



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President David Sederquist
President-Elect Steve Astrup
President Nominee
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Gina Monson

Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
Director (2025) Tammy Finney
RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

Committees

December Birthdays

Lunak, Brandon Dec 04
Andreasen, John Dec 05
Deilke, Violet Dec 20
Hanson, Nancy Dec 24

Wedding Anniversaries

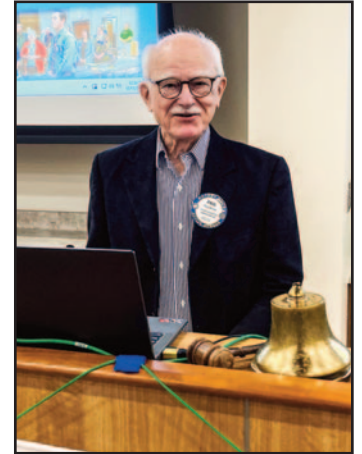
Sederquist, Dave & Jane
Dec 08 1984 38 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Finney, Tammy 7 years
Dec 08 2015
Nolte, Gary 34 years
Dec 13 1988
Parries, Kay 34 years
Dec 13 1988

Meetings

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



No Meeting — Tuesday, December 20

It's Week One of Moorhead Rotary's three-week hiatus! Enjoy your holiday. We'll gather again on January 10.

Paul Dovre shares good news amidst bad in Rotary's traditional Christmas message

President Dave Sederquist welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and guests to the club's final meeting of 2022 on Dec. 13. He opened the meeting with the music of Fargo-Moorhead's Blenders singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," one of the highlights of their annual week of local performances.

He congratulated two Rotarians with some of the club's longest tenures — Gary Nolte and Kay Parries, both of whom are celebrating their 34th Rotary anniversaries today. Another of the club's most veteran members, Ron Kolb, was on hand for the meeting; he joined the club Jan. 14, 1975.

Heather Ranck updates club on progress of Rotary PlayHill coming to Moorhead

Fargo Rotarian Heather Ranck joined us to share good news about the Rotary Natural PlayHill to be built next year just north of First Avenue North in Moorhead. She said, "Four years of effort are culminating with the invitation for construction bids." New architectural renderings show the playground — a project of all five F-M Rotary Clubs — taking shape.

One bit of news: It's now called the "Rotary PlayHill," not "playground," as it has been known until now. She explained that "playground" is a



Photos/Gary Nolte:
Moorhead Rotarians gathered Tuesday for Dr. Paul Dovre's annual Christmas message.

President David Sederquist.

(Right) Sergeant at Arms and Rotarian of the Day Cindy Nolte.

(Below) Greg Johnson and Ron Kolb.



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

specific technical term with a host of standards and requirements that come along with it.

According to Heather, the hill on which play equipment will be installed needs to be cleaned up first to remove the rubble beneath its surface.

The total cost of the project is \$1.1 million ... or \$1.3 million, if the proposed bike park is to be added back into the project. So far, 84% of the funds have been raised. The committee is making a final push to contact companies that haven't donated to reach the goal. She asked for volunteers to help approach the people they know with those targeted firms.

4-Way Test essay winners to be announced

Jon Riewer said the top winner and three runners-up have been named in the revived 4-Way Test essay contest for high schoolers. All four will be invited to present their work at a future meeting.

Sarge Cindy issues challenge, collects happy \$

Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte challenges us to connect our businesses' generosity to a cause ... to rethink the purpose of money and tie it to a cause you care about.

Jean Hannig offered the first happy dollar for Paul Dovre's much-loved Christmas message. Dave Sederquist heralded the visit by Ron Kolb. Ron himself thanked us for the generous welcome and condolences on the death of his wife several months ago. Kay gave \$34 for "34 wonderful

years in Rotary." After sharing sad news about the death of past district governor Earl Roger, Gary highlighted an achievement in generosity — Fargo-Moorhead's five clubs have sent \$41,000 to Polio Plus, including \$28,000 from our club.

Finally, John Andreasen led the club in singing a trio of much-loved Christmas songs, leading into another much-loved tradition: Paul Dovre's holiday message.

Dovre: 'Grace & gratitude are calling us'

Paul cited a lyric from the Master Chorale Christmas concert as his theme: "How astonishing is Advent!@ How astonishing that the Lord of all was born in a stable!" He reflected on his year, with the death of friends and family ... yet a granddaughter's receiving her medical degree, a grandson his master's, and a great granddaughter on the way. To the list, he added a national election that occurred without protest or irregularity, our witnessing of miracles and charity, and our country coming to the aid of Ukraine.

Yet bad news lingers. "Gun violence," he said. "Dishonesty is excused, and racism and anti-semitism are too well accepted.

"The good news/bad news story is astonishing," he said. "Clearly we are part of the problem.

"But God is more interested in creating good news out of bad with forgiveness, making all things new and refreshed. Grace and gratitude are calling us. And that is the good news of the season."

Looking Ahead

December 20 — No Meeting

December 27 — No Meeting

January 3 — No Meeting

January 10

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day Violet Deilke
Program Paula Senn,
Soul Solutions Recovery

January 17

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson
Program Marty Douglas,
Service Dogs for America

January 24

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day Chris Andreasen
Program Jana Bruschwein,
Peace Academy

January 31

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell
Program Jakelle Hoffman,
Ronald McDonald House