



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring
Josh Jaster
Megan Wiesneski
Dylan Connell

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

Carrie Leopold joins us this week to tell us about Inspire Innovation Lab, her after-school STEM program for youngsters. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and Chris Andreasen and Pat Gulbranson are greeters.

Fargo Rotarian Holly Battocchi shares story of ShelterBox growth and success

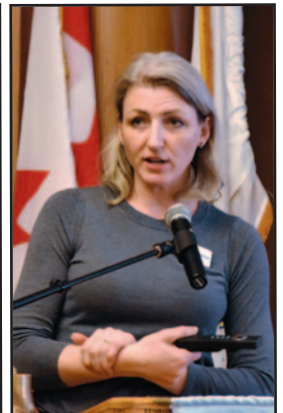
President-elect Jerry Rogers welcomed Rotarians to Tuesday's meeting. Gina Monson announced that she and exchange student Frida Lehtonen will be participating in the Polar Plunge on Saturday in Detroit Lakes, a benefit to raise money for the Boys and Girls Clubs, prompting members to pass the hat to help them achieve their goal.

New member orientation precedes social

Jerry reminded members that the club will not be meeting at its regular time and place on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Instead, we'll gather for a social at Junkyard Brewing from 5 to 7:30 p.m. An orientation session for new members will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring spouses, friends and potential members.

Sarge Dave reviews Oscars minutiae

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist focused on



Photos/Russ Hanson:

President-Elect Jerry Rogers.

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist.

Rotarian of the Day Gary Nolte.

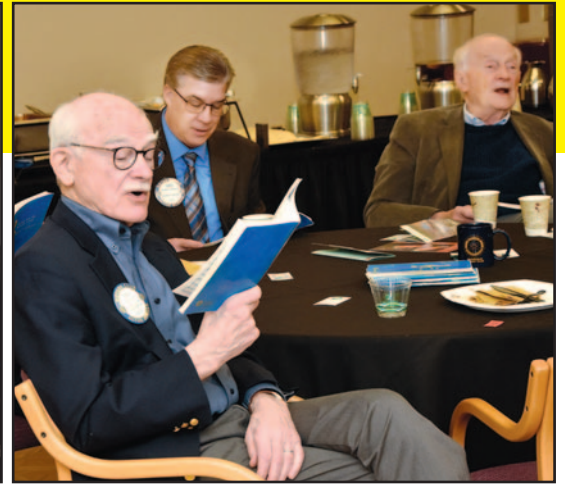
Holly Anderson Battocchi of Fargo PM Rotary tells about the Rotary's partnership with Shelter Box, started by the international service club but now grown into a stand-alone nonprofit organization.

Sunday's Oscar ceremony. Among the details he shared: Only one actor named Oscar has ever won — Oscar Hamilton in 1941. The most frequent host over the years was Bob Hope.

Happy dollars celebrated members' brushes with famous people; Giving Hearts Day coming up Feb. 13; the retirement of Teresa Joppa's grandmother Sharon; and the revelation that Nick Nolte is Gary Nolte's fourth cousin.

Dave's last words: "A kind gesture can reach a wound that only a smile can heal."

The deadline for reserving a room for the District Conference at Madden's Resort is coming up Feb. 25! To receive the special Rotary rate, go to <https://www.maddens.com/rotary-district-5580-district-convention/>



Photos/Russ Hanson:

Kay Parries and Eric Wilkie.

Dave Sederquist, Jerry Rogers and Megan Wiesneski.

Paul Dovre, Greg Johnson and Bill Woods.

Visiting Rotarian 2-11-20

Holly Anderson Battocchi, Fargo PM Rotary, speaker

Reported Make-ups

Megan Wiesneski, Jamestown Rotary

‘Wherever the need is greatest’ — ShelterBox

Rotarian of the Day Gary Nolte introduced Holly Anderson Battocchi, a member of Fargo PM Rotary, who has been deeply involved in ShelterBox. Begun as a Rotary project in 2000, ShelterBox is now a freestanding nonprofit organization in which Rotary continues to partner.

ShelterBox comes to the rescue when communities have been destroyed in major disasters and people are displaced from their homes — a situation that currently affects 85 million around the world.

The organization has no government sponsors or religious affiliation. Fifty percent of its funding comes from Rotarians through Rotary International. Despite being a four-star charity, many have yet to hear of its good work.

Holly explained that a ShelterBox is a kit for outfitting one family with what they need to get by. It includes a tent and much more: Solar lights designed to last for years; water filters (because contaminated water kills more people than the

original disaster); groundsheets; blankets; cooking utensils; mosquito nets; and a toolkit with a tarp, rope, shovel, saw, pliers, wire coil, hammer and nails.

The decision to deploy the ShelterBoxes is complicated, Holly said. First, the group needs a government invitation and approval. Then they review the scope (affecting a minimum of 200 families) and whether other aid is available.

After the decision is made, ShelterBoxes are shipped from one of 11 warehouses around the world. “They respond where the need is greatest,” she said. She cited wartorn Syria, flooding in Bangladesh and Paraguay, and the recent earthquake in the Philippines, as well as within the U.S. after Hurricane Harvey. “There is always more need than what we can give,” she said, “so we try to be really strategic. We identify exactly who need the aid.”

ShelterBox has been nominated twice for a Nobel Peace Prize, including this year. One million families have been helped over the 20 years since it was founded.

Looking Ahead

February 18

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Program....Carrie Leopold, Inspire Innovation Lab
 Greeters.....Chris Andreasen & Pat Lorenson

February 25 — no regular meeting

February 27— Club social

Junkyard Brewing
 New member orientation prior to social

March 3

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
 Program....“Hearing Loss: the Silent Epidemic,”
 Ross & Monique Hammond
 GreetersJohn Andreasen & Brandon Lunak

March 10

Sergeant at ArmsBill Craft
 Program.....Member talks
 GreetersSteve Astrup & Chuck Matthees

March 17

Sergeant at ArmsMegan Wiesneski
 ProgramExchange student Frida Lehtonen
 GreetersJill Baldwin & Gina Monson

March 24

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Program “Memory Cafe,” Deb Kaul
 GreetersBarb Belcher & Tracey Moorhead

March 31

Sergeant at Arms.....Zach Heuring
 Program ..NDSU’s “Engineers without Borders,”
 Alena Pringle
 GreetersJon Benson & Cindy Nolte

February Birthdays

Sederquist, David Feb 23
 Johnson, Eric Feb 28

Rotary Anniversary

Cater, Alma 32 years
 Feb 02 1988