



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	Gina Monson
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RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator	Cindy Nolte
Sergeant at Arms Team	Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson & Jean Hannig

Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

### 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	13 years
Hannig, Jean and Jeff	Oct 24 1972	49 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John	29 years
Oct 01 1992	
McLaman, Rod	39 years
Oct 05 1982	
Benson, Jon	14 years
Oct 09 2007	
Donabauer, Brad	8 years
Oct 22 2013	
Wiesneski, Megan	2 years
Oct 22 2019	
Andreasen, Christopher	3 years
Oct 23 2018	
Simmons, Ernest	3 years
Oct 30 2018	



### Coming Up Tuesday

Martha Wheeler joins us this week to talk about the "Be Smart" gun safety program. John Andreasen is sergeant at arms, and Dave Sederquist is the Rotarian of the Day.

### Historian Mark Peihl fills in club about the disastrous Stockwood Fill 100 years ago

Acting president Jerry Rogers welcomed members and guests — John Vanderlinden of Fargo Rotary and a Billing, Mont., e-club member invited by Steve Schaefer.



### Travel Raffle close to its goal

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland reported that only 40 tickets are left of the 400 the club must sell to complete this year's fund-raiser ... with just one week of sales to go. The "hard and fast" deadline is Oct. 29. He implored members to turn in tickets that haven't been sold, but first to make a final push to wrap up the campaign.



The first trip and prize drawing is Nov. 2.

### Books, dictionaries are in the schools

Russ Hanson told the club that this year's crop of Clay County third graders have either received their dictionaries or are awaiting distribution by their teachers. A total of 800 English and 54 Spanish (for the Spanish immersion students) were handed out this year in the club service program that dates back to 2009.



Another load of books — these all focused on cultural literacy for young readers — were

*Photos/Russ Hanson: Archivist Mark Peihl of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County presented a program on the disastrous Stockwood Fill.*

*Acting president Jerry Rogers. Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland. Trivia master Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig.*

*John Vanderlinden of Fargo Rotary presents a check for the club's AirSho volunteering to Jerry and Gary Nolte.*

## Meetings

Tuesdays — noon  
Moorhead Schools Operations  
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

## Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 742 305 775  
Password: 630851



(Left) A video from Rotary International updated members on how close we are to defeating polio worldwide — only two nations to go. (Right) Russ Hanson reports on dictionary deliveries and cultural literacy books for Moorhead elementary libraries.



delivered to Moorhead's four elementary schools and Horizon West, which serves fifth and sixth graders. The \$10,000 in library additions were funded by the club as part of its centennial observance, along with a grant from District 5580.

Thirteen Rotarians visited schools for the prenotation: John Andreasen, Chris Andreasen, Jerry Rogers, Steve Schafer, Dave Tranby, Emily Gess, Dale Hetland, Dave Sederquist, Jon Riewer, Violet Deilke, Randy Farwell, Ernie Simmons and Russ.

### Club receives check for members' help

John Vanderlinden of Fargo Rotary, a member of the planning committee for the Fargo AirSho, presented a check to the club for the hours of volunteering members put in during the July event. Three Moorhead Rotarians took part.

### Sarge Jean drums up happy dollars

After fining members who have not been reading the Rotarian magazine or who have not donated to Polio Plus this year, Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig called for happy dollars. She put in the first in observance of her 40th wedding anniversary. John Andreasen contributed \$5 in recognition of the groundbreaking for the Anne Carlsen Center's new building in Jamestown. Dave Sederquist's dollar was for his last swim of 2021 at the lake. Gary Nolte thanks members for their contributions to Polio Plus in memory of his late father, Roy **Nolte**.

### Unstable Lake Agassiz bed plagued rail construction near Glyndon in 1906-1907

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced one of the club's favorite guests, senior archivist Mark Peihl of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

In connecting the route from the Great Lakes toward the west, the Northern Pacific track runs along the ridge south of today's Highway 10. That area once lay beneath 1,000 feet of water in ancient Lake Agassiz. Its lakebed forms the Red River Valley, with its edge near present Buffalo State Park.

Trains of the day struggled mightily to make their way up the elevation, so the railroad was built at a slant to reach the top of the ridge. The original single tracks of 1871 were to be replaced in the 1906 project, which added a second set. A mile-long ramp was needed to ease the challenge for locomotives headed westward. The solution: A wooden trestle, with timbers sunk 15 feet deep.

The soils left behind in the ancient lakebed caused many problems for the railroad construction crews. As the elevation was raised with hundreds of wagonloads of fill, the level persistently sank deep below — sometimes overnight.

It was dangerous, frustrating work. Many immigrants were brought in for the crews, including those who became the first Italian-born residents of Dilworth. At least 22 men died building the troubled project. In the end, it was more powerful locomotives that reduced the need for the fill as at the dimensions originally envisioned.

## Looking Ahead

### October 26

Sergeant at Arms .....John Andreasen  
Rotarian of the Day .....Dave Sederquist  
Program .....Martha Wheeler, "Be Smart"  
Gun Safety

### November 2

Sergeant at Arms .....Randy Farwell  
Rotarian of the Day .....Cindy Nolte  
Program .....Sanford Health update

### November 9

Sergeant at Arms .....Steve Astrup  
Rotarian of the Day .....Steve Schaefer  
Program .....F-M Symphony Orchestra

### November 16

Sergeant at Arms .....Gary Nolte  
Rotarian of the Day .....Dale Hetland  
Program .....