



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

President Jerry Roger
President-Elect Gina Monson
President Nominee 2021-2022
David Sederquist
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Steve Schaefer

Directors (2020) Ernie Simmons, Greg Johnson
Directors (2021) 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
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader Bob Hanna
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor
Nancy Edmonds Hanson

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul Jan 07
Astrup, Steve Jan 10
Riewer, Jon Jan 14
Finney, Tammy Jan 29

Wedding Anniversary

Johnson, Gregory &, Kelley 9 years
Jan 05 2012s

Rotary Anniversaries

Kolb, Ronald 46 years
Jan 14 1975
Farwell, Randy 20 years
Jan 23 2001



Overall Impressions

A. Ratings of Agreement or Satisfaction ranged from 66.67% (demographics) to 93.33% (overall satisfaction and care for one another)

B. Areas needing most attention:

- i. Club demographics 66.67%
- ii. Involving new members 70%

Coming Up Tuesday ... via Zoom

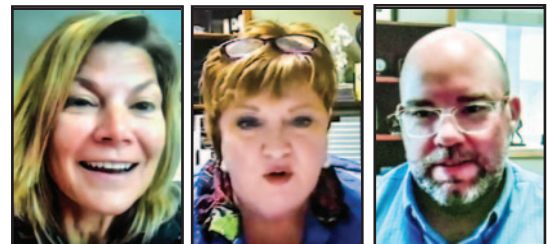
Our annual Club Assembly, including election of officers, comes up this week, led by President Jerry Rogers and President-Elect Gina Monson. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms.

Membership survey suggests general approval with some areas to consider

President Jerry Rogers welcomed members to a meeting that focused on their responses to the membership survey conducted by committee chair Steve Schaefer over recent weeks.

Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen encouraged members to consider charitable gifts to the Rotary Foundation. He went on to levy fines ... on those without a will, who haven't given to Dorothy Day House or Churches United in past service projects, and who have made moeny in 2020's booming stock market. "Pay a \$2 fine," he said, "... or 1% of your capital gains!"

He went on to harvest happy dollars. Gary Nolte started off, announcing that at 4:30 his and Cindy's Vietnamese granddaughter was getting married; he balanced the happy with the sad — a son was hospitalized for a serious leg infection and a friend has been seriously injured. Dave Tranby celebrated offering the Covid vaccine to his entire staff last



Moorhead Rotary Club Board Election
Proposed Slate: Nominations welcomed.
Positions to be filled by election 1/19/2021

Officers July 2021-June 2022
President Gina Monson
President Elect Dave Sederquist
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Treasurer Emily Gess

Director 2020-2023 *two positions opened through board member attrition
1. Chris Andreasen
2. Steve Schaefer

Director 2021-2024
1. Tracey Moorhead
2. Ernie Simmons
3. Megan Wiesneski

Service Projects

- A. General feeling is that we have good balance with 68.97% feeling the overall number is "just right."
- B. Possibly room to add more individual/MHD Club projects, as 70% felt just right, because,
- C. 93.1% feel that # of FM 5-Club projects is "just right" and
- D. 83.33% feel that # of Int'l club projects is "just right"
- E. Some room for improvement with project organization, but still strong with 80% agreeing projects are well organized

Value

- A. Generally, very strong again, but maybe TOO MODEST!
- B. 100% feel welcome
- C. 83.33% feel it's worth the cost
- D. 86.67% feel it's worth the time
- E. 86.67% feel they make valuable connections
- F. "Only" 73.33% believe family members see the value
- G. Only 62.07% believe friends see the value
 - i. "Militant Modesty?"
 - ii. Are we too Humble?
- H. 90% believe we make a difference in the community and 93% in the world

Reactions to Possible Changes

- A. Food is Important!
 - i. 40% agreed they would be willing to meet without a meal
 - ii. 46% disagreed
- B. Slightly Better to have someone else prepare it
 - i. 53.33% willing to meet at restaurant and pay if they want to eat
 - ii. 46.67% willing to brown bag it
 - iii. 66.67% willing to RSVP by Wednesday E.O.B. for following Tuesday meeting for catered; order only what we need rather than estimate and have lots of leftovers. Only pay if you RSVP.

week. Dale Hetland recommended fining trivia master Brent Brandt for mentioning Christopher Cross among his soft-rock heroes. Gina Monson is back from vacation, and Violet Deilke recommended everyone write a check to treasurer Emily Gess for their happy dollars.

Jerry shared his goal — that everyone contribute to the Foundation. Steve Schaefer spoke of how students are improving the world. Brent reminded members that Giving Hearts Day is just around the corner.

Survey completed by 30 of 50 members

Rotarian of the Day Emily Gess introduced Steve, who reported on members' opinions gathered in the club-wide survey. It was completed by 60% of the membership.

"Responses were mostly positive," he summarized, "with hardly negative or below 50% agreement."

He said eight of the 30 respondents questioned whether the club reflected the community's demographics. Most felt the level of fund-raising was appropriate.

Half a dozen spoke of returning to meeting in person ... or even a hybrid form with some people

face to face and others online. Zoom isn't everybody's favorite; some really want to return to real-life gatherings.

Eric Wilkie asked whether the board is looking at some location and some form of in-person or hybrid structure. Jerry commented that Zoom access must be maintained, while Violet pointed out the MBA is giving members both options.

Steve noted that Concordia, which had closed the campus due to Covid, is opening some venues on a limited basis.

Regarding meeting structure, the results included a variety of opinion on programs. Trivia was very popular. Club communication was rated favorably, with 87% saying we do a good job.

Links to the entire slide deck with all of the survey's results appear in the email that accompanies this edition of the Paddlewheel. A page with all links to specific slides has also been added to our ClubRunner website.

"I hope you'll continue sharing your comments and feedback," he said. "Join us on the membership committee if you'd like to weigh in on these and other subjects." He added, "Perhaps the club vision process needs to happen again."

Looking Ahead

January 19— via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
Club AssemblyJerry Rogers & Gina Monson

January 26 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsGina Monson
Rotarian of the DayViolet Deilke
Program.....Joni Mendenwald, Village Family Service

February 2 — 4th Drive-By Food Drive

February 9 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsMegan Wiesneski
Rotarian of the DayJohn Andreasen
ProgramFM Rotary Foundation, Raanck & Dietz

February 16 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsBrent Brandt
Rotarian of the DayTeresa Joppa
Program.....Steve Astrup, Hospice of the Red River Valley

February 23 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsSteve Astrup
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramJon 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