



The Paddlewheel

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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



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Sue Baron of Golden Drive for Homeless Kids. President Chris Andreasen, Sue and donations. (Below) Treasurer Dave Sederquist explains member categories. (Middle) President Chris Andreasen. Sarge Janelle Leiseth. (Bottom) Dale Hetland and Alex Aldrich enjoy Janelle's M&Ms.

Coming Tuesday, October 20

Holger Loor of Ultra Cleaning Service presents our program Tuesday, with Kay Parries as sergeant at arms.

Club Hears About Golden Drive for Kids, Then Presents Donated School Supplies

President Chris Andreasen welcomed members and two guests to Moorhead Rotary Oct. 13 — Fargo Rotarian Tim LeClair and Sue Baron, founder of Golden Drive for Homeless Kids, who joined us to present the program and accept a bounty of school supplies members have donated to her cause.

Chris updated the club on several projects.

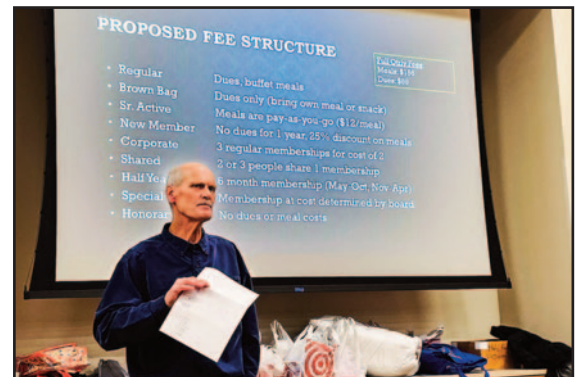
The upcoming presentation of dictionaries from the five FM Rotary clubs includes a special feature. A QR code mounted inside each book can be scanned. After following the steps it reveals, the children can take it into the Moorhead library to receive a free book.

Travel raffle tickets must be turned in by Oct. 30. If you have unsold tickets, bring them to a meeting so they can be distributed to others.

The World's Largest Walk for Polio is coming up Saturday! If you haven't registered, do it now.

The Fargo AM club is hosting NDSU President Marshall Stewart at Touchmark at 7 a.m. Dec. 3. All Rotarians are invited as guests.

The membership committee put together by John Andreasen is hopes ours may be the only club to grow in 2026. They meet Tuesday at 11.



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Treasurer Dave Sederquist explained the dues structure adopted by the club several years ago. It includes a number of new categories, including corporate and shared memberships, brown baggers and senior actives who only pay for (meals on the days they attend. (The full list is available on ClubRunner.)

Sarge Janelle Celebrates M&M Day

Sergeant at Arms Janelle Leiseth brought M&M candies into the conversation in observance of National M&M Day. The popular candies, like all of our technology, started out as an idea pitched to the federal government; the treats were provided to soldiers during World War II. In the 1960s, they became the first candy in space. Red candies were removed in 1976's red dye scare. How many are produced every day? 400 million!

Gary Nolte, and MSUM grad, started the happy dollar report with his trip in the Concordia homecoming parade. Tim reported his Fargo club has resumed the Rotary essay contest. Nancy Hanson is thrilled at completion of the 11th Street underpass. Dave Sederquist is enjoying his granddaughter's visit. Tom Riley recommended a book about Minnesota 13, a local whiskey. Steve Schaefer gave an early plug for his kids participation in "Grease" next month in the new MHS performing arts center. Dale Hetland expressed sadness at taking his boat from the water.

It All Began With Restaurant Crayons

Sue Baron recounted how Golden Drive for

Homeless Kids grew out of her lifelong career in food service. As a servers, she collected crayons children had left behind and gave them to kids in need. That kindness in 2013 grew into a volunteer charity that today distributes all kinds of nonperishable food items, hygiene products, school supplies and things like socks, providing them to homeless shelters and other programs for those in need. She partners with Cashwise, Hornbacher's and the West Fargo Fire and Police Departments and many other organizations who help her organize and collect items.



Photos: (Top) Guest Tim LeClair. Steve Schaefer.

(Middle) Jean Hannig.

(Bottom) Brandon Lunak.

"It takes so little to be kind," she told us. "Kindness is free."

Looking Ahead

October 20

Sergeant at Arms Kay Parries
Program ...Holger Looor, Ultra Cleaning Services

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

November 24 — No Meeting