



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

Moorhead Public Works Director Steve Moore provides an overview of the city's strategic plan this week. Ernie Simmons is sergeant at arms. Our greeters are Dale Hetland and Sue Koesterman.

Sue Koesterman: Unsheltered homelessness here in F-M up 49% in 2019

President Steve Schaefer welcomed Rotarians to Tuesday's meeting, especially Dylan Connell, who has applied for membership. Prospective member Cody Anderson and past member Brent Brandt also joined us.

Steve reminded members of the Fargo Rotary Club's Beer vs Wine Smackdown Feb. 6 and the big volunteer gathering Thursday at the Scheels Arena to pack meals for Feed My Children.

Parents of Moorhead High School juniors have been reminded of their opportunity to participate in District 5580's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy this summer. For more information, talk to Randy Farwell.

Making a bigger impact as Rotarians

Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson urged Rotarians to consider that they are part of a group making



Photos/Russ Hanson:
Brent Brandt shares Super Bowl trivia and leads the club in "Happy Days Are Here Again."

President Steve Schaefer.

Sergeant at Arms Gina Monson.

Rotarian Sue Koesterman describes the scope of homelessness in Moorhead and the F-M area.

history. Rotary calls us to take a stand for what we believe in with its motto of "Service Above Self." She suggested they take out their phones and share what's going on via Moorhead Rotary's Twitter and Facebook accounts. She also prompted: "Tell a friend. Buy a Moorhead Rotary shirt and wear it. Participate!"

She shared a quote from George Bernard Shaw: "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." She added, "Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned."

Happy Dollars and good news

The weekly call for Happy Dollars drew plenty to celebrate: Big wins for Moorhead Youth Hockey last weekend; Churches United's being named a Rising Star by the Dakota Medical Foundation; the cover story on Kay Parries in the winter issue of Extraordinary Living magazine; Steve Schaefer for

Take a moment at this week's meeting to pick out your size and order your Moorhead Rotary shirt! This is your last chance! Shirts will be ordered after the meeting. Delivery time is 2 weeks.

Moorhead Rotary

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Photos/Russ Hanson: Eric Wilkie talks about the club's next social Feb. 27.

Tammy Finney helps Dave Sederquist and Jerry Rogers pick out the right sizes of our new Rotary shirts.

Tammy and Emily Gess.

Kevin Heazlett, Gina Monson, Dale Hetland and Teresa Joppy volunteered at the Scheels Arena Thursday to help pack meals for Feed my Starving Children.

Guests — Jan. 28

- Dylan Connell, new member
- Cody Anderson, prospective member
- Brent Brandt, guest of Sue Koesterman

February Birthdays

- Sederquist, David Feb 23
- Johnson, Eric Feb 28

Rotary Anniversary

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out-of-network health insurance advocates who help with unusual billing claims or conditions; the first committee meeting for Recital for a Cause later that afternoon. John Andreasen added, "That committee needs more volunteers."

Homes4All Coalition to ask Legislature for \$300 million

Rotarian Sue Koesterman presented a program on work being accomplished to help address the community's growing number of unhoused homeless people — up 49 percent in 2019 over 2018 levels. Sue co-chairs the statewide Home4All Coalition, which is focusing on stable housing alternatives for all Minnesota. The coalition of more than 240 organizations is advocating for statewide investment across the continuum of housing in the state, a key factor that

impacts every aspect of our lives — the jobs people can access, their children's education and the well-being of the growing senior population.

The coalition is asking the Legislature to consider \$300 million in bonding for affordable housing. Its requests also include \$39 million for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and \$38 million for the Department of Human Services' emergency shelter, support services for families, and housing supports for people with severe mental illness.

"Affordable housing is really needed — but emergency housing is needed, too," she said. Last year Churches United, which she leads, served 952 individuals. Of them, 173 were children and 126 were 55 and older.

She asked the group, "Did you know that 65 to 70 percent of Minnesotans are just two paychecks away from homelessness?"

Looking Ahead

February 4

- Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
- Program.....Steve Moore, Moorhead Strategic Vision/Plan
- Greeters.....Dale Hetland & Sue Koesterman

February 11

- Sergeant at ArmsJosh Jaster
- Program ..Holly Anderson, Shelter Box Initiative
- Greeters.....Stacey Ackerman & Ron Kolb

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 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