



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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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

We'll gather at the Probstfield Education Center on Tuesday (9/24) to label, organize and box dictionaries for distribution to third graders across Clay County.

Farm in the Dell's Alyssa Knecht explains garden enterprise for people with special needs

President-elect Jerry Rogers welcomed Rotarians and guests, noting that the day (9/17) is Constitution Day, as well as the kick-off for Rotary International's project bringing prenatal clinics to indigenous women in the Upper Midwest.

He reminded members that next week's meeting is a service opportunity. Gathering at the Probstfield Education Center, we'll organize, label and box 800-plus dictionaries for delivery in coming weeks to every 3rd grader in Clay County.

Travel Raffle to kick off Sept. 24

Travel Raffle committee chair Violet Deilke announced that the annual fund-raiser kicks off next Tuesday. Ticket buyers will view for trips to Puerto Vallarta, Cancun, San Antonio, Santa Barbara, New Orleans, Lake Tahoe and a Bison game in Oregon, as well as the most popular prize every year, the Alaskan cruise. Second and third place winners will receive \$200 cash or a \$100 dining certificate.

With only 400 tickets sold, those who support the



Photos/Russ Hanson: President-elect Jerry Rogers. Song leader Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson.

(Above) Rotarian of the Day Stacey Ackerman. Speaker Alyssa Knecht explained the program of Farm in the Dell, a supportive workplace for adults with special needs.

club's major fund raiser have excellent odds of 1 in 16 of snagging a prize.

'Service above Self' is Rotary's motto

Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson highlighted Rotary International's areas of service, including New Generations, Community Service, Club Service, Vocational Service and International Service.

Jean Hannig led off the gathering of happy dollars with gratitude for a weekend spent with the new Rotary international exchange students. Stacey Ackerman announced that the Fargo-Moorhead clubs have been awarded \$15,000 in matching fund for the Bolivia clinic; the fund-raising is close to its goal. Tom Riley, who wore his Hawaiian shirt, spoke of this year's international Rotary convention next spring: "Register now! It's in Honolulu, and



Photos/Russ Hanson: Anne Blackhurst greets Tracey Moorhead. Jon Benson, John Andreasen, Dale Hetland and Gina Monson.

September Birthdays

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|-----------------|--------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| 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

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

registration is capped at 25,000.” Dave Sederquist lauded the summer-like weather and his conviction that he will be one of this year’s raffle winners.

Farm in the Dell offers adults with disabilities opportunity to work productively outdoors

Rotarian of the Day Stacey Ackerman introduced Alyssa Knecht, the executive director of Moorhead’s Farm in the Dell. Located five miles north of the city on land donated to the project, the farm provides a supportive workplace for individuals with disabilities.

The farm is modeled on another in Montana that parents discovered on the internet. Its mission is to “transform disabilities into abilities by providing meaningful work and caring relationships in a loving Christ-centered environment.”

Twenty-one people are employed on the farm, along with four supervisors. Some of those who raise vegetables on the farm live in a home on the

farm acreage. The residence is managed by CCRI.

“This year we’ve hired more employees with a wider variety of abilities,” Alyssa said. Raised garden beds were built to provide gardening opportunities for them. They increased the quality of the produce raised on the farm, adding more varieties of vegetables as well as raspberries.

The director noted that four out of ten adults with disabilities are employed. The farm’s employees earn minimum wage; some start with on-site job coaches.

She said volunteers are welcome at Farm in the Dell; opportunities can be reviewed on its website, *farminthedellrrv.org*. Supporters can become members of next year’s CSA (community-supported agriculture) program and buy their crops at farmers markets.

Farm in the Dell supports Giving Hearts Day and hosts a spring fund-raising event.

Looking Ahead

September 24 — service opportunity at Probstfield

ProgramRuss Hanson; members label dictionaries for Clay County 3rd graders

October 1

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 ProgramRYLA Camp Review
 GreetersAlma Cater & Neil Qualey

October 8

Sergeant at Arms
 ProgramAbby Gold, NDSU Department of Public Health
 GreetersBill Craft & Rob Remark

October 15

Sergeant at Arms.....Abby Gold
 ProgramBeth Gronneberg, U Code Girl
 Greeters.....Violet Deilke & Jon Riewer

October 22

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 ProgramDistrict 5580 Governor Rick Bricker
 Greeters.....Brad Donabauer & Jerry Rogers

October 29

Sergeant at ArmsMatt Hallaway
 ProgramBrandon Lunak, Moorhead School District Bond Issue
 GreetersBrent Brandt & Kay Parries