



The Paddlewheel

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September Birthdays

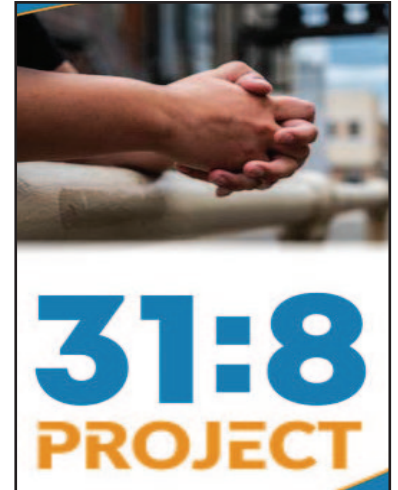
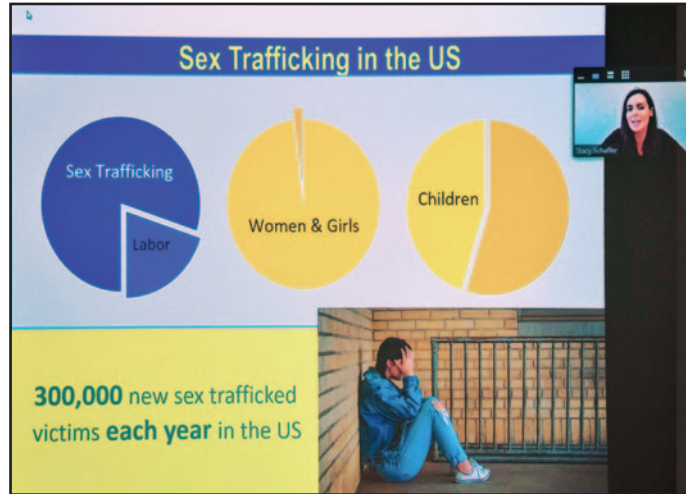
Schaefer, Steve Sep 01
Hanna, Bob Sep 13
Nolte, Cindy Sep 15
Simmons, Ernest Sep 19
Craft, William Sep 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Hetland, Dale and Ruth Sep 01 1990
31 years
Andreasen, John and Carol Sue
Sep 02 1972 49 years
Kolb, Ronald and Judy Sep 05 1959
62 years
Deilke, Violet and Karl Sep 12 1975
46 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Nordin, Adam 6 years
Sep 08 2015
Erbes, Roger 4 years
Sep 09 2017
Craft, William 10 years
Sep 13 2011
Remark, Rob 3 years
Sep 18 2018
Shockley, John 6 years
Sep 21 2015
Brandt, Brent 1 year
Sep 29 2020



Coming Up Tuesday

Jason McCoy of Clay County Public Health discusses "Substance Use in the Workplace" at this week's meeting. Bill Woods is sergeant at arms, and Cindy Nolte is our Rotarian of the Day.

Stacy Schaffer, founder of 31:8 Project explains fight against human trafficking

Jean Hannig welcomed Rotarians Sept. 21.

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland collected sold tickets from several members and handed out tickets to those who have sold their original allotment of four and need more. The first incentive drawing was postponed for a week to allow more early sales to be turned in. The deadline for completing sales is Oct. 16.

'The Voice of the Voiceless'

Jean introduced our speaker, who addressed the group from Bismarck via Zoom. Stacy Schaffer is the founder and executive director of the 31:8 Project, a nonprofit organization devoted to ending human trafficking in North Dakota. Begun as an educational campaign in 2010, since 2015 it has worked with anti-trafficking organizations across the country to educate society about the exploitation or sale of a person — usually women or girls — into commercial sexual servitude or slave labor.

According to Stacy, the average age of people recruiting for sex trafficking is 11 to 14 years.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Stacy Schaffer, founder of the 31:8 project. Jean Hannig. (Below) Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland and Christ Andreasen. Violet Deilke. (Bottom) Teresa Joppa and Kay Parries.



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

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Once in the trade, victims’ life expectancy is only 7 years due to poor treatment, poor diet, and drug use and abuse — often used to control the victims.

Sex trafficking operates in a variety of ways, including residential brothels; massage parlors; internet-based commercial sex; sexually-oriented business, hostess a strip clubs; escort services; pornography; truck stops, fake modeling agencies; and even restaurants and bars.

Labor trafficking is also a scourge. Slave labor can be involved in the agricultural and construction trades; in domestic servitude; in factories; in peddling and begging; on sales crews; in nail salons; at carnivals; and in other forms of forced labor. Since 2017, 49.2% of those reported to the national trafficking hotline were foreign nationals holding valid temporary worker visas, or with asylum or refugee status.

Here in Rotary District 5580, according to Scott Santoro of Homeland Security, “Traffickers like to work underground, not necessarily in big cities. They are drawn to small towns because they feel like they won’t get caught. So areas that have a lot of agriculture and not a lot of law enforcement on patrol are breeding grounds.”

It’s an enormous business. Human trafficking is a \$150 billion business globally — \$99 billion from sex and \$51 billion from labor. It’s the second largest black-market crime behind drug trafficking. And it produces continuous profits; according to Stacy, sex traffic victims may be sold five to 40 times per day.

The Midwest, she says, is known as a recruitment region. The “Minnesota Pipeline” is a chain of

states through which victims are moved to New York and elsewhere. Truck stops on Interstate 35, which runs from Duluth to Laredo, Texas, is a notorious route. Truckers can load woman and children into their cabs and transfer them to other trucks at stops along the way, parking close together so children can be shuttled without their feet invisibly, without their feet ever touching the ground.

Most victims, Stacy explains, share a number of risk factors. They include childhood sexual abuse, family dysfunction, chemical dependency and emotional distress. They may have immigration issues. Poverty and lack of education play part. Youth with cognitive disabilities and LGBTQ youth are especially at risk, as well as runaways and homeless youth.

The internet plays a big part in trafficking. Three out of four victims are trafficked online — advertised, she says, in the same way as a car or a phone, but with even less value than a used bike.

Top spots for recruitment include schools, malls, parks, bus and train stations, shelters and group homes ... and via social media. The traffickers themselves, male or female, are likely to be U.S. citizens of any age and historical victims themselves — anyone looking to profit from exploiting another.

Identifying and reporting human trafficking is everyone’s responsibility, Stacy emphasizes. She urged those who know victims or victims themselves to call the national hotline, 1-888-373-7888, text “befree” (233733); or open a live chat with humantraffickinghotline.org.

Looking Ahead

September 28

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
ProgramJason McCoy, Clay Public Health,
“Substance Use & the Workplace”

October 5

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the DayChris Andreasen
Program.....Don Kinzler, Fall Lawn Care

October 12

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day.....Brandon Lunak
ProgramTour of new school

October 19

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the DayRuss Hanson
Program.....Maureen Kelly Jonason,
Clay County Historical & Cultural Society

October 26

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the DayDave Sederquist
Program.....Martha Wheeler, “Be Smart” Gun Safety