



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring
Josh Jaster
Megan Wiesneski

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

Life and health coach Pat Metzger speaks on "Your Ultimate Potential" this week. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms, and Kevin Heazlett and Eric Johnson are greeters.

Speaker Dawn Chisholm urges always making safe choices on and off the job

Moorhead Rotary's January 14 meeting started with several invitations to take part in community service projects. Sue Koesterman and Gina Monson passed around a sheet to sign up to help serve a pancake breakfast at Churches United Thursday, Jan. 23. The free meal helps attract homeless individuals to take part in the annual homeless count mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Members signed up for three shifts that morning. The 7:30-9 a.m. group includes Steve Schaefer, Dave Sederquist, Randy Farwell, Bob Hannah, Chris Volkens, Noah Johnson and Eric Johnson. Gary Nolte, Gina Monson and Jerry Rogers will work 8:30-10. Serving from 9:30 to 11 are Tammy Finney, Russ Hanson, Paul Dovre and Dale Hetland.

President Steve Schaefer again encouraged members to sign up for "Feed My Starving Children" on Jan. 30 at the Scheels Arena.

He mentioned that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, part of Rotary's multi-district Initiative to End Human Trafficking. At Monday's City Council meeting, Mayor Johnathan Judd declared the purposeful month will be honored in Moorhead.



Photos/Russ Hanson:
President Steve Schaefer.

Sue Koesterman invites
volunteers to help Jan. 23.

Sergeant at Arms Dave
Sederquist.

Speaker Dawn Chisholm
shares her experience after a
devastating farm accident and
urges attention to workplace
safety.

Sarge Dave advises how to spot 'fake news'

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist drew members' attention to an article in the current Rotarian magazine about spotting fake news. Snopes.com, which was launched in 1995, has been joined by other fact-checking sites, including FactCheck.org, PolitiFact.com and several others.

He suggested members apply a variation of Rotary's 4-Way Test in pursuit of truth and justice:
1) Did it cause strong emotions? Why?
2) What is the original source? Does the story also appear on other sites?
3) Watch and read real news on reputable media.

He invited happy dollars. Members responded with appreciation for warm places, our club's weekly singing, retirements and (of course) the national champion NDSU Bison football team.

Chisholm: 'It takes only seconds to be safe'

Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa introduced our speaker, Dawn Chisholm, and her gripping personal story ... a cautionary tale reminding people to never forget about the few seconds it may take to prevent a tragedy.



Photos/Russ Hanson:

Rotarian of the Day Teresa Joppa.

Sharon Fangsrud, Bill Woods, Violet Deilke and Jerry Rogers.

Tracey Moorhead, Chuck Matthees, Randy Farwell and Gary Nolte.

Guest — Jan. 14

Dawn Chisholm, speaker

Reported Make-ups

Centennial committee – Jerry Rogers, Russ Hanson, Tammy Finney

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul	Jan 07
Astrup, Steve	Jan 10
Riewer, Jon	Jan 14
Finney, Tammy	Jan 29
Filler, Doreen	Jan 30
Belcher, Barb	Jan 31

Wedding Anniversary

Volkers, Chris & Todd	22 years
Jan 04 1998	
Johnson, Gregory & Kelley	8 years
Jan 05 2012	

Rotary Anniversaries

Schwandt, Bill	26 years
Jan 10 1994	
Gulbranson, Patrick	4 years
Jan 12 2016	
Kolb, Ronald	45 years
Jan 14 1975	
Farwell, Randy	19 years
Jan 23 2001	



The rural Hawley woman began her presentation by strapping into a safety harness. It took her 34 seconds ... a fleeting moment in time, but one that could have prevented the tragedy that changed the course of her and her family's lives.

Dawn and her first husband Bill married in 1984, raising three children in rural Clay County. On Feb. 7, 2002, after the 8- and 10-year-olds were dropped off at school and their 11-month-old went to daycare. Bill headed to his job, dressed in sturdy outdoor gear and a double layer of socks.

"If only," she said, "there had been a blizzard that day or a sick kid kept home from school.

Bill worked at the Leonard, N.D., Grain Elevator. He and his colleagues did a little bit of everything — moving grain and grain cars, keeping up the equipment.

"At the end of every day, our routine was to call each other on our way home. Bill didn't answer his cell," Dawn recounted. So she called the elevator office.

When the general manager answered, he asked, "Dawn, are you driving?," he asked her. "I need you to pull over." She did. "Dawn, there's been an incident, and Bill's trapped in a grain bin. We're trying to get him out. Go home ... we'll call you."



She didn't. Instead, she drove 40 miles to the elevator. She could see rescue lights flashing against the bin and a Life Flight helicopter. "It was so cold, and by then 30 or 40 guys were walking around without coats," she remembered. "They were so sad and overheated from working hard to save my husband."

It had turned from a rescue effort to a recovery. Finally they reached him and put him in the ambulance, but it didn't leave. She and a minister went together to see him. "I can still see what he was wearing and what he looked like," she said. "I knew I had to tell the children."

As they were augering out the bin, the corn had gotten stuck. "Bill thought he'd get in quick and get it done. He entered it with no harness, no spotter, no air-quality check and with the auger running," she said. He went to scoop grain along the sides and it came down quickly, knocking him down with his feet in the auger.

"I tell you this not so you'll be sad and shocked," Dawn told the silent Rotarians, "but to remind us to be aware of our daily choices.

"Make good choices — safe choices. Take the few seconds to put on that safety gear. Don't drink and drive. Make the right choices, and remind others." She has made that reminder her new line of work, and frequently talks to all kinds of groups. For more information on her and her life's mission, "If Only," go to www.ifonlyllc.com.

Looking Ahead

January 21

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Program.....Pat Metzger, Your Ultimate Potential
 Greeters.....Kevin Heazlett & Eric Johnson

January 23 — Volunteer Opportunity

Micah's Mission Pancake Breakfast
 Churches United7:30-11 a.m.

January 28

Sergeant at ArmsGina Monson
 Program..Sue Koesterman, Home4All Coalition
 Greeters...Chuck Hendrickson & Greg Johnson

January 30 – Volunteer Opportunity

"Feed My Starving Children" food packing
 Scheels Arena.....7-9 p.m.

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
 GreetersStacey Ackerman & Ron Kolb

February 18

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Program....Carrie Leopold, Inspire Innovation Lab
 Greeters.....Chris Andreasen & Pat Lorensen

February 25

Sergeant at ArmsKay Parries
 Program.....Jay Thoreson, New Life Center
 GreetersJohn Andreasen & Brandon Lunak