



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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

**Donations will be presented
on October 13.**

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

Coming September 22

No regular meeting today! Instead, we're socializing at Junkyard Brewing at 4 p.m.

Board Meeting Tuesday

The club board of directors meets at noon Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Member Survey: One Last Chance

The link to the online member survey is in the email that delivered this Paddlewheel. Please take a moment to complete it.

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) Alicia Belay of GCA (Global Connections to Africa) Thrive.

GCA Thrive Director Describes Loan Program

President Chris Andreasen welcomed Moorhead Rotarians Tuesday, Sept. 15, with reminders of things to come.

First on the list — the club social Tuesday evening. Instead of a meeting Sept. 22, we'll gather at Junkyard brewing at 4 p.m. to honor the many members of our club who are Rotary International Paul Harris Fellows.

Another big day is Saturday, Oct. 24, World Polio Day. The five Moorhead-Fargo Rotary clubs will join with other members across Region 36 for a walk to raise funds for Polio Plus. The 1.8-mile walk will begin at The Loop and proceed to the Fargo Library — or, if the weather's rough, we'll proceed in circles around the new library's walking track.

Take a look at the official apparel on the next page. If enough are interested, our club may place an order in time for the occasion.

Dictionary Project Is Back

Several years after we discontinued the dictionary project, in which we presented dictionaries to almost every third grader in Clay

(Below) President Chris Andreasen. Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig.

(Bottom) Gary and Cindy Nolte. Bill Woods and Ernie Simmons.





County, we're joining with the four Fargo clubs to once again distribute books to every third grader in the Moorhead Area Public School system. The goal is to get them into the kids' hands by the end of October.

Last Call for the Survey

Finally, PLEASE consider completing the club's online membership survey. The link is in the email that carried this Paddlewheel.

Sarge Jean Fills In with 'This Date in History'

In the absence of our assigned sergeant at arms, Jean Hannig filled in with a review of significant events that occurred on "this date (or close) in history," ranging from Charles Darwin's arrival in the Galapagos Islands to Cindy Nolte's birth in 1951. The call for happy dollars elicited news of Cindy's youngest grandchild's arrival in Spain, Tom Riley's high hopes for the Vikings, and Kay Parries' pleasure at the prospect of presenting dictionaries.

Director Explains African Mini-Loan Program

Alicia Belay, the founder of GCA Thrive, discussed the nonprofit's efforts to see a future where all

Africans can thrive through local ingenuity and partnership. The group has no staff or office and virtually no overhead.

GCA provides microloans loans of \$100 to women to enable them to start businesses. Among the sectors in which the new entrepreneurs are engaged are food and dining, clothing, shoes and soap.

They have partnered with Red River Tae Kwon Do to raise money to purchase chickens, cows and sheep for the women, as well as provide training. Details are online at gcathrive.org.



Looking Ahead

September 22 Board Meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church.....noon

September 22 — Club Social

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

September 29

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
ProgramMolly Greelis, RYLA Experience

October 6

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Program

October 13

Sergeant at ArmsJanelle Leiseith
ProgramSue Baron, Golden Drive
for Homeless Kids

Donation Presentation to Golden Drive

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

Walk to End Polio Clothing Choices



	Size	Price
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	Small	10
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	Medium	10
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	Large	10
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	XL	10
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	2XL	12
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	3XL	14
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	4XL	14
Easy Cotton Tee shirt	5XL	14

Fleece Hoodie	Small	30
Fleece Hoodie	Medium	30
Fleece Hoodie	Large	30
Fleece Hoodie	XL	30
Fleece Hoodie	2XL	32
Fleece Hoodie	3XL	35
Fleece Hoodie	4XL	37