



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring
Josh Jaster
Megan Wiesneski
Dylan Connell

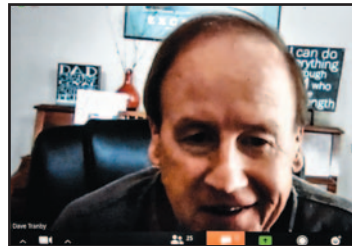
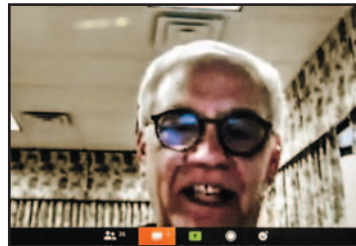
Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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) Ernie Simmons,
Pat Gulbranson and Greg Johnson
Directors (2021) 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

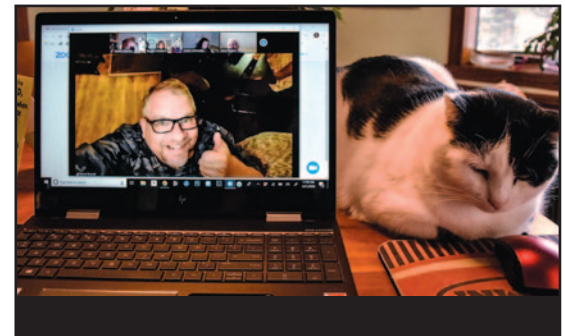
Other F-M Rotary Meetings

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 Tuesday ... via Zoom

Fund-raising consultant Patrick Kirby is our presenter at this week's meeting ... held online via Zoom. Jerry Rogeres serves as our virtual sergeant at arms. 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.



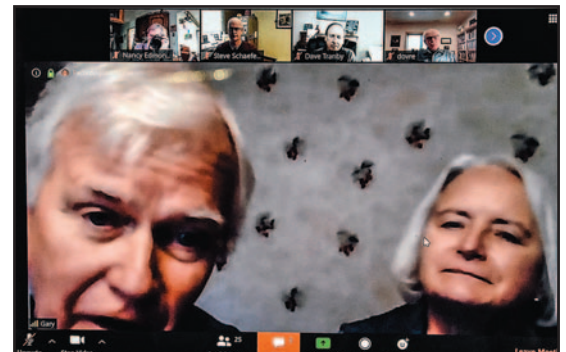
Club elects officers & hears update on Rotary's campaign against polio

Twenty-five Moorhead Rotarians gathered in cyberspace on April 14 for the club's regular meeting. President Steve Schaefer greeted members and several guests, including the youth exchange director for Frida Lehtonen's club in Finland and a 15-year member who sent her greetings.

As the first order of business, the club approved the proposed slate of officers, including president-nominee Dave Sederquist and directors Pat Gulbranson, Greg Johnson and Ernie Simmons, as well as treasurer Emily Gess and secretary Teresa Joppa.

Kay Parries reported on the PETS training for incoming presidents. Conducted via Zoom, it was attended by Jerry Rogers, Dave Sederquist and Gina Monson. She noted that Rotary is putting more training and information online, helpful for presidents as well as members.

The board was to discuss and vote on revisions to the by-laws at the meeting held after the regular



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

session. The general membership will vote in a future meeting.

This summer's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, RYLA, has been cancelled.

New program director sought

Dave Sederquist, who has been program chairman in recent months, is looking for someone to replace him in lining up speakers as he moves up to president-nominee. "It's been very rewarding," he said of his experience. He thanked those who've made suggestions and help coordinate the guests.

Sergeant Bob wishes Queen 'happy birthday'

Sergeant at Arms Bob Hanna reminded the club that Queen Elizabeth II was celebrating her 74th birthday that day. She has reigned since 1952.

His call for happy dollars prompted Gina Monson to donate in honor of her exchange daughters. Jean Hannig celebrated having the first host family lined up for our next exchange student, a German boy who arrives in August; two more families are still needed. Dave admired Rob Remark and Brent Brandt's use of headsets and Chris Andreasen's new mustache. Dave Tranby was happy that Moorhead golf courses opened. Bob himself was happy x 3, once for each exchange student his family has hosted.

Noltes tell of Rotary's \$1 billion battle to rid the world of the polio virus

Rotarians Gary and Cindy Nolte have been involved in Rotary International's campaign to eliminate the polio virus since 1999. Ironically, another scourge — the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 — has shut down all vaccination efforts worldwide for the time being.

He and Cindy shared photos from some of their travels as part of vaccination teams. Besides the vaccine itself, the teams distribute other health supplies, including measles vaccine, mosquito nets, vitamin A, school supplies or clothing.

The polio virus lives in open water and groundwater. Open sewers, Gary noted, are all too common in too many parts of the world.

Rotary has invested more than \$5 billion dollars in the quest to eradicate the disease since its beginning in 1985. Today Bill and Melinda Gates match the service club's donations. The project has set up surveillance clinics worldwide to test for potential victims as the campaign has steadily gained ground. Right now, Gary said, there are 41 known cases, two in Afghanistan and the rest in Pakistan, where fighting has deterred vaccination efforts. Last year's total was 122, up from just 30 the previous year.

The World Health Organization has been a big help, assisting in coordinating Rotary's efforts. Both WHO and the host country must approve before clinics can take place in each nation.

"I think the current pandemic is going to wake up a lot of people," Gary said. "It helps all of us see the necessity of vaccinations for public health."

Looking Ahead

April 28 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Program...Patrick Kirby: "Fundraise Awesomer"

May 5 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program.....Social meeting

May 12 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Program.....Derrick LaPoint, Downtown Moorhead Master Plan

May 19 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program.....Committee work (with virtual breakout sessions)

May 26 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsStacy Ackerman
Program.....Than Baardson: "Unseen" human trafficking

June 2 — potential return to Concordia

July 28 — F-M Rotary Golf Tournament