



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

November Birthdays

Riley, Tom	Nov 02
Hetland, Dale	Nov 03
Matthees, Charles	Nov 08
McLaman, Rod	Nov 08
Koesterman, Sue	Nov 19
Nolte, Gary	Nov 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Farwell, Randy and Sherril	
Nov 02 1991	30 years
Benson, Jon and Jessica	
Nov 11 2002	19 years
Riley, Tom and Ann	
Nov 21 1989	32 years
Monson, Gina and Dave	
Nov 30 1996	25 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry	36 years
Nov 05 1985	
Woods, William	17 years
Nov 05 2004	
Hanson, Russ	14 years
Nov 06 2007	
Hanna, Bob	34 years
Nov 08 1988	
Moorhead, Tracey	30 years
Nov 10 1992	
Koesterman, Sue	4 years
Nov 19 2017	
Riewer, Jon	18 years
Nov 25 2003	
Tranby, Dave	35 years
Nov 25 1986	
Joppa, Teresa	20 years
Nov 27 2001	

Congratulations to Our Kay Parries!



Moorhead Rotarian Kay Parries has been named governor of District 5580 for the 2024-2025 club year. A past president of our club, she joined in December 1988.

The District Nominating Committee, chaired by past district governor Bob McLean, announced her nomination last week. She will succeed another Kay, Governor-Elect Kay Biga of Duluth, whose term is for 2022-2023, and Governor-Nominee Dave Long of Detroit Lakes, 2023-2024.

Coming Up Tuesday

Joel Vettel brings us an update from Sanford Health this week. Randy Farwell is sergeant at arms, and Cindy Nolte is Rotarian of the day.

BeSMART about safe storage of guns in homes with children, speakers say

Acting president Jerry Rogers welcomed members, guests and our speakers to Moorhead Rotary on Oct. 26.

Travel raffle chair Dale Hetland announced that — with just three days to go — ten tickets remain to be sold in our annual travel raffle. The first trip, cash and dining prizes will be announced on Nov. 2, so it's essential that tickets and money be turned in ASAP.

Jerry announced the club's centennial project — presenting Moorhead elementary media centers with \$10,000 worth of cultural literacy books — was featured on the top of the front page of this week's Moorhead Extra.

Heather Runck updated the club on progress in fund raising for the Natural Playground to be built in Moorhead's Memorial Park. She said, "We want to say that every F-M Rotarian has contributed to the project. But only eight members of the Moorhead club have made pledges to date."

David Pietz (FM AM Rotary) asked for members to help with fund raising, as well as events and grant-writing — no experience necessary.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Sarah King and Martha Wheeler presented the five-point BeSMART program to keep children safe in homes with guns. Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen. Rotarian of the Day Dave Sederquist.

Meetings

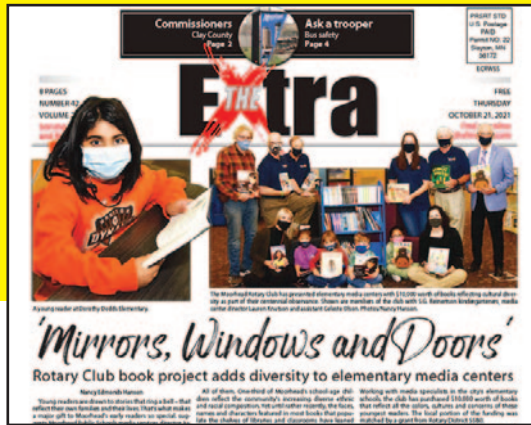
Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

Photos: Moorhead Rotary's centennial project, the presentation of cultural literacy books in Moorhead elementary schools, was on Page 1 of the Moorhead Extra on Oct. 21.

Dale Hetland visits with guest David Pietz of the FM AM Rotary Club.



Sergeant John collects 'happy dollars'

Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen shared the history of All Saints Day, celebrated Nov. 1, then suggested happy dollars be offered in honor of Rotary "saints." Jean Hannig gave the first in honor of families who have hosted exchange students. Raffle chair Dale Hetland's dollar saluted "Saint" Violet Deilke, who has sold an almost unbelievable 60 tickets! Guest Dave Pietz's donation honored the three district presidents who have come from his club, while Heather Runck saluted club collaborations. Dave Tranby honored "Saint" Brent Brandt, "who brings so much energy to our club." John wrapped up his spot with a quote: "A saint is someone whom the light shines through."

Moms Demand Action program offers steps to keep kids safe from guns at home

Martha Wheeler and Sarah King, members of the F-M chapter of Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence, shared the national group's practical suggestions for how gun owners can keep their children safe from guns when they store in their homes.

Martha, a retired elementary music teacher, spoke of the terrible day of Feb. 14, 2018, when 17 died in the shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. "It inspired me to action," she said.

Sarah, a speech language pathologist who moved into school administration, was touched by violence when her father-in-law shot and killed his wife and took his own life — spurring her to become involved in combating gun access and



violence.

The women said 13 million children now live in homes with guns — 4.6 million of them in households with at least one loaded, unlocked gun. "Hiding the gun is not a solution," Martha emphasized. "Children are smart. Most know where they're kept. They find them." One-third of kids in those homes report they have handled the weapons, often without their parents' knowledge. She said, "Even kids who have gone through a gun safety class report handling one at home."

Guns are the second leading cause of death among children, and the number one cause among Black children. Moreover, nearly half of child suicides involve guns they accessed in their own homes.

BeSMART has developed a five-step program to prevent unintentional shootings.

S — Secure all guns in your homes and vehicles.

M — Model responsible behavior around guns.

A — Ask about unsecured guns in friends' and relatives' homes.

R — Recognize the role of guns in suicide.

T — Tell your peers to Be SMART.

Some secure storage practices include cable locks, lockboxes and firearm safes, as well as always storing firearms unloaded, with the ammunition kept in an entirely separate location.

November 2

Sergeant at ArmsRandy Farwell
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
Program.....Joel Vettel, Sanford Health update

November 9

Sergeant at ArmsSteve Astrup
Rotarian of the DaySteve Schaefer
ProgramF-M Symphony Orchestra

November 16

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Rotarian of the DayDale Hetland
Program

November 23 — no meeting

November 30

Sergeant at ArmsSam Wai
Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
Program ..Amina Fatkhulloeva, Tajikistan water