



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring
Josh Jaster
Megan Wiesneski

Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

President Steve Schaefer
President-Elect Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022 Gina Monson
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President John Andreasen

Directors (2020)

Gina Monson, Pat Gulbranson and Greg Johnson

Directors (2021)

Dave Sederquist, Kevin Heazlett and Tracey Moorhead

Directors (2022)

Tammy Finney and Steve Astrup
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
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

Rotary Exchange Student

Frida Lehtonen, Finland

Meetings are held at 11:50 a.m. every

Tuesday in Birkeland Lounge at Concordia College's Memorial Auditorium.

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



Holiday Party Tuesday
Join your fellow Rotarians at 6 p.m. Tuesday for our annual holiday party at the Rourke Art Museum – 521 Main Ave.

Moorhead's official 'wish book' includes river corridor, aquatic center, Rotary Nature Park

President Steve Schaefer welcomed Fargo Rotarian Tom Thompson and "guest Rotarian" Brent Brandt, our former member, to Tuesday's meeting. Brent obliged by leading the group in "Jingle Bells" and sharing from his lore of movie trivia. He also invited members to two free holiday movies at the Safari Theater — "A Muppet Christmas Carol" Dec. 16, and "Die Hard" Dec. 18.

Volunteers needed for recital planning

John Andreasen asked for several more volunteers to serve on the five-club committee planning Rotary's annual Recital with a Cause. Meetings for the April event begin in January. He announced that in the past decade, the Rotary concert of top local teen musicians has raised more than \$100,000 for Polio Plus and area youth music groups.

Monthly winners of Travel Raffle named

Committee members Greg Johnson and Zach Heuring announced the second group of winners in the 2019-2020 Travel Raffle. Russ Hanson sold



Photos/Russ Hanson: President Steve Schaefer. Recital chair John Andreasen. Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland.

Greg Johnson and Zach Heuring announced December's winners of the Travel Raffle.

Speaker Holly Heitkamp, Moorhead parks director, discussed the city's "wish book."

both of the two top winners: Lauri Winterfeldt won the one-week trip to the Riviera Maya in Mexico, while Russ's wife Nancy received the \$200 cash prize. Steve Schaefer sold the winning ticket for the \$100 dining certificate to his customer Kristine.



Photos/Russ Hanson:
Secretary Teresa Joppa.

Rotarians visit at lunch.

Gina Monson reminded members of the service project that night benefiting Project Joy; several Rotarians took part in making blankets for those living in insecure housing in the community.

Guests, 12/03/19

Brent Brandt
Holly Heitkamp, speaker

Visiting Rotarian

Tom Thompson, FM/AM Rotary

December Birthdays

Lunak, Brandon	Dec 04
Andreasen, John	Dec 05
Deilke, Violet	Dec 20
Monson, Gina	Dec 30

Wedding Anniversary

Sederquist, David and Jane
35 years Dec 08 1984

Rotary Anniversaries

Wright, Edgar	64 years
Dec 06 1955	
Finney, Tammy	4 years
Dec 08 2015	
Baldwin, Jill	19 years
Dec 12 2000	
Nolte, Gary	31 years
Dec 13 1988	
Parries, Kay	31 years
Dec 13 1988	



Sarge Dale collects happy & 'sad' dollars

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland was his own big news. He told fellow members that he is moving to Cornerstone Bank. His new email address is dale.hetland@cornerstonebanks.net.

The weekly collection of happy dollars started with Brent's announcement of the second annual "Freeze Out" winter festival and coat drive at Junkyard Brewing from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The free event, with family-friendly games, collects winter gear for Churches United for the Homeless.

Gina Monson's donation was a "sad dollar." Finnish exchange student Frida Lehtonen, who spent the first months of her visit with Gina's family, is moving to her second guest home. More sadness was observed, as the Minnesota Gophers' bowl hopes were dashed at the end of their first 10-win season since 1904.

At least Bob Hanna's story had a better ending. He donated a buck on the basis that his fire extinguisher worked ... demonstrated by its knocking back the fire on his barbecue grill on Thanksgiving.

City tags five major park improvement projects for its fund-raising wish list

City council member and Rotarian Chuck Hendrickson introduced speaker Holly Heitkamp, the city's parks director for the past 19 years, who shared the capital projects that head the city's "wish list" for its residents.

She explained Moorhead's new community fund, an initiative housed and managed by the F-M Area

Foundation. It was a way to encourage and enable businesses, organizations and philanthropic-minded citizens to donate toward the projects the council and park board have deemed the most vital to Moorhead's future.

One is the FM Rotary Foundation's recently announced nature park. The playground — accessible to all ages, and the first in the area — will substitute a active natural environment of trails, trees, water, sand and rocks for today's steel and plastic playground equipment. The five Fargo-Moorhead clubs are taking the lead, with \$31,000 already raised toward the \$600,000 goal. It will be located in Riverfront Park near downtown, west of the former American Legion building.

Another high-interest project is an inclusive playground similar tot he one in Lindenwood across the river. It will adjoin the Miracle Field at Southside Regional Park.

The Southside Dog Park on River Point in southwest Moorhead will, she said, be a premier destination for pet owners, with agility facilities and other training features. It awaits the approval of FEMA, since it's to be partially located in the flood plain, before private fund-raising will commence.

"The aquatics and community center is a big dream," Holly said, "and we need a partner." The idea, which has been explored before, is the subject of a current study. A citizen survey will be undertaken to measure support; a funding request will be taken to the 2020 Legislature.

She added that a grandstand at Mattson Field and lighting on the diamonds on the south side are also needed. With five fields requiring \$150,000 in each, substantial donor support will be needed to realize the dream.



Looking Ahead

December 10 — Evening Christmas Social
Rourke Museum, 6-8 p.m. *No noon meeting.*

December 24 — No meeting

December 17

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Program.....Paul Dovre, Christmas message
GreetersAbby Gold & Eric Wilkie

December 31 — No meeting