



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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**Moorhead Rotary Club 970
District 5580**

President Steve Schaefer
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& Jean Hannig
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

Rotary Exchange Student
Frida Lehtonen, Finland

Meetings are held at 11:50 a.m. every
Tuesday in Birkeland Lounge at
Concordia College's Memorial
Auditorium.

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



Coming Up Tuesday

Rotarian Jean Hannig reports on the Rotary International convention at this week's meeting. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and Ray Erbes and Bill Schwandt are our greeters.

Moorhead Supt. Brandon Lunak details needs to be addressed by MHS bond vote

Moorhead Rotarians turned out in good numbers for their last October meeting, where they learned more about the important bonding vote for Moorhead High School on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Chris Andreasen introduced three special guests – Kristi Peterson and her son Grant, daughter and grandson of past Rotarian Bob Leiseth; and David Birkeland, grandson of the namesake for the club's meeting venue, Birkeland Alumni Lounge.

President Steve passed around the basket to give members a second opportunity to donate and leverage District 5580 matching funds for World Polio Day, officially celebrated last week.

Violet Deilke updated the club on Travel Giveaway ticket sales: Only 15 of the total 400 tickets remain!

UPDATE: All raffle tickets have now been sold!

Leiseth daughter named honorary member

Gary Nolte welcomed Kristi Peterson as the club's newest honorary member. She has been instrumental in working with the club to facilitate



Photos/Russ Hanson:
President Steve Schaefer. Sergeant at Arms Emily Gess. Rotarian of the Day Pat Gulbranson. Gary Nolte presents Kristi Peterson with an honorary membership. Superintendent of Schools (and Rotarian) Brandon Lunak. (Right) Moorhead High principal Dave Lawrence.





Photos/Russ Hanson: Dave Sederquist and Dale Hetland. Exchange student Frida Lehtonen and Jill Baldsin. Chris Volkers and Violet Deilke.

Guests, 10/29

- Rachel Bergeson, Concordia, guest of Emily Gess
- Kristi and Grant Peterson, daughter and grandson of Bob Leiseth, guests of Chris Andreasen
- David Birkeland, guest of Chris Andreasen
- Brent Brandt, former member

Visiting Rotarians

- PDG Keith Brokke. FM AM Rotary

Rotary Make-ups

- Gary & Cindy Nolte and Kay Parries, District 5580 meeting
- Eric Wilkie, Jamestown Rotary

November Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Farwell, Randy and Sherri | Nov 02 1991 | 28 years |
| Benson, Jon and Jessica | Nov 11 2002 | 17 years |
| Monson, Gina and Dave | Nov 30 1996 | 23 years |

Rotary Anniversaries

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| Rogers, Jerry | Nov 05 1985 | 34 years |
| Woods, William | Nov 05 2004 | 15 years |
| Hanson, Russ | Nov 06 2007 | 12 years |
| Hanna, Bob | Nov 08 1988 | 31 years |
| Moorhead, Tracey | Nov 10 1992 | 27 years |
| Koesterman, Sue | Nov 19 2017 | 2 years |
| Riewer, Jon | Nov 25 2003 | 16 years |
| Tranby, Dave | Nov 25 1986 | 33 years |
| Joppa, Teresa | Nov 27 2001 | 18 years |

her late father Bob Leiseth's wishes to provide financial support for the club.

Sergeant at Arms Emily Gess walked through some of the history of the Moorhead school district, shared a quick Rotary Minute, and solicited a number of happy dollars from members with causes to celebrate.

\$110 million bond referendum to fund new high school and Career Academy

Rotarian of the Day Pat Lorenson introduced Rotarian Brandon Lunak, superintendent of Moorhead Area Public Schools, and Moorhead High principal Dave Lawrence. Brandon explained that the \$110M bond proposal on which residents will vote Tuesday, Nov. 5, had its roots in a long-range facilities master plan conceived in 2014 to address the forecasted growth in students. A bond and subsequent capital project in 2015 addressed the needs of grades K-8.

A number of building acquisitions followed: the Globe building, which serves as the Vista Center for Education, the Muscatel building, which will

serve as the district's Operations Center, purchase of the Sports Center previously owned by the city, and the former Sam's Club building, which will be converted into a Career Academy. In addition to the relatively low costs of acquisition, Brandon stressed ongoing savings that are enabled through these projects, such as the ability to buy in bulk. The extra space will allow the district to save over \$18,000 a year in the purchase of garbage liners, for example.

This latest bonding project will address the needs of the high school, which was built over 50 years ago. The deficiencies of the existing facility include lack of natural light, multiple levels which impede student flow and handicapped access, aging infrastructure (including some original construction), limited small group/active learning spaces, and security challenges resulting from 13 separate entry ways.

Due to higher property values and growth in the tax base in Moorhead, the property tax increase for a \$200K home of \$8/month is actually lower than the \$9/month increase levied on a \$150K home back in 2015.

Looking Ahead

November 5

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Program .Jean Hannig, Rotary Int'l Conference report
GreetersRay Erbes & Bill Schwandt

November 12

Sergeant at ArmsKevin Heazlett
ProgramRiley Miller, Cullen Hockey
Center Renovations
GreetersChris Volkers & Ernie Simmons

November 19

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
ProgramJenn Breeding, MN Reading & Math Corps
GreetersDoreen Filler & David Tranby

November 26

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
ProgramMember Talks
GreetersTammy Finney & Randy Farwell

December 3

Sergeant at ArmsSue Koesterman
ProgramParks Director Holly Heitkamp,
Moorhead Community Fund
GreetersEmily Gess & Sam Wai

December 10 — Evening Christmas Social

No regular meeting

December 17

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre, Christmas message
GreetersAbby Gold & Eric Wilkie

December 24 — No meeting

December 31 — No meeting