



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Welcome New Members!

Kevin Heazlett
American Crystal Sugar

Rob Remark
JLG Architects

Matt Hallaway
Oak Grove High School

Chris Andreasen
Pathways

Ernest Simmons
Concordia Prof. Emeritus

Abby Gold
NDSU Dept./Public Health

*Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
Club 970
District 5580*

President John Andreasen
President-Elect Steve Schaefer
President Nominee 2020-2021
Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022
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Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
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Eric Wilkie, Dale Hetland, Gina
Monson & Brent Brandt

Directors (2019)
Tammy Finney, John Andreasen
& Brett Drevlow

Directors (2020)
Jerry Rogers & Pat Gulbranson

Directors (2021)
Emily Gess, Dave Sederquist
& Rob Mounts

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, Brent Brandt

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Coming Up Tuesday ... *meeting at the Hjemkomst*

Members Sharon Fangsrud, Ernie Simmons and Matt Hallaway take center stage this week, with Kay Parries as Rotarian of the Day. Jerry Rogers is sergeant at arms, and Ron Kolb and Rob Remark are our greeters.

Matt Carlson tells how nonprofit came to 'fix it forward' for those in need

Stepping in once again for absent president John Andreasen, Dave Sederquist welcomed members and guests Tuesday ... including two past district governors, Tom Riley and his guest Nancy Rhodes of Thiensville, Wisconsin.

Also joining the group for lunch were two of the young "Cobbers in Action" whose campus project has raised more than \$2,500 for Rotary's Shelter Box project, along with project supporter Holly Battocchi of FM PM Rotary. Alex O'Donnell and Brandon Ciak, whom he insisted on calling "Remy," were joined by another Cobber, Jaime Cain, who is an alumna of RYLA now serving as a counselor.

Important business at coming meetings

Steve Schaefer urged members to take a look at the slate of officers for 2019-2020, provided by email and also posted to the Clubrunner site. The election will be held May 14.

He also asked committee chairs to forward any funding requirements for the upcoming year to the budget committee, which will meet May 7.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Acting president Dave Sederquist. Sergeant at Arms Bob Hanna. Randy Farwell and Paul Dovre. (Above) Matt Carlson, president of Fix It Forward Ministry, describes the path his organization took to offer reliable, safe transportation to clients of the YWCA, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center and other groups.

Information can be emailed to him:
schaefer@cord.edu.

Brent hits melodious home run

Song leader Brent Brandt entertained the club with facts about Bob Feller and the FM Twins baseball team, along with some Hall of Fame trivia. Then the group sang a rousing a capella version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Sarge Bob Hanna talks about 'the truth'

Sergeant at Arms Bob Hanna reflected on the diverging interpretations of "the truth." He invited members to Google "is it the truth" ... an exercise that brings up screenfuls of references to Rotary's Four-Way Test, of which the very first principle is that question.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Cobbers in Action members Alex O'Donnell and Brandon Ciak with Holly Battocchi of Fargo PM Rotary. Abby Gold chats with Holly. Jon Riewer and Alma Cater ask Fix It Forward's Matt Carlson about his program.

Guests 4/2319

Jaime Cain, RYLA alum and counselor
 Alex O'Connell and Brandon Ciak, Cobbers in Action
 Matt Carlson, Fix It Forward Ministries

Visiting Rotarians

Holly Battocchi, Fargo PM Rotary
 Tom Riley, FM PM Rotary
 Nancy Rhodes, past district governor, Thiensville, Wis.

April Birthdays

Drevlow, Brett Apr 29
 Woods, William Apr 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan Apr 08 1989
 30 years
 Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah Apr 14 2011
 8 years
 Hanson, Russ & Nancy Apr 19 1975
 44 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, David 27 years
 Apr 01 1992
 Fangsrud, Sharon 5 years
 Apr 09 2014
 Johnson, Gregory 7 years
 Apr 10 2012
 Matthees, Charles 26 years
 Apr 13 1993
 Ackerman, Stacey 17 years
 Apr 16 2002
 Astrup, Steve 1 year
 Apr 16 2018
 Hetland, Dale 7 years
 Apr 16 2002
 Paulsen, Joel 2 years
 Apr 18 2017

Happy dollars were gathered for the end of winter; for the seventh anniversary of the FM PM Rotary Club, to be celebrated Monday (April 29) at Lucky's; for reunions; for 1-year-old granddaughters; for Shelter Box and the Concordia students' support; and for safe travels and safe returns.

'Fix It Forward' both fixes & donates cars

Without wheels, moving forward can be impossible for many people in need. Starting with the women of the YWCA Shelter, 4-year-old Fix It Forward Ministry of Moorhead has been providing what president Matt Carlson calls "the missing piece" in reestablishing safe, independent lives.

Fix It Forward began with the avowed "car guy's" dream of putting fellow car lovers' skills to work to make life better for women and families trying to get back on their feet. He gathered a group of fellow car hobbyists to volunteer to get broken-down cars running again. Their first goal: to help those who've fled domestic violence avoid their abusers and rebuild their lives through work, school and other necessary travel.

"Mass transit routes don't go where they may need to work at the times they need, and they're impractical for taking children to day care, for

example," he pointed out. "Uber rides don't work so well if you need four child car seats. We take our own transportation for granted. But without it, it's really hard to be, and stay, independent."

His band of volunteers began working in a farm shop north of Moorhead. As the volume of cars, volunteers and need mushroomed, they needed more space. That proved nearly impossible because they couldn't obtain insurance until a brainstorm turned the story around ... and Fix It Forward Car Care was born. The commercial auto shop at 2620 Second Ave. N. became the key to both obtaining the space they needed and providing essential support. Now a regular auto shop by day employing three full-time mechanics, Fix It Forward has become home to the volunteer ministry after hours.

It provides not only the overhead — heat, lights, lifts, tools and insurance — but also space to store donated vehicles. That's critical because Fix It Forward now inspects, repairs and donates cars to those who need them. The recipients are referred by case managers at some 40 Fargo-Moorhead human service organizations, from Lakes and Prairies Community Action to Churches United and the F5 project.

Matt says nearly 400 cars have been repaired to date and 157 given away to qualified individuals.

Looking Ahead

April 30	Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
	Rotarian of the Day.....Kay Parries
	Program.....Member talks by Sharon Fangsrud, Ernie Simmons and Matt Hallaway
	Greeters.....Ron Kolb & Rob Remark
May 7	Sergeant at Arms.....Brett Drevlow
	Rotarian of the Day.....Chris Volkers
	Program.....Mayor Johnathan Judd, Vision for Moorhead"
	Greeters.....Pat Lorenson & Jon Riewer
May 14 — Election of Officers	
	Sergeant at Arms.....Eric Johnson
	Rotarian of the Day.....Chuck Matthees
	Program.....Rotary Rides — Denelle Berg & Kathleen Toft
	Greeters.....Brandon Lunak & Jerry Rogers
May 21	Sergeant at Arms.....Rob Mounts
	Rotarian of the Day.....Scott Greelis
	Program.....James Van Raden, engageBUILD
	Greeters.....Matt Hallaway & Jade Rosenfeldt
May 28	Sergeant at Arms.....Stacey Ackerman
	Rotarian of the Day.....Emily Gess
	Program.....Member Talks
	Greeters.....Bob Hanna & Steve Schaefer