



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

President Jerry Roger  
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Directors (2022) Chris Andreasen & Steve Schaefer  
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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

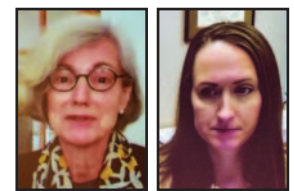
Sederquist, David 29 years  
Apr 01 1992  
Johnson, Gregory 9 years  
Apr 10 2012  
Matthees, Charles 28 years  
Apr 13 1993  
Astrup, Steve 3 years  
Apr 16 2018  
Hetland, Dale 19 years  
Apr 16 2002



### Coming Up This Week

Our guest is Amina Falkhulkova, an international student from Tajikistan and president of Concordia Student Government. She'll review the well project she has led in her native country. Steve Schaefer is Rotarian of the day, and Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms.

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.



Photos: Erin Prochnow, F-M YWCA. Jerry Rogers, Gina Monson & Steve Schaefer. Steve. Tracey Moorhead. Emily Gess.

### YWCA director describes mission & challenges of working with women victims

President Jerry Rogers welcomed Rotarians in person and online, opening the meeting with a version of the Star-Spangled Banner performed at a West Point hockey game. Then members learned that Mike Meyer, attending as a guest of John Andreasen, played goalie on the West Point team. A coincidence?



### Sarge Steve asks for RSVPs, collects happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Steve Schaefer asked members to continue to make reservations for the next meetings, even though as of today Concordia Catering has returned to buffet-style lunches. Collecting the head count for lunch is still helpful for quantities and room set up. "Just tell us if you'll probably be coming so we can get set up," he requested.



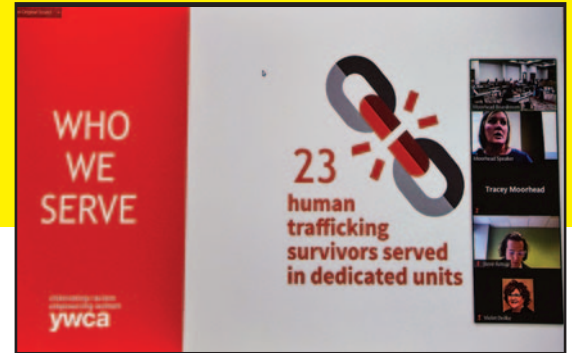
service emphases.

Before asking members for their good news, he pointed out the club has much to celebrate, including its centennial year and centennial projects. He cited local and world environment projects, the newest of Rotary International's

He also asked members to look up Tajikistan in central Asia ... in preparation for next week's speaker, an international student from Tajikistan who will talk of a water project on which she is working in her home country.

**Guests 04/13/21**

Tom Riley, honorary member  
 Austin Ruud, prospective member  
 Mike Meyer, guest of John Andreasen



Dale Hetland spoke up first, pointing out that the YWCA's annual Women of the Year event will be held this year — but virtually. He said, "Go online and buy a ticket." Chris Andreasen noted that Kay Parries was spending the weekend at a retreat at his camp. Teresa Joppa announced that, after cutting her own hair five times, she saw her real hairdresser Saturday. Honorary member Tom Riley bemoaned snow in North Dakota and Minnesota, but remembered another April 15 when the area had a snowstorm in the middle of a flood.

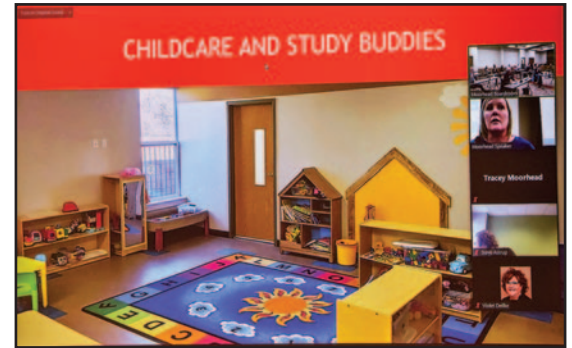
**YWCA provides both temporary housing and permanent supportive apartments**

Rotarian of the Day Tracey Moorhead introduced Erin Prochnow, executive director of the YWCA. She shared the history of the organization's work with homeless women and victims of domestic violence — how it began providing emergency shelter in the Fargo-Moorhead area (along with eight Midwestern states) in 1977. In 2019, the nonprofit added permanent supportive housing for 30 families.

In 2020, she said, 86 percent of the women who stayed at the Y's emergency shelter at 3000 S. University Drive were fleeing domestic violence. The organization provided a total of 22,459 of shelter for 1,283 individuals, including 680 women and 603 children; their average stay was 28 days. Of these, 23 were victims of human trafficking. Forty-two percent of the individuals were white; 28%, Native American; 28%, African American, and 1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

Most — 60% — were from Cass County, with another 16% from Clay, 12% outlying Minnesota and 5% outlying North Dakota.

Erin said, "One in four women will be a victims of



severe violence by a partner." She shared a log of police calls from the preceding Sunday, with 18 calls beginning at 12:33 a.m. and ending at 11 p.m.

While staff and volunteers work with the women to overcome their many challenges, the Y operates licensed child care at its facility for shelter residents. It hosts educational programs. Sanford sponsors a registered nurse on site who prevented 249 emergency room visits in the past year.

For the past two years, the YWCA has managed a facility offering supportive permanent housing. It has grown from 18 apartment units to 72. The YWCA's food pantry provides food boxes to community members who are struggling.

**Looking Ahead**

**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

**May 4 — Food Drive at Concordia**  
 No regular meeting

**July 27 — Rotary Golf Tournament**  
 1:30 p.m. ....Moorhead Country Club