



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	Gina Monson
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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

### December Birthdays

Lunak, Brandon	Dec 04
Andreasen, John	Dec 05
Deilke, Violet	Dec 20
Hanson, Nancy	Dec 24
Monson, Gina	Dec 30

### Wedding Anniversaries

Sederquist, David & Jane	
Dec 08 1984	37 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

Finney, Tammy	6 years
Dec 08 2015	
Baldwin, Jill	21 years
Dec 12 2000	Dec 13 1988
Parries, Kay	33 years
Dec 13 1988	



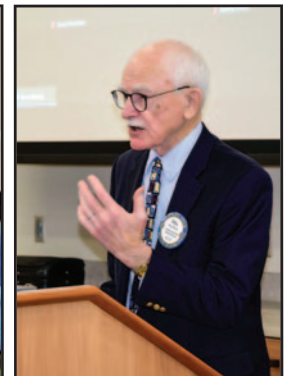
### No Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 28

In view of the rotten weather forecast for the week, the holiday party Tuesday night has been cancelled.

### Dovre: You can't always get what you want, but in God's time, you get what you need

Acting president Jean Hannig welcomed a full room of Rotarians to the club's final meeting of 2021 on December 21, along with guest Karin Anderssen Gamble, the daughter of John Andreasen, and Paul Dovre's wife Mardy.

After trivia master Brent Brandt — who just wound up a season of Santa Clausing — shared Christmas movie trivia, Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons shared an accounting of why Christmas



### In Memorium

Rod McLarnan, one of Moorhead Rotary's longest serving members, died Dec. 15 in Sanford Hospital of rapid onset pneumonia. Attorney Rod joined the club in 1982, 39 years ago.



### 100 for December — Lots of Socks



Thank you! With your help, our club has gathered 158 pairs of warm new socks to be distributed by Churches United for the Homeless!

Photos/Russ Hanson: Rotary members attended in person and via Zoom.  
Acting president Jean Hannig and speaker Paul Dovre.

Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons and trivia master Brent Brandt.

Photos: Professional violinist Karin Andreassen Gamble played for the group.

Retired Concordians Dr. Ernie Simmons and Dr. Paul Dovre.



**Meetings**

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

**Participate via Zoom:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 742 305 775  
Password: 630851

**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

is celebrated on December 25.

**Dovre shares annual Christmas message**

Concordia president William Craft introduced our speaker, his predecessor Paul Dovre, via Zoom. Paul’s Christmas messages have been a Rotary tradition for many, many years.

Paul asked the group, “Did you ever not get what you wanted for Christmas, or not get what you expected?” He quoted the Rolling Stones: “You don’t always get what you want ... but if you try, sometimes, you get what you need.”

Mick Jagger’s famous lyric sums up the text of Paul’s message. He told of people in the time of Jesus who expected something very different than what they got. “Based on their reading (or misreading) of the prophets, lots of people expected victory and justice and homecomings. Instead,” he said, “they got continuing subjugation, separation, and injustice.

“Jesus brought a message of love to the hearts of people, not a conquest of their external enemies. And out of such love, individuals and then groups of individuals would experience a reshaping and redirection of their lives and the lives of the communities they built.

“In short, the light shined into the darkness of their lives and the darkness could not overcome that light.”

After centuries of captivity and exploitation by the

Assyrians, the Babylonians and finally the Romans, they dreamed of the promised land envisioned by Abraham, David and Moses: a promised land ruled with equity and centered on the teachings of God. But it had long been destroyed due to internal betrayals and unfaithfulness on the one hand, and the power of oppressors on the other. Yahweh was not the center of their universe, either politically or religiously.”

Paul continued, “Based on prophecies of Micah, Zephaniah and Jeremiah, it was likely that what folks were taking from these prophecies was a vision of victory, plenty and dominance, rather than something as seemingly modest as the changing of individual hearts. For centuries they had been praying for victory and dominance as a nation, not quiet hearts and individually generated good works.”

Instead, he said, they got light in the darkness — the light of forgiveness and renewal.

“We are going to celebrate the light again today and this season because this promise that came from God in Christ still holds,” Paul said. “And I stress that it begins, not in a God-led, overnight revolution of society, but in a spirit-driven change of hearts — yours, mine, and our neighbor’s. You can start anew—no if’s, ands or but’s.

God calls us to this work and has given us the lights of His grace and strength to do it,” he asserted. “And the evidence is clear. With the help and hand of God, we can do this.”

**Looking Ahead**

**January 4 —**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Andrew Mazz Marry, MSUM,  
“Addiction & Recovery in the Workplace”

**January 11**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Dan Hannaher, Lutheran  
Immigration and Refugee Services

**January 18**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Kriss Burns, PRO Resources

**January 25**

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Jennifer Illich, First Link