



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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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

District 5580 Governor Rick Bricker joins the club to talk about the district's programs and goals. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms. Brad Donabauer and Jerry Rogers are greeters.

Beth Gronneberg's UCodeGirl preps young women for computer careers

President Steve Schaefer — just back from his international travels — greeted members, guests and prospective member Josh Jaster Tuesday.

Dictionary numbers are up this year

Dictionary project chair Russ Hanson reported the successful distribution of Merriam dictionaries to 3rd grade students in Moorhead and Clay County schools.

These were exciting moments for many of the youngsters, who often asked wonderingly, "Can we keep them?" They frequently mentioned older brothers and sisters who already treasure their books.

A total of 550 books were distributed in Moorhead's six elementary schools, including 57 to students in the Spanish immersion program. Another 297 were handed out in Barnesville, Dilworth, Glyndon and Hawley. Russ, Bill Woods and Gary Nolte were on hand at every school, with help from volunteers Dave Sederquist, John Andreasen, Jean Hannig and exchange student Frida Lehtonen. Former Rotarian Gary Gosner also assisted.



Photos/Russ Hanson: President Steve Schaefer has returned from his travels.

John Melbourne invited members to attend the Fargo Ideas Fest Oct. 17.

Sergeant at Arms Abby Gold.

Speaker Beth Gronneberg, founder and director of UCodeGirl.

More sales needed to make raffle a success

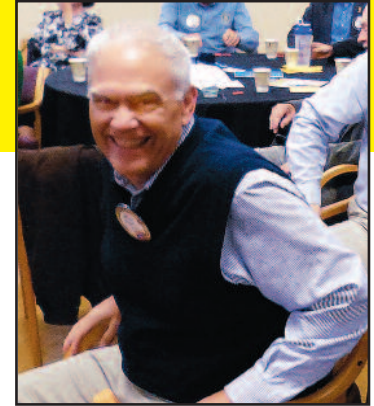
Travel raffle chair Violet Deilke reported that 200 of the 400 tickets to be sold in this year's fund raiser were still out as of Tuesday's meeting. "We need everyone to sell one or two more tickets," she urged the club. "Those last tickets are the gravy!"

Thanks and an invitation

John Melgaard invited Rotarians to attend the Fargo Ideas Fest Oct. 16 at the Fargo Theatre, sponsored by Aspen Ideas. The event features discussions of great ideas led by outstanding speakers.

Alicia Belay sent thanks for the club's contributions and support of the Indigenous Women's Prenatal Group Clinics. They'll take place across five states, thanks to Rotary District 5580 and the March of Dimes.

Hope Inc. sent a thank you for Rotary's support of



Guests, 10/15

Frida Lehtonen, exchange student
John Melgaard, Fargo Ideas Fest
Josh Jaster, prospective member

October Birthdays

Wai, Sam	Oct 03
Hanson, Russ	Oct 23
Johnson, Gregory	Oct 28
Kolb, Ronald	Oct 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Gess, Emily and David	Oct 04 2008	11 years
Wright, Edgar and Virginia	Oct 09 1954	65 years
Moore, Noel and Thomas	Oct 12 1996	23 years
Hannig, Jean and Jeff	Oct 24 1972	37 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John	Oct 01 1992	27 years
Johnson, Eric	Oct 02 2012	7 years
McLarnan, Rod	Oct 05 1982	37 years
Benson, Jon	Oct 09 2007	12 years
Volkers, Chris	Oct 17 2017	2 years
Donabauer, Brad	Oct 22 2013	6 years
Andreasen, Christopher	Oct 23 2018	1 year
Johnson, Nathan	Oct 25 2016	3 years
Gold, Abby	Oct 30 2018	1 year
Simmons, Ernest	Oct 30 2018	1 year

the Miracle Field, the T-ball field for children with mobility issues at Southside Regional Park. They said it is widely used and busy.

Reflections on the fight for World Polio Day

Sergeant at Arms Abby Gold shared information on one of the world's greatest public health successes, the mass immunization campaign to eradicate polio. Rotary International provides 91% of the vaccine used around the world. "We have prevented over 18 million cases of polio, as well as other diseases due to clean water efforts," she said.

Happy dollars celebrated the successful dictionary distribution, Emily's baby's second birthday, and Churches United's successful Soup Bowl fund raiser. Kay Parries saluted Chris Andreasen's hosting 18 scrapbookers at his Camp Emmaus. Eric Johnson reported no more bats (or guano) in his belfry, or the rest of his home. Bob Hanna promoted the need to get your flu shot, while President Steve expressed gratitude for surviving roundabouts while driving the wrong way.

Software engineer shares UCodeGirl message

Speaker Bethlehem Gronneberg, a technology expert originally from Ethiopia, founded UCodeGirl to tell girls, "You were born to stand out!" The non-profit organization empowers young girls through enrichment programs to pursue opportunities in technology careers. While the job outlook is great, jobs are plentiful and earning potential is high, young girls are widely under-represented.

UCodeGirl offers fun educational opportunities in camps, mentorships and other activities for young women from 10 to 18. By building confidence, enhancing skills, and tapping into their curiosity, uCodeGirl helps young girls chart pathways to technology careers. "We tell girls that we need their curiosity and their new ideas," she said. Bridging the gender gap requires early exposure, role models and mentors, and their building self-confidence.

A winner! Bob Hanna takes home the prize

After weeks of suspense, Bob pulled the winning card — from the two that were left — to take home the pot of some \$700 in the 50-50 raffle.

Looking Ahead

October 22

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
ProgramDistrict 5580 Governor Rick Bricker
GreetersBrad Donabauer & Jerry Rogers

October 29

Sergeant at ArmsMatt Hallaway
ProgramBrandon Lunak, Moorhead School
District Bond Issue
GreetersBrent Brandt & Kay Parries

November 5

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

November 12

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

November 19

Sergeant at Arms

Program.....Jenn Breeding, MN Reading & Math Corps
GreetersDoreen Filler & David Tranby

November 26

Sergeant at Arms
Program.....Member Talks
GreetersTammy Finney & Randy Farwell

December 3

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

December 10 — Evening Christmas Social

No regular meeting

December 17

Sergeant at Arms
Program.....Paul Dovre, Christmas message
GreetersAbby Gold & Eric Wilkie

December 24 — No meeting

December 31 — No meeting