



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



No regular meeting
Tuesday!

Club social Thursday
5-7 p.m. @ Junkyard
Brewing
New member
orientation — 4-5 p.m.



New Life Center of Fargo offers solutions to the complex issues of homelessness

Just home from the “motherland” — Norway — President Steve Schaefer welcomed members and guests to the regular meeting of Moorhead Rotary. He shared his shock at all the snow ... “I was disappointed to discover winter is still here.”

He reminded members of the opportunity to submit applicants for next summer’s Rotary Youth Leadership Academy and Rotary Peace Fellows scholarships.

Social is coming up Thursday

Steve reminded members that the club will not meet at its regular time on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Instead, members and their guests are invited to a late afternoon social Thursday, Feb. 27, at Junkyard Brewing, 1415 First Ave. N. The event is preceded at 4 p.m. by an orientation session for new members. Imbibing and pizza follow from 5 to 7 p.m.



Photos/Russ Hanson: President Steve Schaefer.

Song leader John Andreasen.

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig.

Rotarian of the Day Barb Belcher.

Jay Thoreson, donor relations manager, explained the mission of Fargo’s New Life Center in helping the homeless men it serves.

Sergeant Jean: Rotary’s local good works

Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig saluted coverage of F-M Rotary Clubs’ new project, building a natural park in the Riverfront area north of First Avenue. She cited others already in place, including the Miracle Field, Lindenwood’s accessible playground and support of Gigi’s Playhouse.

She started collecting happy dollars with her own in honor of Dale Hetland’s business story in The Forum. Gina and Frida thanked members for supporting their “polar plunge” last Saturday. Gary

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:

Guest Sylvia Kloster with secretary Teresa Joppa and Gina Monson.

Tom Riley and Steve Astrup.

John Andreasen and Violet Deilke

Guests 2-18-20

Sylvia Kloster, guest of Gina Monson
Ella Fangsrud, granddaughter of Sharon Fangsrud
Frida Lehtonen, exchange student

Visiting Rotarian

Tom Riley, Past District Governor



Nolte was happy for his and Cindy's 26-hour road trip to Oklahoma City to hear their grand-daughter's recital. Zach Heuring and his wife have a new son. Dave Sederquist touted his 2-year-old granddaughter, and Chris Andreasen shared thanks for Giving Hearts Day.

New Life Center: Meals, shelter and more

Rotarian of the Day Barb Belcher introduced Jay Thoreson, donor relations manager for the New Life Center. Begun as a mission in 1907, the facility has recently completed a major remodeling and realignment that expanded its capacity to house homeless men and, just as important, offer them support to try to overcome the issues at the root of their problems.

He said 57% of those they serve have mental health issues and 49% other chronic health problems; more than one-third have both. Substance abuse affects 26%, and 16% of the total suffer from all three.

The center offers several programs to help its clientele, as well as a registered nurse on duty 32 hours a week. On the third Thursday of every month, it hosts a "Meal at the Mission," where community members can share a meal, tour the facility and learn more about what it does. The separate New Life Thrift Store has provided free clothing, furniture and household essentials to guests and others — 2,200 vouchers last year.

Taking the Polar Plunge



Rotarian Gina Monson and exchange student Frida Lehtonen bravely took the Polar Plunge at Detroit Lakes' Polar Fest Feb. 15. The fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs raised \$11,000. Gina and Frida were among the 97 who took part. The high was 18 degrees.

February Birthdays

Sederquist, David Feb 23
Johnson, Eric Feb 28

Rotary Anniversary

Cater, Alma 32 years
Feb 02 1988

Looking Ahead

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 Arms.....Bill 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