



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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

Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
Director (2025) Tammy Finney
RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

Committees

February Birthdays

Sederquist, Dave February 23
Elmer, Corey February 23

Rotary Anniveraries

Cater, Alma 35 years
Feb 02 1988
Elmer, Corey 20 years
Feb 11 2003

Meetings

Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.



Coming Up Tuesday, February 7

Dr. Anne Blackhurst updates the club on what's going on at Minnesota State University Moorhead on Tuesday. Greg Johnson is Rotarian of the day, and Jerry Rogers is up as sergeant at arms.

Ronald McDonald House director tells of 40-year program hosting sick kids' families

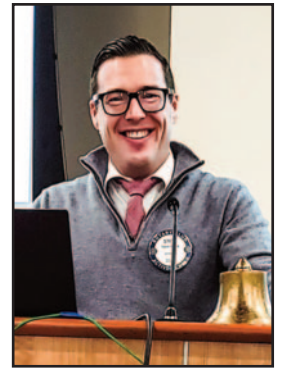
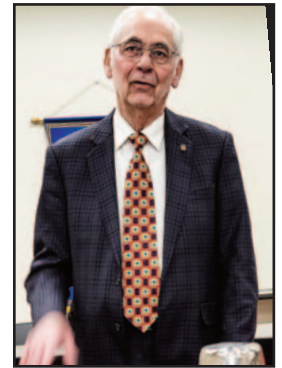
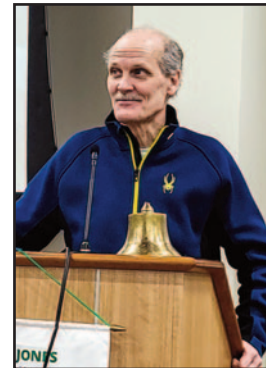
President Dave Sederquist launched Moorhead Rotary's meeting on the last day in January by welcoming members and our guests, speaker Jakelle Hoffman and Francis Gallagher of Churches United for the Homeless.

After reminding members once again about the five-club Super Bowl Watch Party coming up on Sunday, Feb. 12, Dave turned the floor over to John Andreasen and Cindy Nolte.

Recital with a Cause scheduled for May 4

John, who inspired the Recital with a Cause more than 10 years ago, announced that a date has been set for this year's event — May 4 at First Lutheran Church. Eight talented young musicians have been invited to participate in the fund-raiser for Rotary International's Polio Plus program, All winners of the Young Artists Solo Competition, they are gifted players of the violin, marimba, piano, trombone and flute.

John said the committee planning the five-club project needs several more members, including someone to handle publicity in the news media and on social media. Over the years, he said, the recitals have raised \$27,000 for Polio Plus, their main beneficiary.



Photos/Nancy Hanon: Moorhead Rotarians volunteered to help Feed My Starving Children Friday. Jakelle Hoffman of the Ronald McDonald House presented Tuesday's program. President Dave Sederquist. John Andreasen reported on the Recital with a Cause. Cindy Nolte invited members to a club social on Valentine's Day. Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup.

**Rotary Five-Club
Super Bowl Watch Party**
Sunday, Feb. 12
4-9 p.m.
 Fargo VFW, 218 Broadway

Join us for fun & food!
Potluck refreshments
Bring a guest or two!



Photos: Tim Hiller, Katie Fredrickson and Violet Dellke.
 Jerry Rogers, Steve Astrup and Dave Sederquist listen to Jakelle Hoffman's presentation.
 (From left) Greg Johnson, Bill Woods, guest Francis Gallagher of Churches United, and Katie Fredrickson.



Club social coming up on Valentine's Day

Cindy Nolte invited members and their guests to the home she shares with husband Gary for a club social on Valentine's Day. The invitation was originally given for an expected Christmas gathering in December; it was rescheduled due to December's miserable weather. The evening, which begins at 5:30 p.m., includes dinner. She asked that members planning to attend let her and Gary know they're coming so food plans can be firmed up.

Steve Astrup backs into sergeant's duties

Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup informed the group that they were meeting on National Backwards Day ... then backed into his presentation by starting with an inspirational quote, then calling for Happy Dollars first. Among happy donors were Dave Sederquist, who announced (and showed a photo of) the reason he was absent on Jan. 24 — birth of his newest granddaughter. Nancy Hanson chipped in a buck in honor of member Sue Koesterman, executive director of Churches United for the Homeless, who was honored with presentation of the City of Moorhead's monthly MoorHeart Award.

Ronald McDonald House offers free housing to parents of hospitalized kids

Jean Hannig introduced our guest Jakelle Hoffman, executive director of Fargo's Ronald McDonald House. The house, Jakelle told members, is always full. It accommodates families whose children are hospitalized in Fargo-Moorhead for treatment for with everything from cancer, mental illness and trauma to stays in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Most are from North Dakota and Minnesota, but others come from all over the country for Sanford's feeding therapy program.

According to Jakelle, some 2,500 people have volunteered for the charity. They cook meals and bake, clean, and take care of all the upkeep: "Everything that goes on at your house must be done at ours," she said.

With an annual budget of just under \$1 million, the 40-year-old RM House Charities of the Red River Valley depends on donations of cash as well as needed furnishings and supplies. Among its most important fund-raisers are participation in Giving Hearts Day Feb. 9 and the annual Sweethearts Ball, taking place Saturday at the Delta by Marriott.

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

Looking Ahead

February 7

Sergeant at Arms Jerry Rogers
 Rotarian of the DayGreg Johnson
 ProgramAnne Blackhurst, MSUM Update

February 12 — 5-Club Super Bowl Party

Fargo VFW4-9 p.m.

February 14 — Party at Nolte home

117 38 Circle Ave. S.....5:30 p.m.

February 21

Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons
 ProgramClub Updates

February 28

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program ...Brenda Elmer, Corn Growers Assoc.

March 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer
 Rotarian of the DayRandy Falwell
 Program4-Way Test essay contest winners

March 14

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
 Program

March 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
 Program

March 28

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
 ProgramDon Kinzler, Lawns of the Future

May 4 — Recital with a Cause

7:30 p.m.First Lutheran Church