



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

President Jerry Roger  
President-Elect Gina Monson  
President Nominee David Sederquist  
Treasurer Emily Gess  
Secretary Teresa Joppa  
Past President Steve Schaefer

Directors (2022) Chris Andreasen & Steve Schaefer  
Directors (2023) Tammy Finney and Steve Astrup  
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski  
RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell  
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte  
Sergeant at Arms Team

Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson & Jean Hannig  
Program Chair Jean Hannig  
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud  
Song Leader Bob Hanna  
Trivia Master Brent Brandt  
Photographer Russ Hanson  
Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

### April Birthdays

Woods, William Apr 30

### Wedding Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan Apr 08 1989  
32 years  
Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah Apr 14 2011  
10 years  
Hanson, Russ & Nancy Apr 19 1975  
46 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 29 years  
Apr 01 1992  
Johnson, Gregory 9 years  
Apr 10 2012  
Matthees, Charles 28 years  
Apr 13 1993  
Astrup, Steve 3 years  
Apr 16 2018  
Hetland, Dale 19 years  
Apr 16 2002



### Coming Up Tuesday

Erin Prochnow, executive director of the Fargo-Moorhead YWCA, talks about the women's shelter at this week's meeting. Steve Schaefer is sergeant at arms, and Tracey Moorhead is Rotarian of the day.

Join us in person (if you're comfortable with precautions) at the Moorhead Schools Operations Center at 1313 30th Ave. S. or online via Zoom.



### Brandon Lunak guides Rotarians on a tour of MAPS' new operations center

President-elect Gina Monson opened Tuesday's meeting with an unusual version of the Star-Spangled Banner — a video of a 2013 Blackhawks-vs-Penguins hockey game featuring a World War II veteran who rose from his wheelchair to stand. "It reminds us of our different abilities and gifts to offer," she told the 20 members assembled in person and linked on video.

### Last travel raffle prizes awarded

After Brent Brandt's trivia challenge — on fruit this week — travel raffle committee chair Violet Deilke announced the final winners of the 2020-2021 giveaway. Jean Hannig sold the third-place winning ticket for a \$100 Rustica dinner certificate to Jeff Patterson. Violet's customers Rick and Linda Davis nabbed second prize of \$200 in cash. The final trip of the year, travel to Portland, Maine, was won by David Somdahl, thanks to saying "yes" to Teresa Joppa.

### Sergeant Cindy on good works, happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte reminded members of Rotary International's new focus on



Photos: Members sign in. President-elect Gina Monson and Tom Riley with Rotary Foundation certificate of appreciation.

John Andreasen shares news of Leiseth family memorial. Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte. Brandon Lunak talks about new

MAPS operations center. Trivia master Brent Brandt in front of Zoom screen.



environmental issues, including recycling projects in Mexico, solar lights in Kenya, water erosion prevention in Australia and sustainable farming in Mexico.

Then attention turned to happy dollars. Randy Farwell celebrated the fiber optics and road work

**Guests 04/06/21**

Tom Riley, honorary member  
Tim Heller, guest of Brent Brandt  
Austin Rund, guest of Jon Riewer



coming down the road. Gary Nolte talked up the May clean-up project at Camp Emmaus and made a pitch for volunteers, while Chris Andreasen applauded his leadership of the event. Gina's happy dollar was for all the Rotarians on hand.

Then John Andreasen shared the happiest news of all, a letter from the family of longtime member Robert Leiseth announcing a \$12,000 gift to the club in his name. "His wish was to share with those who understand and honor these qualities [of faith in God, integrity, wit, wisdom and compassion]," daughter Kristi Leiseth Pederson wrote. "For many years, he belonged to and supported your Rotary chapter. Please accept this gift as you continue to serve the community and people around the world."

**Touring the MAPS Ops Center**

Rotarian Brandon Lunak, who is Moorhead's superintendent of schools, took members on a tour of the new facility where the club now meets every week. That meeting room is designed, he said, for community use after hours. Its use includes a garage door where caterers can back in and a kitchen from which they can serve guests gathering in the meeting room. It is also available to community groups for training and other purposes.

Offices in the former Muscatell Subaru dealership accommodate all administration functions, including food service, special education, IT and other services.

He led the Rotarians through other areas in the facility, including two of its most welcome additions, ample storage areas that permit large-scale ordering of supplies and the subsequent discounts that provides, and the bus barn. All



District 152 buses can now park indoors, a big improvement especially in winter for the diesel vehicles. "A bus garage isn't 'sexy,'" he conceded. But the new area can hold all 24 vehicles, while in the past only eight could stay inside.

He noted that rising enrollment projections suggest the district is already at 2,800 K-4 students, with its present capacity of 3,000. Thanks to moving district offices from Probstfield to the ops center, that once-unneeded school will return to a fully functional elementary operation in 2022, now that administrators have moved to 22,000 square feet in the operations center.

**Looking Ahead**

**April 13**

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer  
Rotarian of the Day .....Tracey Moorhead  
Program .....Erin Prochnow, YWCA Transitional  
Housing

**April 20**

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist

Rotarian of the Day .....Steve Schaefer  
Program .....Amina Falkhulkova, Tajkistan Well  
Project

**April 27**

Sergeant at Arms .....Bob Hanna  
Rotarian of the Day .....Dave Sederquist  
Program .....Jon Eisele, Enbridge Energy