



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405
District 5580

President	Steve Astrup
President-Elect	
President Nominee	
Treasurer	Dave Sederquist
Secretary	Teresa Joppa
Past President	Dave Sederquist

Directors (2023)	Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
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Directors (2026)	Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator	Cindy Nolte
Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

December Birthdays

Lunak, Brandon	December 4
Andreasen, John	December 5
Deilke, Violet	December 20
Hanson, Nancy	December 24

Wedding Anniversaries

Sederquist, Dave and Jane	39 years
Dec. 08 1984	

Rotary Anniveraries

Nolte, Gary	35 years
Dec. 13 1988	
Parries, Kay	35 years
Dec. 13 1988	
Finney, Tammy	8 years
Dec. 08 2015	



Coming Up Tuesday, Dec. 19

Paul Dovre delivers his traditional Christmas message at our last meeting of 2023 Tuesday. Cindy Nolte is sergeant at arms. Remember — no Rotary meetings on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2!

Rotarians learn much more about Moorhead Fire Department

Sixteen Moorhead Rotarians gathered in the shadow of two call-ready fire trucks Dec. 12 for a visit to the Moorhead Fire Department's Station #1. Five firefighters joined the group to tell the story of the first responders' mission to keep Moorheaders safe, following up on more than 4,800 calls each year.

President Steve Astrup — himself a volunteer with the neighboring Dilworth Fire Department — reminded members of several upcoming events. Though no meetings will be held on the days after Christmas and New Year's Day, the club is invited to celebrate the holiday season Thursday, Dec. 28, at the home of Gary and Cindy Nolte, 117 38th Circle Ave. S., from 5 to 7 p.m.

He urged members to sign up for one of two Rotary volunteer sessions Jan. 11 and 13 to help Feed My Starving Children reach its goal of packing 10 million meals for starving children around the globe. (The sign-up links are included in the email carrying this Paddlewheel.)



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Sixteen Rotarians met five members of the day shift at the Moorhead Fire Department's Station 1. (Right) Firefighter Justin Rosenfeldt describes the Fire Department's structure and procedures to visiting Rotarians. (Bottom) Four of Justin's colleagues — Riley, Nick, Troy and Kevin — with President Steve Astrup, a volunteer firefighter with the Dilworth fire service.





Battalion Chief Justin Rosenfeldt gives overview

Five Moorhead firefighters — including several who also volunteer with the Dilworth unit — were on hand to introduce club members to their equipment and procedures. The battalion chief introduced the department, which has two stations including the one we visited and another on the south side. A third is being planned, though the location has not been decided.

Firefighters fill three alternating 24-hour shifts, each with 11 members. They work for 24 hours every other day for nine days, then get four days off. Justin noted that while the number of calls has doubled since 2008, the number of firefighters remains the same.

Calls for service are ranked based on severity, and teams and rigs are dispatched based on need. Everyone on each shift is trained to do it all, from medical rescue to taking on fires of every size and cause. In addition, the department is one of 13 in Minnesota that has special training in handling hazardous materials disasters.

Among the department’s equipment are a 100-foot ladder truck, as well as two boats equipped with sonar to see beneath the surface of the murky Red River. They also have ice-rescue gear. Asked about cost, Rosenfeldt said that the cost has skyrocketed in recent years. A fire engine now sells for over a million dollars; the ladder truck, bought for \$800 thousand, would cost \$2 million if bought today.



Looking Ahead

December 19

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre’s Christmas Message

December 26 — No Meeting

December 28 — Holiday Party

Gary & Cindy Nolte’s home.....5-7 p.m.

January 2 — No Meeting

