



Helpers at the MBA aid station for the Fargo Marathon, May 21. Photo provided by Anna Hanson.

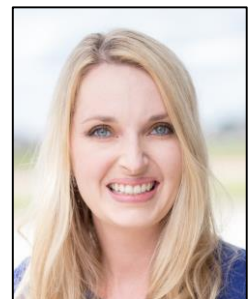


## **Monthly Newsletter**

### **June 2016**

#### **MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT ANNA HANSON**

It is hard to believe that we are moving into June already. If you're anything like me, you feel like it was just yesterday that we were shoveling the snow off our cars. As we move into summer, the MBA continues to invest in Moorhead. We had a wonderful team representing us at our very own MBA water station for the Fargo Marathon. A big thank you to Bruce Bekkerus for helping organize everything! We are also finalizing details for our golf tournament at the end of this month, and the 4th of July 5656 Oooh and Ahhh celebration is just around the corner. If you are interested in getting involved with either event, please let us know! I am proud to be a part of this organization and look forward to our continuing engagement with the Moorhead community.



“Whether a family business is large or small, they all have the same problems to one degree or another, and they work through them.”

– John Stenerson, Stenerson Lumber

## “Let’s Talk Business” Highlights

### CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESSES; FREE DENTAL CLINIC

The May 4 meeting had several speakers in celebration of Small Business Week. John Stenerson spoke about aspects of running a family business, including the importance of faith in the next generation’s ingenuity. Cindy Graffeo discussed the EDA’s new storefront loan program and the possibility of opening a business incubation center. David Hunstad reviewed the previous day’s small business bus tour. We also heard about the need for volunteers and in-kind donations of snacks for the July 22-23 free dental clinic to be held at Concordia.

### “BEER AND BOOKS” AND MORE FROM THE LIBRARY

On May 11, Megan Krueger shared news from the Moorhead Public Library, which has 700 to 1,000 visitors per day. They’ve been remodeling their basement meeting rooms, used by many businesses and organizations, and have started a monthly book club that meets at Rustica. Some of the library’s advisory boards currently have vacancies, and they will be raising funds this summer for new computer lab chairs.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

On May 18, Moorhead police chief David Ebinger addressed various issues affecting the police department and the community. He identified a critical need for more medical treatment facilities in response to the opioid epidemic and urged residents to be more supportive of families with addicts among them. He also discussed the unintended consequences of police body cameras and the compromises achieved with MN’s new drug sentencing guidelines.

### SPEECH TEAM GOING TO NATIONALS

On May 25, the Moorhead High School speech team shared parts of the presentations they will be taking to the National Speech Tournament in Salt Lake City, UT, this summer. Eighteen students will be competing in the national tournament.

(MAY’S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS WILL BE LISTED IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER.)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### “Let’s Talk Business” Speakers

June 1: Bob Zimmerman and Wade Klein, Moorhead grade separation study

June 8: MBA board of directors

June 15: Annie Wood, TEDxFargo

June 22: Greg Tevan, Cart Summit

June 29: Kerry Leno, reGroup

### Golf Tournament

Our first golf tournament is June 27 at the Moorhead County Club. To participate or sponsor, contact Melissa Rademacher, Bob Buth, or Jim Steen.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks

Let us know if you can help staff the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration (concert and fireworks) at MSUM.

## 560 Connect Location

