



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	Gina Monson
President-Elect	David Sederquist
President Nominee	
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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

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



Coming Up Tuesday, Aug. 31

Marianne Smith of Child Care Aware presents our program Tuesday. Emily Gess is Rotarian of the day, and Jon Riewer is sergeant at arms.

Bring a mask Tuesday! The School District will be requiring them in their buildings.

Gary & Cindy Nolte trace history of Rotary's Polio Plus campaign

President Gina Monson welcomed members and our guest, Jean Hannig's granddaughter Sage.

Homeless. September's theme is applying the cautionary stickers to storm drain covers. In October, we'll collect food donations.

Important announcements

- The club's next centennial service project is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7. Instead of our regular noon meeting, we will be marking 100 drain covers in south Moorhead for River Keepers by applying a sticker on each, reminding residents they drain directly into the river. We'll gather at the Speak Easy at 4 p.m. to pick up maps of the area, then rejoin the rest of the members afterwards for an evening social.

- Gina has a new job that will prevent her from attending meetings for the rest of the school year. After a discussion, the board has decided that past presidents will conduct meetings through the balance of her term, while she will continue with official business and paperwork. Jerry Rogers will wield the gavel through the end of 2021, when Jean Hannig will take over that duty for several months.

- In honor of our centennial, each month for the rest of the year will carry a "100" theme. In August, that meant collecting 100 pillows for Churches United for the

Sarge Jerry draws comparisons between our lives, Haiti, Mexico

Tapped as sergeant at arms, Jerry Rogers briefly compared our lives to those living in Haiti and Mexico, where communities are suffering from flooding, earthquakes and wildfires. He reviewed Rotary's responses to these and so many other worldwide disasters.

He turned to happier topics — happy dollars. Jean expressed happiness over her trip to Switzerland with her grandson. Former exchange student Nicholas sends his greetings. Bill Woods and his wife traveled, too, thanks to the Alaskan trip they won in our last Travel Raffle.

Dale Hetland saluted Violet Deilke, longtime chair of that major fundraiser. The new chair noted that this year's kick-off for receiving and selling tickets is Sept. 7. Violet announced that she has sold her business and is working for the salon that purchased it; she plans to retire in a year or two.



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 or call her direct at **218-329-5748**.

Photos/Russ Hanson: Ernie Simmons and Tim Hiller.

The board met after the meeting to discuss moving forward with President Gina's change of workplace.



Gina's donation honored Violet, who she said did her hair for her wedding 25 years ago: "Here's to new adventures!"

Noltes tell of working with PolioPlus

Rotarian of the Day Jean turned the microphone over to Gary and Cindy Nolte. They have been involved in Rotary International's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio since 1988, when Gary joined Moorhead Rotary. After standing at his side over the years, she became a member herself in 2013. Both have served as club presidents; Gary has served as district governor, and currently handles the Polio Plus portfolio for the Rotary Foundation. Together, they have completed four polio immunization trips overseas.

Gary traced Rotary's huge mission back to 1988, when it became a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Back then, he said, the deadly crippling disease was present in 172 nations around the globe. Today it survives in only two. "The last case reported this year was in January," he said.

Polio travels through water and infects through the digestive system. He said 99% of those who

contract the virus have no ill effect. But for the others, it can be dire. Polio is a viral disease that may affect the spinal cord, causing muscle weakness and paralysis. The polio virus enters the body through the mouth, usually from hands contaminated with the stool of an infected person. Victims sometimes have needed "iron lungs" to be able to breathe.

Rotary's goal, Cindy explained, is to vaccinate all the world's children before they turn 5. "If you're over 5 and haven't gotten it, you probably won't," the retired nurse observed.

Vaccinations are still ongoing all over the world. Our goal is to be polio-free by 2026 ... but 10 more years of vaccination will still be needed to insure that it stays gone. Gary said Rotary has set up surveillance clinics around the globe to watch for outbreaks of polio and other diseases. They have proven valuable now in the fight against Covid.

Volunteers like the Noltes travel for Rotary missions on their own dime. They shared some of their touching — and weird — experiences along the way. Asked what she has taken away from their services, Cindy revealed one memorable lesson: "I never want to ride on a camel again!"

Looking Ahead

August 31

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
 Rotarian of the DayEmily Gess
 ProgramMarianne Smith, Child Care Aware

September 7 — Service Project & Social

4 p.m. — meet at Speak Easy to pick up maps
 Then after completing project, regather for social.

September 14

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the DayGary Nolte
 ProgramKeith Brokke, District Governor

September 21

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
 Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
 ProgramStacy Schaffer, 31:8 Project (virtual)

September 28

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
 ProgramJason McCoy, Clay Public Health,
 "Substance Use & the Workplace"

November 4 — Centennial Event