



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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October

Wedding Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean & Jeff 54 years
Oct. 24 1972

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John 34 years
Oct. 01 1992
Benson, Jon 19 years
Oct. 09 2007
Andreasen, Christopher 8 years
Oct. 23 2018
Simmons, Ernie 8 years
Oct. 30 2018



Coming Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday's the day! The founder of Golden Drive for Homeless Kids, Sue Baron, joins us to talk about her charitable program. Our club will be presenting her with the school supplies we're donating — notebooks, pencils, pens and other school supplies. Janelle is sergeant at arms for the day.

Two New Members Inducted into Club

President Chris Andreasen started our Tuesday, Oct. 6 meeting on a happy note with the induction of the two newest Moorhead Rotarians. He welcomed Dr. Tim Downs, president of Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Thomas Hill of FM Youthworks with the Rotary pledge while sponsors Jean Hannig and Tim Hiller stood by proudly. Their induction brings our current membership to 35 active and two honorary Rotarians.

Golden Drive Presentation on Oct. 13

He reminded members of our six-week-long project gathering school supplies for youngsters aided by the Golden Drive for Homeless Kids. Sue Baron will be on hand this week to present a program on the charity she founded in 2013.

If you haven't brought in your donations yet, Tuesday is the day! We're gathering the kind of practical everyday materials that elementary and middle school students need in the classroom ... notebooks, pencils and pens, for example. He reported, "They have plenty of glue sticks."

Sarge Eric Collects Happy Dollars

Sergeant at arms Eric Wilkie abbreviated his program to make time available for our special guest speaker. He opened the floor for happy dollars. Football and other sports garnered a good share of attention, led by Dave Tranby's praise of Moorhead High's 2026 football team. (It would go



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) President Chris Andreasen inducts new members Tim Downs and Thomas Hill, with sponsors Tim Hiller and Jean Hannig standing by.
(Below) Speaker Belinda Selfors of Stewartville, MN, Schools.
(Bottom) Mhd. Superintendent Brandon Lunak.





Photos: (Above) Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie.

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland.

Jon Benson.

Janelle Leiseth, Tim Hiller and Jean Hannig.

Lessons from Stewartville.

John Andreasen and Dave Sederquis.

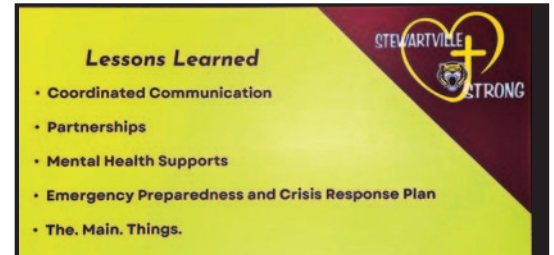
on to win its homecoming game that Friday, topping Eden Prairie.) Jerry Rogers pointed out the Minnesota Gophers beat Michigan at home for the first time in 49 years. Brandon Lunak added wryly, "The Minnesota Vikings might be 4-0, but they're the worst 4-0 team out there." Other dollars were donated by Steve Schaefer for his recent trip to Tanzania and his win of a prior Travel Giveaway, by Dave Sederquist in honor of John Andreasen, and by Tim Downs, who said he's happy to be a Moorhead Rotarian.

Stewartville Superintendent Tells of Tragic School Shooting and Aftermath

Brandon introduced Belinda Selfors, retired superintendent of Stewartville Public Schools, who spoke of the shooting crisis at her school and how law enforcement and school leaders joined forces in its aftermath. Located just south of Rochester, Minnesota, the town of about 7,000 was the site of a school shooting on Dec. 12, 2025.

At 4:58 a.m., while the wrestling team and their coaches were boarding a bus for an out-of-town meet, a former teammate who'd graduated the year before showed up at the parking lot with a gun. He shot a 16-year-old former teammate, then killed himself. His own brother — one of four children being raised by their widowed mother — was also a member of the team. The victim was hospitalized but ultimately recovered.

Superintendent Selfors received a call at home. She launched an impressive crisis protocol immediately. It began by securing the team



members' cellphones to contain the story until more information could be ascertained.

Working with the Olmstead County Sheriff's Department, she set up a central command. Chaplains were deployed to help reunite team members with their families.



What followed was a collaborative effort of school staff and the sheriff and his staff to inform parents, teachers and other school staff, and ultimately the community. Both the victim's and perpetrator's families were visited and provided with support. Student leaders and the team attended the shooter's funeral and showed love to his brother, inviting him back to wrestling practice.

He and the victim returned the same day. School attendance returned to 92% after the incident, a testament to communication and trust.

Looking Ahead

October 13

Sergeant at Arms Janelle Leiseth
Program Sue Baron, Golden Drive
for Homeless Kids

October 20

Sergeant at Arms.....Kay Parries
Program Karima Zimney, Handi Wheels

Oct. 24 — 5-Club Walk for Polio @ The Loop

October 27 — No Meeting — Service Day

November 3

Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke
Program.....Jason McCoy, Clay County Health

November 10

Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte
Program

November 17

Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark
Program Mauro Souza, Rotary Exchange

Moorhead Rotary Club
Membership Categories (approved Nov. 22, 2022)
Effective Jan. 1, 2023

Category Definition Cost Basis
Quarterly Bill

RG-Regular Club membership for one individual including dues and catered meals. The traditional membership option. Club dues and prepaid catered meals for each weekly meeting.

Dues: \$59.00 Meals: \$156.00

BB-Brown Bag Club membership for one individual; member brings own lunch or snack
Club dues only; no catered meals. Dues: \$59.00 Meals: \$0.00

SA-Senior Active Club membership for one *retired* individual age 65 years or older. Club dues;
catered meals (\$12) paid for at each attended meeting Dues: \$59.00 Meals: \$12/meal

NM-New Member Discounted regular club membership for new member during first year only
Exempt from dues; 25% off prepaid catered meals.* Dues: \$0.00 Meals: \$117.00

CO-Corporate Club memberships for 3 or more employees from the same organization
Annual dues and prepaid catered meals are exempted for one member
Dues: \$59.00 Meals: \$156.00 for n-1 members

SH-Shared One club membership shared by up to 3 people who attend meetings at different times
Club dues and prepaid catered meal for each week of the quarter Dues: \$59.00 Meals: \$156.00

HY-Half Year Club membership for a 6 month period of choice:
either May - Oct or Nov – Apr. 50% off of base level annual dues; 50% off of prepaid catered
meals Dues: \$29.50 Meals: \$78.00

SP-Special Club membership approved by Board of Directors for special circumstances**
Board approved; designed discounts for dues and catered meals** Dues: \$TBD Meals: \$TBD

* In effect for as long as District 5580 offers same member exemption during member's first year

** Honorary members are approved by the club and are exempt from dues or catered meal charges.

Notes:

The club president, treasurer, secretary and newsletter editor are exempt from dues and meal costs.
Half Year members may be billed once for their 6 month membership (instead of quarterly).