



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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**Moorhead Rotary Club 970  
District 5580**

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Hannig

Pianist Sharon Fangsrud  
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,  
Bob Hanna, Brent Brandt  
Photographer Russ Hanson  
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Nancy Edmonds Hanson

### 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

Concordia and MSUM coaches Terry Horan and Steve Laqua give a preview of this year's football season at our meeting Tuesday. Bill Schwandt is sergeant at arms, and Cindy Nolte and Barb Belcher are our greeters.

### Cobber sophomore Lauryn Hinckley tells of her campaigns to feed the hungry

President Steve Schaefer welcomed the club's new Rotary exchange student, Frida Lehtonen, along with members, guests and prospective member Zack Heuring.

He reminded Rotarians of two opportunities to serve in coming days — the Rotary Ride on Saturday, Sept. 7, and International Student Picnic Sunday, Sept. 8. Both of the five-club events still need volunteers to assist. Most needed: Grillers for the picnic, and members of clean-up crews both days.

Steve also invited members to make reservations to attend the kick-off event Sept. 17 for the Indigenous Women's Prenatal Clinic project spearheaded by Fargo AM Rotary. Group clinics will be held on five reservations through a grant from Rotary International and the March of Dimes.

### Sergeant Chris shares tales of Superior

First-time Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen focused on tales of Lake Superior, which he visited the previous weekend. The largest freshwater lake on Earth with 2,800 miles of shoreline, it has an



Photos/Tammy Finney: President Steve Schaefer. Song leader Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen. (Second row) Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig. Speaker Lauryn Hinckley of Concordia College.

average depth of 500 feet and temperature of 48 degrees.

The sergeant's call for "happy dollars" was met with a flurry of donations for many occasions and reasons: our exchange students, the new college year, a full house for our meeting, and honeymoons on Lake Superior 50 years ago for the Noltes and 60 years ago for the Kolbs. Members also cited completion of home remodeling projects, summer vacations, great teachers and — for Brent — donating his last dollar. Members who skipped vacationing this summer were assessed a fine.

### Bismarck native started charity work young

Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig introduced Lauryn Hinckley, a young Bismarck woman who's now a sophomore at Concordia. When she was 9,



**Guests, 8-27-19**

- Frida Lehtonen, Rotary exchange student
- Ana Monson, guest of Gina Monson
- Esther Padi, guest of Steve Schaefer
- Zack Heuring, prospective member
- Lauryn Hinckley, speaker
- Tony & Karin Gambell, guests of John Andreasen

**Visiting Rotarian**

Leann Wolff, Fargo West

**September Birthdays**

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

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Hetland, Dale & Ruth Sep 01 1990  
29 years
- Andreasen, John & Carol Sue Sep 02 1972  
47 years
- Kolb, Ronald & Judy Sep 05 1959  
60 years
- Deilke, Violet & Karl Sep 12 1975  
44 years

**Rotary Anniversaries**

- Nordin, Adam Sep 08 2015  
4 years
- Erbes, Roger Sep 09 2017  
2 years
- Craft, William Sep 13 2011  
8 years
- Hendrickson, Chuck Sep 15 2015  
4 years
- Hallaway, Matthew Sep 18 2018  
1 year
- Heazlett, Kevin Sep 18 2018  
1 year
- Remark, Rob Sep 18 2018  
1 year
- Shockley, John Sep 21 2015  
4 years

*Photos/Tammy Finney: (From left) Esther Padi, exchange student Frida Lehtonen, Ana Monson and her mother Gina Monson. (At right) Cindy Nolte, Karin Gambell (daughter of John Andreasen) and Gary Nolte.*

Lauryn learned that some at her school were hungry at home; she started a peanut butter and jelly drive. That first campaign, along with others that followed, has led to meals for thousands of students.

Lauryn grew up dreaming of being a cheerleader and/or a dentist. She has realized the first of those dreams, both in high school and college today. She turned her focus to charity when she witnessed a family’s credit card being denied at the grocery store. She asked her mother, “How does that happen?” The two researched ways to help. That led to a snack drive at her dance studio that collected 100 pounds of food, and then evolved to a broader campaign among businesses, schools and the community.

“Hunger is a silent issue,” Lauryn told Rotarians. “Too few are aware of the problem.” She took her message to every school in Bismarck as well as the mayor. Bismarck Rotarians endorsed the ensuing project, Backpacks for Kids.

The young woman became North Dakota’s 4-H Ambassador, with all the state’s 4-H clubs engaging in snack drives and donating to their local schools. Other schools have inquired about

starting their own school pantries and peanut butter and jelly drives.

She recently traveled to Washington, D.C., though a Disney program called “Youth Changing the World.” Now she gives presentations to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, an age where hunger is typically talked about.

Her peanut butter and jelly drives have continued to grow. In the past eight years, they have collected 10,000 pounds of food valued at a total of \$23,220 ... and fed more than 33,000.

She cited several thought-provoking statistics. More than 1,400 kids in the community sign up for the weekend backpack food program. Twenty percent of American children — one in five — live in “food insecure” households.

**Raffle nears bottom of the deck**

Though the number of remaining cards can be counted on two hands, Gary Nolte still managed to win the chance to draw for the weekly raffle ... but missed the prize. Soon the only remaining card is bound to be the winner.

**Looking Ahead**

**September 3**

- Sergeant at Arms.....Bill Schwandt
- Program .....College football preview by Terry Horan & Steve Laqua
- Greeters .....Barb Belcher & Cindy Nolte

**September 7** — Flatlander Bike Ride

**September 8** — Rotary International Student Picnic, Lindenwood Park

**September 10**

- Sergeant at Arms.....Rob Remark
- Program .....Rotary Council on Legislation, Tom Riley
- Greeters .....Jon Benson & Gary Nolte

**September 17**

- Sergeant at Arms.....Paul Dovre
- Program .....Member talks
- Greeters.....Anne Blackhurst & Adam Nordin

**September 17**

- Kick-off event – Rotary/March of Dimes Prenatal Training for Indigenous Women grant
- 5–10 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo
- Dinner – 6 p.m., followed by traditional dance/drum

**September 24 — work session at Probstfield**

- Sergeant at Arms .....Gina Monson
- Program .....Russ Hanson; members label dictionaries for Clay Co. 3rd graders.....
- Greeters .....Brent Brandt & Kay Parries