



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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

Directors (2022)	Chris Andreasen & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2023)	Tammy Finney & 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

Bill Woods April 30

### Wedding Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan	Apr 08 1989
33 years	
Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah	Apr 14 2011
11 years	
Hanson, Russ & Nancy	Apr 19 1975
47 years	

### Rotary Anniveraries

Sederquist, David	30 years
Apr 01 1992	
Riley, Tom	1 year
Apr 06 2021	
Johnson, Gregory	10 years
Apr 10 2012	
Matthees, Charles	29 years
Apr 13 1993	
Astrup, Steve	4 years
Apr 16 2018	
Hetland, Dale	20 years
Apr 16 2002	



### Coming Up Tuesday, April 26

McKenzy Braater of the EPIC Companies fills us in on the development firm's current projects, including the new Moorhead High School, at this week's meeting. Teresa Joppa is sergeant at arms, and Ernie Simmons is Rotarian of the day.

### United Way president Karla Isley describes initiatives to reduce hunger, help kids

Jean Hannig welcomed members in person and online to the club's April 19 meeting, starting the day with a series of announcements.

### Recital with a Cause

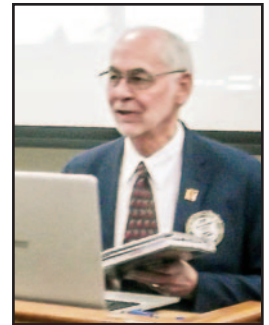
John Andreasen reminded members that the F-M Rotary Foundation's first youth recital since the beginning of the pandemic is coming up Thursday. He noted that there was still time to make corporate and personal contributions toward the fund-raiser for Polio Plus.

### Centennial dinner is around the corner

Jerry Rogers, who chairs the club's centennial committee, urged members to order their tickets for the event. It begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in Concordia's Knutson Center.

He announced that the date has been proclaimed as Moorhead Rotary Day. The proclamation will be read at the dinner. The link is in this email.

Acting president Jean highlighted another date — the upcoming District 5580 Conference. It will once



Photos/Gary Nolte: Karla Isley, president/CEO of United Way of Cass Clay. Sergeant at Arms Bill Craft. Jean Hannig. John Andreasen. Tom Riley and Jerry Rogers. (Below) Musicians, Recital with a Cause.





Photos: FM Youth Symphony director Jane Capistran. Violinist Melinda Chen. Flautist Beatice Larson. Pianist Caleb Mendez ... Recital with a Cause, April 21, 2022.

## Meetings

Tuesdays — noon  
Moorhead Schools Operations Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

## Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=VQZTMVl1NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 742 305 775  
Password: 630851

## 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

again be conducted virtually via Zoom — the third year in a row that Rotarians have not been able to meet in person.

## Sarge Bill recalls early Rotary memories, Easter lesson to appreciate neighbors

Sergeant at Arms Bill Craft shared a personal Rotary memory of growing up in western Pennsylvania. “As a boy, I got invited to meetings,” he said, adding, “My father and grandfather were ardent Rotarians. I remember the sergeant at arms had a very important job — he assessed fines. Big ones!”

He went on to talk about the three great religious holidays that coincided the previous weekend, Easter, Passover and Ramadan. Bill shared Easter stories of the risen Jesus to remind us to appreciate our neighbors — “those who look like us, and those who don’t.”

His call for Happy Dollars generated a donation from Eric Wilkie in honor of Bill and his service, another from Bill Woods celebrating Sunday’s Masterworks concert, and a third from Gary Nolte for good will meetings in Winnipeg in days gone by, where he was fined \$100 Canadian. Tom Riley applauded the season of hope. Dave Sederquist was happy about his upcoming retirement in July.

Jerry Rogers showed off (but didn’t pass around) the first copy of the club’s centennial magazine created by Nancy Hanson and Tammy Finney.

“They did a great job,” he said. “Pulitzer quality!” Jean Hannig reported that the Rotary Youth Exchange is coming back this year, and Bill Woods pitched in a donation “to fill the cup.”

## United Way head details agency’s goals

Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup introduced Karla Isley, the president and CEO of United Way of Cass Clay. A graduate of the University of Minnesota-Crookston, she worked in health care for the last 20 years before changing careers. She’s the mother of active 6- and 8-year-old sons.

“I have always donated to the United Way, but now, as the president and CEO, I am truly impressed with its stewardship,” she said. “One in nine of our neighbors lives in poverty. We have three bold goals to life them up: To reduce hunger and homelessness; to prepare children to succeed; and to help people be independent.”

The agency has tracked readmissions to jail, detox and homeless shelters and ambulance calls. “We figure our services have saved the community over \$2 million,” she said. Almost 1,500 students have also received support.

She said the United Way has been working on workplace culture. “Creating a supportive and worthy workplace matters,” she said. “Leaders matter. Team members matter. We are looking at what we all value and what we think of community and workplaces should look like.”

## Looking Ahead

### April 26

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa  
Rotarian of the Day.....Ernie Simmons  
Program ..McKenzey Braater, EPIC Companies

### May 4 — Centennial Dinner

5:30 p.m.....Concordia College Centrum

### May 10

Sergeant at Arms .....Tim Hiller  
Rotarian of the Day .....Kay Parries  
Program.....Sheri Larson, Moorhead Business Association

### May 17

Sergeant at Arms .....Jon Benson  
Rotarian of the Day .....Jon Benson  
Program.....Sarah Chatelain-Gress, The Lotus Center

### May 24

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....Jerry Rogers  
Program .....Mayor Shelly Carlson & City Manager Dan Mahli