



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve September 1
Nolte, Cindy September 15
Simmons, Ernie September 19

Wedding Anniversaries

Andreasen, John & Carol Sue
54 years Sep. 02 1972
Deilke, Violet & Karl
51 years Sep. 12 1975
Hetland, Dale & Ruth
36 years Sep. 01 1990

Rotary Anniversaries

Nordin, Adam 11 years
Sep. 08 2015
Shockley, John 11 years
Sep. 21 2015
Remark, Rob 8 years
Sep. 18 2018
Hiller, Tim 4 years
Sep. 21 2022
Capistran, Jane 2 years
Sep. 17 2024



We're Gathering School Supplies for Golden Drive for Homeless Kids

Coming September 1

This week, Steve Smith joins us to talk about the programs of the Fargo-Moorhead YMCA. Andreasen is sergeant at arms.

Golden Drive Service Project

Our club is collecting school supplies for the Golden Drive for Homeless Kids. Bring your donations of notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters or folders to any meeting between now and Oct. 13, when our donations will be presented to founder Sue Baron during our meeting.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) President Chris Andreasen. Trivia master Brent Brandt. (Below) Kay Parries and Janelle Leiseth. Kjerstin Andreasen and Alex Aldrich. (Bottom) Cindy and Gary Nolte.

Members Reflect on Rotary Memories

President Chris Andreasen greeted members of Moorhead Rotary on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Guests included Pastor Irandon Marschner, Kjerstin Andreasen and Nikki Andreasen.

Members Requested to Complete Survey

Chris opened the meeting with a request that members take a moment to complete a survey (linked to the email carrying this Paddlewheel). The survey invites comments on the member's interests, strengths, ideas for service projects and other input to help shape the schedule and activities for the year to come.

Jean Hannig invited members to join her to welcome the club's new international exchange student. She again asked members to help find three host families for his eight months in



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Photos/Nancy Hanson:
Dale Hetland. Violet Deilke and guest
Pastor Brandon Marschner.

Paul Dovre. Chuck Matthees.

Dave Tranby. Bill Woods.



Moorhead.

Golden Drive service project clarified

The club's first autumn service project is gathering school supplies for the Golden Drive for Homeless Kids. Founder Sue Baron will join us Oct. 13, when we will present her with the materials we contribute between now and then. Notebooks, folders, highlighters, and pens and pencils may be brought to any of the next five meetings. (Avoid markers and glue sticks — they have plenty, she says.)

Trivia Master Drills with Final Queries

Brent Brandt took the podium for the last time this summer to pose a list of tricky trivia challenges. It was his last meeting before returning to the classroom.

His call for happy dollars drew applause for several achievements. Nancy Hanson lauded the new MHS theater as "the second-largest big-time theater in town." Cindy Nolte noted her granddaughter is performing in "Oklahoma!" Jean Hannig expressed pleasure that our latest exchange student is arriving soon.

Members Reminisce About Fave Memories

In the absence of the scheduled speaker, Chris suggested members group up to share favorite Rotary memories. Nancy's group reported first. She told about being a member of 5 years after more



than a dozen editing the Paddlewheel as the "invisible Rotarian."

Chris's group discussed previous fund raisers like the fish fry, cleaning Hansmann Park and the Recital With a Cause.

Kay Parries groups remembered the day both she and Gary were "induced" by John Holtan. Bill's group ended with words of wisdom: "Accept that you can't control everything. Let go!"

Looking Ahead

September 1

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program.....Steve Smith, YMCA

September 8 — Tour of YWCA

Box lunches

September 15

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramAlicia Belay, GCA Thrive

September 22 — Club Social

Junkyard Brewing.....4 p.m.

September 29

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
ProgramMolly Greelis, RYLA Experience

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