



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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 & Jean Hannig

Program Chair Jean Hannig
 Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
 Song Leader Bob Hanna
 Trivia Master Brent Brandt
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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



Coming Up Tuesday

Chris Zimmerman brings us up to date on the F-M Symphony Orchestra at our Nov. 9 meeting. Steve Astrup is sergeant at arms, and Steve Schaefer is Rotarian of the day.

First Travel Raffle winners announced; Vettel shares Sanford Health update

After acting president Jerry Rogers welcomed members, Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland shared good news ... and an amazing achievement. Not only were all 400 tickets sold in time for the first prize drawings; former longtime committee chair Violet Deilke sold a remarkable 72 tickets herself!

The winner of the year's first monthly top prize, a ski trip for two to Winter Park, Colorado, were Evan and Paige Blackhurst. The ticket was sold by Anne Blackhurst. Jon Benson bought the second-prize winning ticket for \$200 in cash. Jamie Kronbeck of FM AM Rotary bought the third-prize winner from Violet — a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica.

After Brent Brandt's quick round of football trivia, Sergeant at Arms Jerry Falwell congratulated members celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in November, along with the nine observing the anniversaries of the dates they joined the club. Four have been members for more than three decades: Jerry Rogers, 36 years; Dave Tranby, 35 years; Bob Hanna, 34 years; and Tracey Moorhead, 30 years.

Randy kicked off the collection of happy dollars with his and wife Sherril's story of being married 30 years ago ... with many wedding guests' arrival delayed by the great Halloween blizzard of 1991.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland and Violet Deilke announce the first winners of 2021-22. Joel Vettel of Sanford Health Systems addresses the group. Trivia master Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Randy Farwell. Rotarian of the Day Cindy Nolte. Joel Vettel.

Violet donated \$5 in honor of guest Ken R. from Fargo Rotary and for her trip to Branson. Jon Benson saluted his 19 years of wedded bliss with Jessica. Jean's happy dollar was in honor of Kay's being named District 5580's governor for 2024-2025 and for Dale's leadership on the raffle committee. Bob Hanna celebrated his renewed sense of smell (after recovery from Covid). Emily Gess reported a trip to Disney World with her children. Jerry's gift honored the Travel Raffle committee. Dale's dollar celebrated all those who purchased raffle tickets, as well



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Rotarians joined media specialists and students at Ellen Hopkins School Nov. 4 for the unpacking of boxes of culturally diverse books — the last shipment that's part of the the Centennial Cultural Literacy Project. On hand were Bill Woods, Russ Hanson, Jean Hannig and Gary Nolte.

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

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

as Randy, who appeared in a photo in the Chamber newsletter wearing his Rotary pin.

Vettel reports Sanford Health System progress, needs and challenges

Rotarian of the Day Cindy Nolte introduced guest Joel Vettel, head of strategic community partnerships for Sanford Health in Fargo for the past two years. Prior to joining the hospital, Joel was familiar to F-M residents as the media spokesperson for the Fargo Police Department and head of the Fargo Park District.

Joel told Rotarians that his role with Sanford is “getting out to talk to the community,” including meeting with service clubs. “You guys are probably the happiest service club arounds,” he observed, “with all your laughing and applauding.”

The spokesman reported that Sanford employs staffs in 46 medical centers and 224 medical clinics. Their roster includes 1,500 physicians and 8,000 nurses.

His community relations office, he said, is focused on trying to help and enhance relationships and resources with the community. “The care we provide our communities needs to be enhanced, and we’re on the grow,” he reported. They have added a location in Grand Forks and are partnering with Eventide in Devils Lake. Another

partnership is taking place in Fergus Falls.

Thanks to a \$350 million gift from billionaire namesake Denny Sanford, Sanford Health is now in the process of improving telemedicine. The goal, he said, is that patients can have equipment in their own home to provide vital information without a trip into town or a regional medical center.

After handing out information on the number of Covid hospitalizations, including ICU care and patients on ventilators, Joel said, “We are firm believers in vaccinations, but also in not shaming people.” He cited the accompanying mental health crisis as well: “It’s real, and it’s a pandemic on its own.”

He added, “Never before in our history have we politicized medicine as we have today. The vaccine is safe. All the credentialed experts are telling us it is safe. It wasn’t rushed. It was tested and retested and found to be safe.”

Joel told Rotarians they can help in the face of these crises by “finding ways to assist or take care of yourself and your family.”

As for staffing, he said the Fargo hospital alone needs 300 nurses. “We are hiring nurses from all over the world and bringing them to Fargo through targeted immigration,” he said. At the same time, they’re raising pay and benefits for current staff.

Looking Ahead

November 9

Sergeant at ArmsSteve Astrup
Rotarian of the DaySteve Schaefer
Program.....Chris Zimmerman,
F-M Symphony Orchestra

November 16

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Rotarian of the DayDale Hetland
ProgramMaureen Kelly Jonason, Historical
and Cultural Society of Clay County

November 23 — no meeting

November 30

Sergeant at ArmsSam Wai
Rotarian of the DaySteve Astrup
Program ..Amina Fatkhulloeva, Tajikistan water
project update

December 7 — service project