



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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

Directors (2022) Chris Andreasen
& Steve Schaefer
Directors (2023) Tammy Finney
and Steve Astrup
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead,
Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
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
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

February Birthdays

Elmer, Corey Feb 23
Sederquist, David Feb 23

Rotary Anniversaries

Cater, Alma 34 years
Feb 02 1988
Elmer, Corey 18 years
Feb 11 2003

FOOD DRIVE

Hosted by Moorhead Rotary
Supporting Churches United

**February 2nd
9am-5pm**

Drop off non-perishable
food on the West side of the
Moorhead Center Mall
Parking Ramp

Rotary MOORHEAD CENTER MALL

CHURCHES UNITED

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Coming Up Tuesday

Instead of our regular meeting, Moorhead Rotarians will be taking turns Tuesday volunteering at the club's fourth Drive-By Food Drive. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We'll be collecting donations for Churches United in the parking ramp on the west end of the Moorhead Center Mall.

The Village Family Service Center offers variety of counseling services in Moorhead

Nineteen Moorhead Rotarians gathered online for the club's regular meeting. President Jerry Rogers opened it with a video by Lady Gaga — her stunning rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" from President Joe Biden's inauguration.

The president announced that we are taking Rotarian Brandon Lunak up on his offer last week to host the club in the Moorhead Schools Operations Center — that is, if a survey of members supports the move. The first meetings would be hybrid, combining in-person gathering for those who are comfortable with it plus a Zoom broadcast for those who prefer more



social distance at that point.

Randy Farwell, who chairs the club's RYLA committee, announced that the district has decided to postpone the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy usually held every summer to 2022.

Jerry noted that Rotary International (and he himself) strongly support COVID-19 vaccinations. He suggested that when members' turns come around, they take a photograph of themselves and post it on Facebook to show support.



Joni Medenwald, The Village
Family Service Center, Moorhead



Sergeant Gina addresses COVID stress

After thanking Brent Brandt for making us smile with his musical theatre trivia, Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson asked us, "Who is stressed?" She described her new role at MSUM in offering outreach to students affected by the COVID pandemic. Despite the concurrent paperwork, she said she enjoys it. "I have to think about my blessings, balanced by the limitations of working from home."

She told members, "We really have to step up our sign-up of volunteers to help to be sure we have enough." She suggested members ask their neighbors to donate, post about it on Facebook, conduct a Facebook fund-raiser (as Teresa Joppa has done successfully) and find other approaches. If donors write GHD (for Giving Hearts Day) on the check, then Churches United gets double credit toward its required goal for the Feb. 11 fund-raising event.

Happy Dollars: Dave Sederquist saluted more grandchildren. Bill Woods asked Gina to sign him up and just tell him when to arrive. Violet Deilke thanked those who send Emily a check for their happy dollars and honored our guest Joni Medenwald. Teresa suggested members

consider giving to Churches United, Pathways and other charities on Giving Hearts Day, with Violet adding the Jail Ministry to that list. Steve applauded the beginning of the Minnesota Twins season and showed off his new Twins face mask.

The Village has served the area for 130 years

As Rotarian of the Day, Violet introduced The Village's manager of its Moorhead, Alexandria and St. Cloud offices, Joni Medenwald. The Wahpeton native, who has a master's in social work, has worked in prison and state hospital settings; she has been with The Village for nearly 9 years.

Joni noted that while a majority of the agency's services for adults are located in its Fargo office, most of those for children and teens are in Moorhead. The new facility near the Azool Hornbacher's employs 18 therapists trained in highly specialized evidence-based therapy models focused on trauma and attachment. They maintain school therapy partnerships in several districts, a growing area of service, and consult in child-care settings to help strategize and solve problems. They do individual and in-home family therapy as well.

Looking Ahead

February 2 — 4th Drive-By Food Drive

February 9 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms Megan Wiesneski
Rotarian of the Day John Andreasen
Program FM Rotary Foundation,
Raanck & Dietz

February 16 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms Brent Brandt
Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa
Program Steve Astrup, Hospice of the
Red River Valley

February 23 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup
Rotarian of the Day
Program Jon Riewer, Eventide

March 2 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist
Rotarian of the Day
Program Anne Hoefgen, Legal Services of
Northwest Minnesota, Access Kiosks