



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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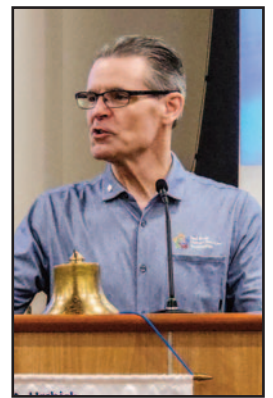
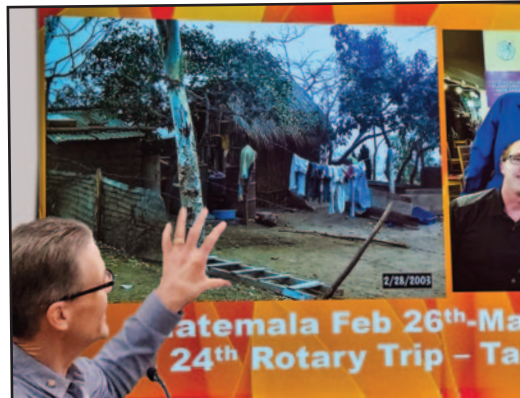
Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
Directors (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
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February Birthdays

Sederquist, Dave February 23
Elmer, Corey February 23

Rotary Anniversary

Elmer, Corey 22 years
Feb. 11 2003



Tuesday, February 18

Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley is the topic of our program this week. Nancy Edmonds Hanson is sergeant at arms.

Fargo Rotarians tell the story of Rotary service trips to Guatemala

Past president Jerry Rogers wielded the gavel at Moorhead Rotary's meeting on Feb. 11, substituting for the traveling Steve Astrup. He welcomed our guests, Tom Newberger and John Johnson, who have traveled to Guatemala on many service missions organized through Rotary International.

Jerry reminded Rotarians of several upcoming events, including Giving Hearts Day, held the following Thursday.

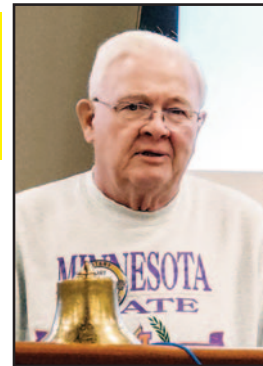
Former member Brent Brandt is sponsoring another free movie, "The Outsiders," at the Fargo Theatre on Feb. 28.

Jerry offered the club's condolences to Teresa over the death of her mother Cathy Joppa. A memorial service and interment at the Fargo National Cemetery will be scheduled in the spring.

Jean Hannig suggested members consider an alternate opportunity to give on Thursday — an event at Brewhalla called "I Heart Progress Day" featuring smaller charities that can't afford the fees required to participate in Giving Hearts Day.

Sarge Dave gathers 'happy dollars'

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared reasons to be cheerful each day. He quoted



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Fargo Rotarians T. John Johnson and Tom Neugebauer tell about their Guatemala service trips. (Above) Jerry Rogers presided. Jean Hannig with happy \$. (Below) Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. (Bottom) Guatemalan children enjoyed playing with soccer balls presented by Rotary volunteers.



Photos/Nancy Hanson:
 Alex Aldrich.
 Cindy Nolte and Kay Parries.
 Greg Johnson.
 Janelle Leiseth.

Bill Woods.
 John Andreasen.



David Byrne of the Talking Heads, who advises to seek out good news among the headlines. "Small group meetings — like ours — can be a good day brightener," he suggested.

Jean Hannig offered the first happy dollar in celebration of her recent meeting with Rotary youth exchange leaders. The five-club Super Bowl party Sunday was deemed a success. Gary Nolte announced that the world went a whole day without reports of polio. He noted that he has participated in the Guatemala trips that were the subject of our program.



Kay Parries reminded members to invite potential members to our meetings and welcomed the news that Janelle Leiseth of the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation is our newest member. John Andreasen reported success with the recent installation of a heart pacemaker, thanking the club for its prayers and support.

Rotarians Planning Return to Guatemala

John Johnson and Tom Newberger, both members of Fargo AM Rotary, presented a program on the upcoming trip to Antigua, Guatemala, to build classrooms March 15-24.

Area Rotarians first traveled in 2003, when they built a medical clinic. Since then, they have gone regularly, generally building schools; the first was built at Lake Atitlan.

Area clubs help provide the funds for the projects. Their contributions for educating children have included not only building materials, but good,

books, shelves to store the books off the ground and bathrooms. The volunteers of Engineers Without Borders have helped the Rotary groups on many occasions.

Said Tom, who has traveled there 23 times, "We have gained building skills and learned some Spanish on these trips." He talked about the joy of the children and parents — sharing meals provided by the Rotarians, for example, and playing with the soccer balls that delighted local children.

Participants must buy their own plane tickets, flying in and out of Guatemala City. They also cover ground costs, including all meals, overnight lodging and transportation. The cost for next month's trip is \$850 for ten days.

Raffle again goes un-won

Dave Tranby won the chance to draw a card in the weekly raffle, but again drew the wrong one.

Looking Ahead

February 18

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
 Program.....Furniture Mission of
 the Red River Valley

February 25

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
 Program

March 4

Sergeant at Arms.....Ernie Simmons
 Program