



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

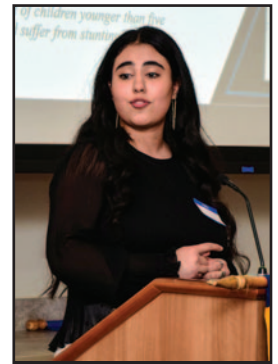
Sederquist, David	29 years
Apr 01 1992	
Johnson, Gregory	9 years
Apr 10 2012	
Matthees, Charles	28 years
Apr 13 1993	
Astrup, Steve	3 years
Apr 16 2018	
Hetland, Dale	19 years
Apr 16 2002	



Coming Up This Week

John Eisele of Enbridge Energy presents our program this week. Bob Hanna is sergeant at arms, and Dave Sederquist 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.



Tajiki Cobber Amina Fatkhulloeva discusses international water project

President Jerry Rogers welcomed Rotarians in person and via Zoom to the club's regular meeting April 20. After the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the national anthem of Tajikistan in honor of our guest speaker, he turned his attention to our upcoming service project.

Instead of our regular meeting May 4, club volunteers will take part in the club's final planned food drive to benefit Churches United for the Homeless and the Dorothy Day Food Pantry. This time, the collection will take place on Eighth Street South in front of Concordia College's baseball field. Members are asked to reserve the time slots they'd prefer online.

Jerry also mentioned that Fargo Rotary is hosting its annual high school track meet at Concordia on May 10. The group is looking for fellow Rotarians to volunteer to help the event.

Sarge Dave talks of 100 years of tradition

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist reviewed Moorhead Rotary's 100 years of history, being celebrated later this year. "Don't we all feel some responsibility to carry on the tradition of service that started in 1921," he queried. He pointed out



Photos: President Jerry Rogers. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist.

Second row: Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer. Speaker Amina Falkhulkova, Concordia student from Tajikistan.

Photos: Dale Hetland checks in with treasurer Teresa Joppa.

Tammy Finney and guest Mike Gjerde. Gina Monson and guests.

The board of directors met at the conclusion of our meeting.



Guests 04/20/21

Mike Gjerde, Thrivent, guest of Tammy Finney
Amina Falkhulkova, international student at Concordia, speaker

that just 21 members got the club up and running back them, noting that of those original members, the only name probably familiar to most today is W.W. Wallwork. He told of how Fargo Rotarians carried torches across the bridge, marching from downtown Fargo to the Comstock Hotel to launch the community's second club on the east side of the river.

When Dave called for happy dollars, Gary Nolte responded with a sad note — the death of former Rotary International president Bob Foster. Steve Schaefer pointed first to our speaker Amina, whom he has come to know as the college's director of international students, and then to the middle school's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Gina Monson saluted her guests.

Tracey Moorhead and Bill Craft both gave in memory of the late Walter Mondale, whom Bill called "a shining example of mutual respect and regard." Violet Deilke announced a new grandbaby in the family. Jerry's \$5 honored guest Amina and the "homework assignment" he gave the club: "Find Tajikistan on the map." Finally, Ernie Simmons shared the best news of all: His wife Marti is halfway through her cancer treatment and doing well.

Student works on irrigation project at home

Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer introduced guest Amin Fatkhulloeva, a Tajiki international student completing her junior year at Concordia. She has been studying here through the support of United World Colleges, which supported her high school studies in Norway before she enrolled at Concordia. She was recently elected president of the Student Government Association at Concordia.

Amina returns home for the summer to help supervise and work in Tajiki villages to support a new irrigation project. "It will open many doors for



farmers to diversify their crop cultivation," she said.

Her tiny, mountainous county — which adjoins Afghanistan to the north and east — is one of the poorest in Asia. The project will cost \$18,500. A grant covers the first \$10,000, but \$8,500 is needed to complete it.

The village, she said, has secured government approval many times for its project, but after 10 years of requests, no money has ever been dedicated to making sure it happens. The greatest need right now, she said, is \$5,300 for pipelines to carry the water. To raise that amount, she has established a Go Fund Me account online that has so far reached \$502:

<http://gofundme.com/4bb5fc45>.

Looking Ahead

April 27

Sergeant at ArmsBob Hanna
Rotarian of the DayDave Sederquist
ProgramJon Eisele, Enbridge Energy

April 26 - 30 — District 5580 Conference

Meeting virtually this week. .See PDF for entire program — posted on ClubRunner and

attached to the current Paddlewheel email.

May 4 — Food Drive at Concordia

No regular meeting

July 27 — Rotary Golf Tournament

1:30 p.m.Moorhead Country Club