



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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

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	



MHD Rotary Service Project: Tues. 9/7 @ 4pm+ Mark area Drains... start & end @ Speakeasy.

Coming Up Tuesday, Sept. 7

It's time for another "100" project! Instead of meeting at noon Tuesday, we'll gather at the SpeakEasy at 4 p.m. to pick up decals and maps for our River Keepers project. After applying them on storm drains, we'll head back to the SpeakEasy for an early evening social.

Need for child care is growing dramatically, speaker Smith says

Superintendent Brandon Lunak made a request at the beginning of Moorhead Rotary's meeting Aug. 31, which coincided with the second day of operation in Moorhead schools. He asked members to please remember to wear masks when entering and leaving the building. Take them off to eat lunch, of course — but put them back on for the rest of the meeting. The school system has instituted mandatory safety measures to keep children, staff and visitors healthy.

Teresa Joppa reiterated his request for masks, as well as the need for vaccinations. "A member of my family just tested positive this morning," she revealed ... via Zoom, since she and her husband are quarantining.

Travel kick-off next week!

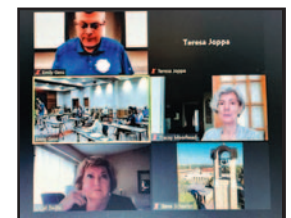
Travel raffle chair Dale Hetland reminded members that Sept. 7 is the big day — the kick-off of our

2021-22 Travel Giveaway. One last-minute change has been made due to the evolving travel situation, with the New Orleans trip quickly replaced with an alternate. Be sure to attend our social Tuesday to pick up your tickets for the Big One!

Our next project is draining!

President Gina Monson shared a video from River Keepers about the importance of keeping polluted water out of Moorhead's stormwater system, which drains into the Red River. Members will get a map to mark drains along Moorhead streets, as well as door hangers to inform neighbors of the program. To stay safety:

- Stay on the grass instead of the street.
- Avoid traffic.
- Find flat, dry spots, then clean the drains before applying markers.
- Use sidewalks when hanging door hangers and aim for a well-used door.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Speaker Marianne Smith of ChildCare Aware MN.

Teresa Joppa looks over President Gina Monson's shoulder

Zoom view.

Meetings

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

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

Photos/Russ Hanson: Sergeant at Arms Jon Riewer.

Rotarian of the Day Emily Gess.

President Gina fills members in on River Keepers project.

We want YOU — your photos and memories, that is — to tell the story of Moorhead Rotary in our upcoming Centennial magazine! Please take a moment to share a paragraph or two about your favorite Rotary member — service or fellowship — with editor Nancy Hanson. If you have old photos, send them along!
Email her at nancy.edmonds.hanson@gmail.com or call her direct at **218-329-5748**.



- Don't put door hangers in mailboxes.

Happy dollars pile up

Sergeant at Arms Jon Riewer's call for "happy dollars" generated plenty of good news. Dave Tranby contributed in honor his grandson, who played multiple soccer and hockey games in the Twin Cities last weekend. Jean Hannig expressed appreciation for the day's program on meeting the need for child care. Tammy Finney celebrated our lunch — tater tot hot dish. Jerry Rogers ponied up a happy \$5 for Gina's continued service. Steve Schaefer announced Concordia is starting the school year with a record number of international students from all around the world, 47.

Jon wrapped up with a quote from Winston Churchill: "You will never reach your destination if you stop to throw stones at every barking dog."Re

Remember, 'it's *child* care, not day care'

Rotarian of the Day Emily Gess introduced Marianne Smith of the Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, who heads Child Care Aware Minnesota - Northwest. The program is a statewide early childhood leader driving change through partnerships to build high-quality child care for children and families all over the state.

Marianne started by emphasizing the "child" in the care. "We take care of children. And the need is 24/7."

She told Rotarians, "We are in a crisis with regard to child care in Minnesota." The gap between the number of families needing child care and its availability has gone up from 37% in 2016 to 56% today.

She suggested several keys to closing the gap, including a fairly compensated workforce working in a profession about which the public is informed and which it supports. Creative recruitment and retention strategies are badly needed to bring workers into the field.

"Language is power," she told the group. She compared the value and respect accorded to those whose jobs are termed "child care" as opposed to those deemed "educators." Minnesota has educational requirements for those who work in the field, including educational standards to be a lead teacher in a child care center. North Dakota, on the other hand, only requires that child-care teachers be 18 years old.

Some funding for wages is now available through Covid relief programs, which more included in the proposed American Rescue Plan grants, which would cover 70% of wages. "These are just stopgap measures," she warned.

Looking Ahead

September 7 — Service Project & Social

4 p.m. — meet at Speak Easy to pick up maps
Then after completing project, regather for social.

September 14

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Rotarian of the Day.....Gary Nolte
Program.....Keith Brokke, District Governor

September 21

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
Program....Stacy Schaffer, 31:8 Project (virtual)

September 28

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
ProgramJason McCoy, Clay Public Health,
"Substance Use & the Workplace"