeting