



The Paddlewheel

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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



District 5580 Governor-Elect Keith Brokke (above, right) presented a program on Rotary grants and volunteerism in the Rajapalayam region of India, including a series of school projects.

Guv-elect Keith Brokke shares overview of Rotary Foundation projects in India

President Jerry Rogers welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and our special guest, District 5580 Governor-elect Keith Brokke.

President-elect Gina Monson reported on results of the club's third drive-by food drive Nov. 3 for Churches United for the Homeless. Volunteers collected 650 pounds of donations and cash donations of \$104. "The weather was gorgeous," she said, "something we can't count on for our next one Feb. 2." As the date draws closer, she urged members to spread the word of the drive, and promised a brainstorming session to gather promotional ideas.

Trivia master got members talking with his weekly questions — this time focusing on late Sean Connery of 007 fame, along with other films.

Sergeant Eric recommends Rotarian mag

At a time when so much news is bad, Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie said, "I appreciate how Rotary International has been able to pivot during the pandemic." He pointed to good news of clubs' outreach and service around the globe that's highlighted in every issue of the Rotarian magazine.



Coming Up Tuesday ... via Zoom

Jen Burgard & Karla Sorum join us on Zoom to discuss their nonprofit Hopeful Hearts Project, a program designed to comfort parents who have lost their children. Paul Dovre is sergeant at arms, and Dale Hetland is Rotarian of the day.

He went on to share a list of day brighteners comedian and writer Steven Wright that drew chuckles from the group:

- Curiosity killed the cat, but for awhile I was a suspect.
- If at first you don't succeed, sky-writing isn't for you.
- It doesn't matter what temperature the room is — it's always "room temperature."
- Cross-country skiing is great if you live in a small country.

Then he opened the virtual floor for happy dollars, starting it out himself with a donation spurred by his being named CEO of the F-M Area Foundation. He takes over from former Moorhead Rotary member

Visiting Rotarian 11/10

District Governor-Elect Keith Brokke,
FM AM Rotary

November Birthdays

Hetland, Dale	Nov 03
Matthees, Charles	Nov 08
McLarnan, Rod	Nov 08
Koesterman, Sue	Nov 19
Nolte, Gary	Nov 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Farwell, Randy & Sherri	Nov 02 1991	29 years
Benson, Jon & Jessica	Nov 11 2002	18 years
Monson, Gina & Dave	Nov 30 1996	24 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry	35 years
Nov 05 1985	
Woods, William	16 years
Nov 05 2004	
Hanson, Russ	13 years
Nov 06 2007	
Hanna, Bob	32 years
Nov 08 1988	
Moorhead, Tracey	28 years
Nov 10 1992	8 years
Nov 18 2012	
Koesterman, Sue	3 years
Nov 19 2017	
Riewer, Jon	17 years
Nov 25 2003	
Tranby, Dave	34 years
Nov 25 1986	

Tim Beaton at the end of the month. Tracey Moorhead, a past chair of the foundation board, added her congratulations: "You'll be wonderful."

Dave Sederquist "added to his happy-dollar tab" in Eric's honor, saying "It's good to have you back." Paul Dovre joined in, saying, "Congratulations. It's no surprise to we who've been watching your professional progress."

Brokke details 15 years of joint projects by District 5580 clubs and District 3212

Rotarian of the Day Gary Nolte introduced Keith Brokke, the charter member of FM AM Rotary who will be the next head of District 5580. He and Keith have been together on two Rotary service trips to India and nine to Guatemala.

Keith told of the genesis of the link between our district and District 3212 in southern India. The connection originated when Drs. Daniel Ratnasamy and Natarajan Gopalakrishan became involved with the FM AM club during their years at North Dakota State University. After returning to Rajapalayam in their home country, they helped establish a collaborative link between the clubs that has grown throughout the years. Its record now includes seven matching grant projects between 2005 and 2012, three bricks and mortar projects through World Community Service, and seven Global Grant projects from 2013 through today. The clubs also formed a sister club agreement in June 2009.

Much of the collaboration has focused on education projects — both at the elementary and high school level and at Rajas College in Rajapalayam. They range from purchasing computers for the college to outfitting the Rotary School with lightboards, fans, encyclopedias and network printers.

Computer lab equipment and desks were provided for vocational studies at the Matriculation School. The Meenakshipuram School, which has 860 students in grades 1 through 12, received desks to enable more to attend at one time, rather than the three shifts that had been necessary.

Providing "toilet blocks" and sanitary water has also made a difference at many schools. Addition of the toilet blocks has enabled girls and young women to continue their educations after their menstrual cycles begin; without the facilities, they typically must drop out at that age.

Rotarians built a school with 12 classrooms in 2015 in Meenakshipuram Village and added six specifically for physics, biology and chemistry the next year. The projects were funded with \$20,000 from the five F-M clubs plus seven partners in the district; another \$30,000 was contributed the following year.

In 2016 six Rotarians and their spouses from Fargo-Moorhead visited the Indian region as part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange. Later that year, an Indian delegation visited District 5580.

Looking Ahead

November 17 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
Rotarian of the DayDale Hetland
ProgramJen Burgard & Karla Sorum,
Hopeful Hearts

November 24 — No meeting

December 1 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsSue Koesterman
Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
Program.....Joel Friesz, LSS Restorative Justice

December 8 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Rotarian of the DayBob Hanna
ProgramCommunity Peace-Building
and Conflict Prevention, Christian Harris,
Rotary Peace Scholar in Libya

December 15 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Rotarian of the Day.....Ernie Simmons
ProgramPaul Dovre's annual
Christmas message

December 22 — No meeting

December 29 — No meeting