



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



Coming Up Tuesday

Holly Heitkamp, director of the Moorhead Parks Department, will join us to talk about the Moorhead Community Fund. Dale Hetland is sergeant at arms, and our greeters are Emily Gess and Sam Wai.

MYHA exec director Rob Gramer tells about Cullen Hockey Arena expansion

President Steve Schaefer welcomed prospective member Nick Peterson of Morgan Stanley in Fargo, exchange student Frida Lehtonen and the crowd of Moorhead Rotarians to Tuesday's regular meeting.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Steve reminded the group that November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time when members reflect on how the international association transforms your gifts into projects that change lives, both close to home and around the world.

He led the group in thanking Gary and Cindy Nolte, who have spent 10 days making presentations to eight clubs about Foundation Month and Rotary's good works. They traveled 1,000 miles to carry the message to fellow Rotarians.

Giving Tuesday comes up Dec. 3

Another opportunity to support the Rotary Foundation is coming up Tuesday, Dec. 3, when organizations around the world celebrate Giving Tuesday. The special day — observed since 2012

Photos/Tammy Finney: President Steve Schaefer. Sergeant at Arms Sue Koesterman. Rotarian of the Day Emily Gess. (Right) Rob Gramer, executive director of the Moorhead Youth Hockey Association, talks about Cullen Arena.



— recognizes a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

'Joy Project' is local opportunity to help

Gina Monson shared a video about the Joy Project, a local effort to provide a holiday meal and gifts to people without a permanent home. Many reside in low-income hotels, homeless shelters, supportive housing and other temporary quarters. Local supporters are invited to donate yardage of blanket fleece, especially in colors and patterns that appeal to men. A blanket-making session is planned in Moorhead Dec. 3. To help, talk with Gina for more information.

Sign up now for Rotary holiday party

Be sure to sign up for Rotary's holiday party Dec. 10. The Moorhead High Carolers will kick it off with a musical performance at 6 p.m. at the Rourke.



Photos/Tammy Finney: Song leader John Andreasen. Fellowship at lunch. Kay Parries holds up the card that failed to win her the weekly 50-50 Raffle pot.



Guests, 11/26/19

Nick Peterson, Morgan Stanley Fargo, prospective member
 Frida Lehtonen, exchange student

Reported Makeups

Gary and Cindy Nolte, 8 Rotary presentations
 Kay Parries, 5-Club Presidents meeting

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 Sue recollects family traditions and Thanksgiving facts and memories

Sergeant at Arms Sue Koesterman shared some thoughts, sparked by the upcoming holiday, about family traditions and how they change over time. "Take Aunt Edna's cookies. Was she really the originator of the date pinwheels Mom claimed as her specialty?" Sue wondered. She encouraged us to make Rotary our own personal tradition.

Sue reminded us that after the first three-day Thanksgiving celebrating the Pilgrims arrival and survival, millions of Native Americans were murdered or moved off their own land; those who survived were persecuted for centuries. "Thanksgiving is not a happy event in all cultures," she noted.

Her call for happy dollars, though, brought plenty of upbeat reasons to cheer: for our speaker and the growth of Moorhead's hockey program; for Fargo Rotarians following our example by giving 3rd graders dictionaries; for lefse making; for our guest and prospective member Nick; and for the successful hockey tournament the past weekend.

Youth hockey enthusiasts enjoy arena renovation and addition of third rink

Rotarian of the Day Emily Gess introduced our speaker, Rob Gramer, a 2000 graduate of Concordia College who serves as executive director of the Moorhead Youth Hockey Association. He and his wife Lori, a 1999 MSUM graduate, have three sons. Rob had a hand in several local businesses before joining MYHA

almost five years ago.

The season that's just begun brings more than 600 kids between the ages of 4 and 18 to the Cullen Hockey Arena to practice and play on 58 teams. The center is hosting 19 tournaments this year, including sled hockey and regional and state tournaments.

After more than 50 years, the hockey association is now headquartered in a handsome upgraded facility with three full sheets of ice. It can host community events in the off season, too, part of its economic benefit to the community — more than \$1 million per year prior to the recently completed expansion.

The project was spurred by the urgent need for a new roof and ice plant. The addition enhances its ability to partner with Hope Inc. sled hockey, the Grizzlies special hockey program and other youth activities, including indoor soccer.

MYHA is also participating in Frostival in January with a community skate and food trucks.

Rob detailed sources of funding for the expansion, including \$1 million from the city, \$2 million from MYHA and a \$6 million capital campaign. The city owns the facility, leasing it to MYHA.

Families are a big part of the hockey program. The Tobolt Family Foundation provides support to lease hockey equipment for kids from 4 to 9. Parents and coaches must complete mandatory educational workshops. This year, their sessions focus on bullying and diversity.

Looking Ahead

December 3

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
 ProgramParks Director Holly Heitkamp,
 Moorhead Community Fund
 GreetersEmily Gess & Sam Wai

December 17

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
 ProgramPaul Dovre, Christmas message
 GreetersAbby Gold & Eric Wilkie

December 24 — No meeting

December 31 — No meeting

December 10 — Evening Christmas Social

Rourke Museum, 6-8 p.m. **No noon meeting.**