



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Gina Monson  
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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

### August Birthday

Alma Cater August 1

### Wedding Anniversaries

Nolte, Cindy & Gary Aug 01 1969  
52 years

Baldwin, Jill & Jerry Aug 02 1969  
52 years

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard  
Aug 14 1964 57 years

Riewer, Jon & Kristine Aug 24 1996  
25 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 25 years  
Aug 06 1996

Blackhurst, Anne 9 years  
Aug 14 2012

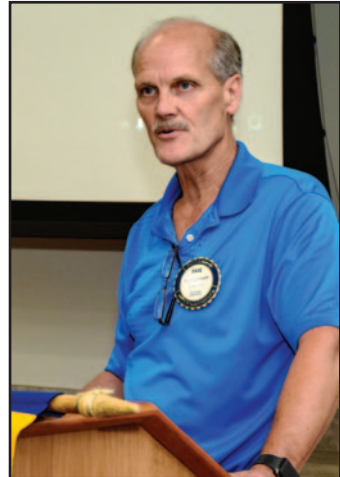
Nolte, Cindy 21 years  
Aug 15 2000

### Meetings

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

### Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=VOZTMVl1NldkY2xMbnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 742 305 775  
Password: 630851



Photos/Russ Hanson: Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland.  
Rotarian of the Day Dave Sederquist. Speaker Brian Walters,  
chief financial officer of Genovac.

### CEO of new biotechnology firm Genovac discusses cutting-edge antibody research

Past president Jerry Rogers welcomed members and guests, including Cleve Winkelman of PATH, guest of Eric Wilkie, and former (and perhaps future?) member Eric Johnson.

He reminded members that there will not be a regular meeting on September 7. Instead, members will take part in a service project for River Keepers.

Gary Nolte told members that while Polio Plus's efforts to eradicate the disease continue to do very well worldwide, the trouble in Afghanistan may put that at risk. However, he said, the Taliban has been supportive of Rotary's efforts in the past. "Meanwhile, the Haitian earthquake means we need to renew our support of Shelter Box," he added.

Dale Hetland, who's chairing this year's Travel Raffle, says the fund-raiser is again up and running, with eight trips planned this year. Permits have been secured, so tickets will be delivered to members soon. This year's goal is selling 400.

### Sarge Dale shares 'Rotary minute'

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland took the podium to share who we are and what we do. Rotary International, he said, is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and

### Coming Up Tuesday, Aug. 24

Rotarian Gary Nolte gives us an update on the progress of Rotary International's Polio Plus — the same program he has been giving to other clubs around the region. Jerry Rogers is sergeant at arms, and Jean Hannig is Rotarian of the day.

**Russ will be set up to take portraits for our Centennial magazine. Still needed: Brent Brandt, William Craft, Mike Gjerde, Sue Koesterman, Brandon Lunak, Adam Nordin, Rob Remark, Tom Riley, John Shockley, Ernest Simmons, and Megan Wiesneski.**

take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

Our 15,000 clubs work together toward six goals:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease,
- Provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene,
- Save mothers and children,
- Support education, and
- Grow local economies.

Members shared many dollars for our guests and the Air Force, whose rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" had opened the meeting.

### Genovac is breaking new ground

Rotarian of the Day Dave Sederquist introduced Brian Walters, CEO of Genovac Antibody Discovery. Walters previously headed the Antibody Discovery Group of Aldevron, which was established here in 2004. He led the management group that purchased the unit

**We want YOU — your photos and memories, that is — to tell the story of Moorhead Rotary in our upcoming Centennial magazine! Please take a moment to share a paragraph or two about your favorite Rotary member — service or fellowship — with editor Nancy Hanson. If you have old photos, send them along!**  
 Email her at [nancy.edmonds.hanson@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.edmonds.hanson@gmail.com) or call her direct at 218-329-5748.

Photos/Russ Hanson: Steve Astrup, Teresa Joppa and speaker Brian Walters of Genovac.

Eric Wilkie, John Andreasen and former (future?) member Eric Johnson.



**Guests 08/17/21**

Cleve Winkelman, PATH, guest of Eric Wilkie  
 Eric Johnson  
 Brian Walters, Genovac, speaker

earlier this year after leading Aldevron’s operation since 2019. Based in Freiburg, Germany, the renamed research corporation has established a US headquarters in the NDSU Research and Technology Park.

Prior to joining Aldevron in 2018, he had served as president of the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation for eight years starting in 2002, followed by similar roles in Orlando and Winter Springs, Florida. Brian is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with a degree in geography and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a master’s degree in economic development.

Genovac is a contract research organization that discovers and develops antibodies for therapeutic, diagnostic and research and development market segments, with clients in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. The company’s core technology, genetic immunization, enables rapid antibody discovery against biopharma’s most challenging targets.

The company has served the biopharmaceutical industry for more than 20 years and has completed over 3,500 projects, providing

antibodies that have been developed into clinical and commercial drugs. Genovac also has completed more than 25 client and internal COVID-19 campaigns, and has developed two antibodies that successfully neutralize the United Kingdom, Brazilian and South African mutations. Genovac’s expansion into the United States will add to the nation’s preparedness and capacity to respond to new viruses that could threaten U.S. fighting forces and civilians.

Walters told the club that two-thirds of the international firm’s clients are in the US, with the rest in Europe and elsewhere. None is in North Dakota or Minnesota, but his firm is working on a partnership with NDSU. The company’s world-class technologies from Germany will be coming to its new headquarters there, with 8,500 square feet of laboratory space.

The company has been able to ramp up and accelerate its Fargo operation, thanks in part to a Biosciences Innovation Grant it received from the N.D. Department of Agriculture in October 2020. The funds came to North Dakota as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Genovac used 100 percent of the funds to invest in equipment for its Fargo facility.

**Looking Ahead**

**August 24**

**Portraits for centennial magazine**

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers  
 Rotarian of the Day.....Jean Hannig  
 Program .....Polio Plus Update, Gary Nolte

**August 31**

Sergeant at Arms .....Jon Riewer  
 Rotarian of the Day.....Emily Gess  
 Program .....Marianne Smith, Child Care Aware

**September 7 — Service Project**

**September 14**

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Gary Nolte  
 Program.....Keith Brokke, District Governor

**September 21**

Sergeant at Arms .....John Andreasen  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Cindy Nolte  
 Program ....Stacy Schaffer, 31:8 Project (virtual)

**September 28**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
 Rotarian of the Day .....Cindy Nolte  
 Program .....Jason McCoy, Clay Public Health,  
 “Substance Use & the Workplace”