



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	David Sederquist
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Directors (2023)	Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
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RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

April Birthday

Woods, William April 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Hanson, Nancy & Russ	48 years
Apr 19 1975	
Parries, Kay & Dan	34 years
Apr 08 1989	
Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah	16 years
Apr 14 2007	

Rotary Anniveraries

Sederquist, Dave	31 years
Apr 01 1992	
Matthees, Charles	30 years
Apr 13 1993	
Hetland, Dale	21 years
Apr 16 2002	
Johnson, Gregory	11 years
Apr 10 2012	
Astrup, Steve	5 years
Apr 16 2018	
Riley, Tom	2 years
Apr 06 2021	



Coming Up Tuesday, April 4

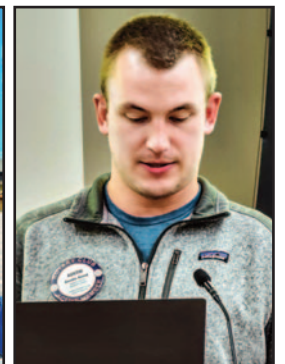
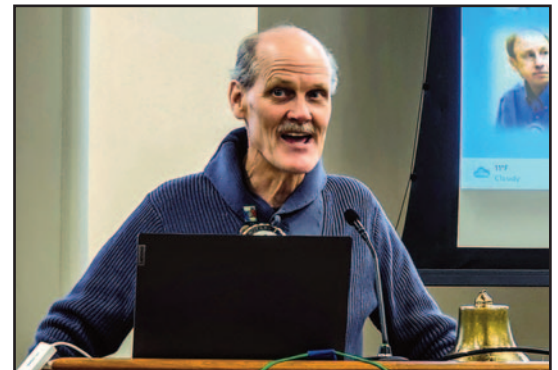
This week's guest speaker is Leola Dahl, who will talk about the Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe, a local nonprofit that serves locally grown fresh food and operates under a pay-what-you-can model. Cindy Nolte is sergeant at arms, and Jean Hannig is the Rotarian of the day.

Don Kinzler clues in Rotarians about future of manicured lawns, alternatives

President Dave Sederquist welcomed Rotarians and guests, including prospective member Carmen Escobar and guest Elizabeth Hiller, Tim's wife, to the club's final meeting in a frigid and snowy March. When questioned, he noted that the unseasonable weather still hasn't stopped him from honoring his pledge to ride his bike to every meeting of the year.

Dave explained the changes in billing policy adopted by the board in December and reflected in the first quarter invoices, now being distributed via Clubrunner. Members have also received the bill for the final quarter of 2022, which follows the former dues structure.

Two students have expressed interest in participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy this summer. The club traditionally sends three to the district event, so one more teen is welcome to apply.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Horticulturist Don Kinzler made his semiannual visit to talk about lawns.

President Dave Sederquist. John Andreasen. Rotarian of the Day Austin Rudd.





Brandon Lunak (above) and his anniversary Minions.

Chris and John Andreasen.

Greg Johnson and Dave Tranby.

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

Service projects coming up in May

Two service projects are coming up in May. One may be a clean-up of the Interstate 94 exit at Eighth Street South on two nights that month, depending of course on whether the snow eventually leaves us. Dave said the service committee is also looking at other possibilities, and will welcome suggestions. Bring your suggestions to Dave and committee members Dave Tranby, Brandon Lunak, Katie Fredericksen and Austin Rund.

Happy dollars celebrate good news

In the absence of the scheduled sergeant at arms, President Dave opened the floor for the collection of happy dollars.

Teresa Joppa led off with a delighted \$10, announcing her daughter Melissa has become engaged.

Ernie Simmons celebrated the end of a COVID quarantine — his second. He is also on the mend from surgery to repair a detached retina, with his vision slowly but surely returning. Dave Tranby reported enjoying visits with friends in town for Hockey.

John Andreasen and his wife Carol Sue have just returned from two weeks in Hawaii, where they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Rob Remark and his family have celebrated three birthdays this week — his wife’s and his 3- and 7-year-old children. Finally, Bill Woods tossed a dollar in the pot ... no special reason, he said, except that he had one in his pocket.

Are lawns becoming a thing of the past?

Rptarian of the Day Austin Rund introduced NDSU horticulturist, who has become a semiannual regular, bringing his practical tips for growing lawns and gardens. Don noted that his 1,000th column appears in the Saturday Forum. He began writing as a freelancer during his years of consulting, then has continued in the four years since joining the NDSU Extension staff.

Don addressed many homeowners’ question: After two dry summers, should we consider this a trend? Will water restrictions occur again this summer? That remains to be seen. He did make one firm prediction, however: When the snow finally disappears, plenty of vole damage is almost certain to be revealed.

He sketched out the history of manicured green lawns, starting as a defensive measure around the castles of European royalty, then finally becoming ubiquitous in the U.S. with the invention of the rotary lawnmower (so much more convenient than grazing sheep).

“Lawns can be whatever maintenance level you choose,” he advised. He weighed the pluses and minuses of the standard Kentucky bluegrass with other alternatives requiring less toil. Some were unexpected — creeping charlie, for example. (“It makes a good ground cover, but your neighbors may not appreciate it,” he quipped. Other suggestions included creeping juniper, clover, a wildflower meadow, regional natives like buffalo grass, sedges, fall fescue, and turning more of your lawn into gardens. The U of M is also working on developing a low-maintenance turf grass, he added.

Looking Ahead

April 4
Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
Rotarian of the DayJean Hannig
ProgramLeola Dahl, Heart ‘n’ Soul Cafe

April 11 — No Meeting

April 18
Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
ProgramSergio, Exchange Student

April 25
Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
ProgramTonya Oss-Brewer,
Family Voices of ND

May 4 — Recital with a Cause
7:00 p.m.First Lutheran Church