



The Paddlewheel

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October Birthdays

Wai, Sam October 3
Johnson, Gregory October 28

Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean & Jeff 52 years
Oct. 24 1972
Elmer, Corey & Brenda 28 years
Oct. 05 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John 32 years
Oct. 01 1992
Benson, Jon 17 years
Oct. 09 2007
Andreasen, Christopher 6 years
Oct. 23 2018
Simmons, Ernest 6 years
Oct. 30 2018
Lobo, Laura 4 years
Oct. 14 2020



Coming Up Tuesday, October 15

Joan Windus of Change Is Good talks about downsizing at this week's meeting. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms.

Children's Advocacy Center insures child victims don't suffer additional trauma

President Steve Astrup opened Moorhead Rotary's Oct. 8 meeting by heralding the upcoming presentation of the Chamber of Commerce's Legacy Leader award to member Paul Dove on Oct. 10. Paul, the youngest president in Concordia College's history, was chosen for the community honor for a lifetime of leadership in education and community service.

He also reminded members of the upcoming FM Rotary Foundation Golf Scramble on Oct. 14. The club will be represented by a team headed by Dave Tranby.

The Moorhead Rotary board will meet — in person at Sanders Flats and online via Zoom — at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Finally, Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland reminded members that only three weeks remain to sell raffle tickets. He asked that all tickets that have been sold be turned in on Oct. 15, giving organizers time to reassign those that are unsold to others for their help. The first drawing for a trip, cash or fancy dinner will take place at our first meeting in November.

Sarge Eric quizzes film fans on movies

Citing the absence of trivia master Brent Brandt, Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie stepped into the breach with a challenging trivia quiz on box office hits and others that flopped in theaters.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Sarah Matthews of RRCAC. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. (Below) Chris Andreasen & President Steve Astrup. Dave & Tim Hiller. (Bottom) Jon Benson & Jon Riewer.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:

John Andreasen, Bob Hanna and Gary Nolte.

Chuck Matthees

The Red River Children's Advocacy Center works with law enforcement and social services agency to provide support for child victims.



He went on to call on club members to celebrate happy news with their happy dollars. Among those cited were the delivery and sale of Travel Raffle tickets and the Nolte's upcoming trip to New York to see their granddaughter perform in a college play. They're going on to cruise up the New England coast.

Chris Andreasen reported on the successes of the Spud boys soccer team, whom he's coaching this fall.

Sarah Matthews tells of RRCAC's mission

Eric introduced our speaker, Sarah Matthews, executive director for the past two years of the Red River Children's Advocacy Center in Fargo.

The nonprofit organization serves 63 counties in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota, including the four Native American reservations. Last year, 884 children — 636 girls and 236 boys — who were victims of physical and sexual abuse, neglect or exploitation were served by the agency's 16-member staff of social workers and others trained to work with the young. RRCAC coordinates the response of agencies like law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors' offices, advocates, and mental health and medical professionals.

When a child discloses abuse, Matthews explained, they insure that he or she is not further

victimized by the systems designed to protect them. The child has an opportunity to talk with a single interviewer in a safe, neutral setting with other professionals observing the interaction — instead of multiple conversations with each of those who seeks to help them. The team then works together to guide the investigation, treatment, management and possible prosecution of the case — seeking to achieve the greatest level of protection and care for the child and family.

"Ninety-nine percent of the victims knew their offender," Sarah told the group. "Most of the time, the dangers to children are not from strangers, but from someone they know and trust." No single location or economic status dominates among their clients. Nearly half of referrals — 45% — come from rural counties.

"We have never billed for our services," she pointed out, "but we may have to begin doing so because of funding cuts." About one-third of their revenue currently comes from North Dakota and Minnesota; 27% is from federal grants; and 42% is raised from local foundations, donations and fundraising events.

Matthews pointed out that the impact of childhood trauma can last a lifetime, causing a variety of outcomes from behavioral issues to substance abuse, along with a variety of physical and mental health issues. For more information: rrcac.org

Looking Ahead

October 15

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramJoan Windus, Change Is Good

October 22

Sergeant at ArmsChris Andreasen
ProgramPattie Sean, Soul Solutions

October 29

Sergeant at ArmsCindy Nolte
ProgramExchange student Ellie Zimmerman

November 5

Sergeant at ArmsSamuel Wai
ProgramDevlyn Brooks, Churches United

November 12

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramDistrict Governor Kay Parries

November 19

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
ProgramExchange student Jan Prabhaporn

November 26— No Meeting

December 3

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
Program