



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring
Josh Jaster
Megan Wiesneski
Dylan Connell

Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

President Steve Schaefer
President-Elect Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022
Gina Monson
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President John Andreasen

Directors (2020)

Gina Monson, Pat Gulbranson and
Greg Johnson

Directors (2021)

Dave Sederquist, Kevin Heazlett and
Tracey Moorhead

Directors (2022)

Tammy Finney and Steve Astrup
RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Sergeant at Arms Team

Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson
& Jean Hannig

Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna

Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

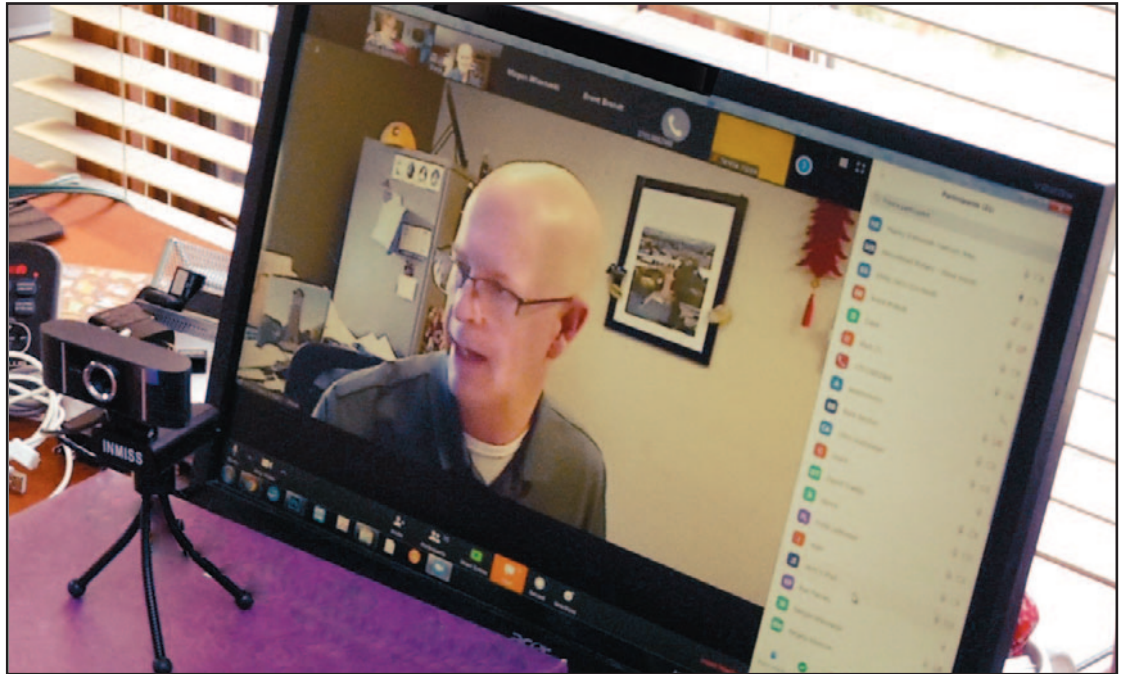
Rotary Exchange Student

Frida Lehtonen, Finland

Meetings are held at 11:50 a.m. every
Tuesday in Birkeland Lounge at
Concordia College's Memorial
Auditorium.

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 on Zoom

Gary and Cindy Nolte will update us on Rotary International's polio eradication campaign Tuesday and talk about some of the National Immunization Days they've participated in. Our virtual sergeant at arms is Bob Hanna. To join this and all of the club's meetings through May, click the link in the Paddlewheel email. The same link can be used every week through the end of May..

The board of directors will meet immediately after the meeting. Steve is sending board members a separate Zoom invitation for that session.



(Top) President Steve Schaefer on Zoom.

(Above) Carrie Leopold and children from Inspire Innovation Lab.

Founder explains STEM activities for children at Inspire Innovation Lab

President Steve Schaefer convened Moorhead Rotary's second virtual meeting via Zoom Tuesday, a way of maintaining social distance that will continue at least through the end of May. He noted that the board will meet using the same app, but at a separate link which he will send them.

President-elect Jerry Rogers noted that members received the slate of officers for 2020-2021 with their Paddlewheel. The election will be held during our March 21 meeting. Steve noted that a vote on updated by-laws will be coming soon as well.

Sergeant Eric gathers happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie shared humorous observations on working at home during the COVID-19 pandemic before opening the virtual floor for happy dollars. The first was his own, expressing his happiness that his family is healthy and that technology permits us all this option.

New grandma Kay Parries was happiest for her new grandson, Tate. Gary Nolte celebrated his granddaughter, who is turning 21. Steve recognized the hidden blessing of having family home from afar due to the pandemic. Teresa Joppa: "This is my 29th year of home officing. I know how to do this!"

April Birthdays

Woods, William Apr 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan Apr 08 1989

31 years

Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah Apr 14 2011

9 years

Hanson, Russ & Nancy Apr 19 1975

45 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 28 years

Apr 01 1992

Fangsrud, Sharon 6 years

Apr 09 2014

Johnson, Gregory 8 years

Apr 10 2012

Matthees, Charles 27 years

sApr 13 1993

Ackerman, Stacey 18 years

Apr 16 2002

Astrup, Steve 2 years

Apr 16 2018

Hetland, Dale 18 years

Apr 16 2002

Jean Hannig pitched in a dollar for the pleasure of making Easter dinner for her family ... and then delivering it to them. Zach Heuring said "happy birthday" to his son Hudson, who turned two months old. Brent Brandt expressed appreciation for those who work at the Dorothy Day Food Pantry Monday through Thursday, and added, "If you know anyone who needs food, send them." He noted the income limit has been raised due to the crisis. Finally, Violet Deilke was grateful that her friends and family are healthy and happy.

Focus of Inspire Lab shifts online; director makes mission trip to Kenya

Eric introduced our virtual speaker, Carrie Leopold. Carrie founded Inspire Innovation Lab six years ago to offer STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education to children in the elementary grades. The after-school program operates in a location at the corner of Main Avenue and Fourth Street South.

The lab has shifted its focus to online learning during the pandemic. She acknowledged, however, that some of the families and children they serve do need to learn in person. She is supporting a staff of eight without income, but hopes the lab will qualify for federal aid under the Paycheck Protection Program.

The science educator, who lives in West Fargo, took part in a mission trip to Kenya last winter with United other members of her Flame of Faith

Methodist Church.

They visited many schools, including several who focus on orphans and others facing misfortunes. In Kenya, children are tested at the eighth grade to determine whether they will go on for further education. If they fail, that's the end of their schooling.

"I was ready for the culture shock, but not for the transportation," she said. "We had adventures every day." She told of having a flat tire "in absolutely the middle of nowhere," with no kind of service available. "People would appear from all around to help us."

Most schools have no wells and running water. They draw from big tubs of rainwater.

The needs were huge, she said, at every school desks, books, food, space. But at the same time, she was impressed with the faith that most people displayed. "They believe that God will provide all their daily needs, day by day," she said.

President seeks input on meeting format

Finally, President Steve asked members for their reactions to the meeting format and how it should be set up in coming weeks. Do you like having speakers in this kind of setting? Would you like more time for social interaction? Please contact him to share your thoughts.

Looking Ahead

April 21 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsBob Hanna
Speaker.....Gary & Cindy Nolte, Polio Plus

May 5, 12, 19 and 28 — via Zoom

July 28 — F-M Rotary Golf Tournament

April 21 — Recital with a Cause

CANCELLED

April 23-26 — District Conference, Brainerd

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