



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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

Directors (2022) Chris Andreasen & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2023) Tammy Finney and Steve Astrup
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
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



Coming Up Tuesday ... via Zo

Joni Medenwald, a social worker who is Minnesota Division Director of The Village Family Service Center, speaks to the club this week. Gina Monson is sergeant at arms, and Violet Deilke is Rotarian of the Day.

Officers elected for 2021-2022 club year

Gina Monson will take over the gavel of Moorhead Rotary at the close of the present club year, and Dave Sederquist will step up as president elect July 1. They were elected Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the annual club assembly, held (as usual) via Zoom.

Teresa Joppa and Emily Gess will continue as secretary and treasurer. Chris Andreasen and Steve Schaefer will fill terms on the board of directors left vacant by resignations. Meanwhile, three were elected to three-year terms continuing through 2024: Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons and Megan Wiesneski.

Superintendent reports on schools' reopening

Rotarian Brandon Lunak, Moorhead's superintendent of schools, updated members on the district's return to full-time in-person classes. "I'm feeling good about the return to more in-person learning," he said. School staff are being prioritized for receiving vaccinations for COVID-19; due to the limited supply, he noted that Moorhead teachers who have so far qualified for the shots have had to drive to Minnesota's test site in Fergus Falls.

Moorhead Rotary Club Board Election

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

Sharing good news & happy dollars

President Jerry Rogers led off the weekly collection of happy dollars, welcoming the fact that the 18 members in attendance can all register now for vaccinations as they become available. Brandon, too, was glad that vaccinations are coming, bringing us one step closer to getting back to normal. He added that his son is headed for Air National Guard basic training.

Gina applauded all the members who, she said, were going to sign up for the Drive-By Food Drive coming up Feb. 2. Dale Hetland said thanks for good movies, and Russ Hanson for sunny days.

Chris Andreasen expressed gratitude to his father-in-law ... and for the Cleveland Browns.

Steve Astrup spoke of his appreciation for being just two weeks away from his second dose of vaccine, and Tracey for having had her first shot. "I'm glad we have Zoom, and that hopefully we'll be able to travel to see our grandchildren again," she noted. Rob Remark spoke of his third baby coming in March, and he and his wife's upcoming "pre-baby" getaway.

Gina presented the slate of officers and asked for additional nominees, of which there were none. The proposed slate was elected unanimously.

Treasurer reviews club finances and grants

Treasurer Emily Gess shared an overview of the club's fund-raising success and the grants it supports. The two main sources of revenue, she noted, are income from members and the annual Travel Raffle, which nets an average of \$14,000.

This year's revenue has supported \$5,000 in grants to community organizations, \$5,000 to the Lynne Kovash Scholarship, \$3,000 for the annual dictionary project, and \$1,000 for the five-club Rotary Natural Playgrounds being planned for Memorial Park in Moorhead.

Members discussed the number of tickets sold in the raffle and how winners take their top prizes —

as the headlined trips, as \$1,000 cash in lieu of the trips, or as \$2,000 vouchers for travel they plan themselves. It was noted that the club profits more when winners take cash or vouchers.

Meeting locations considered

Steve Schaefer reported that the board is looking for a location for hybrid meetings combining in-person attendance and continued video broadcasts for those who prefer to continue distancing. Eric Wilkie suggested returning to the Hjemkomst Center's basement meeting room, where the club met until two years ago. Brandon offered space in the new School Operations Center's board room. It was noted that the ops center is equipped with the latest technology.

Sign up now for the next Food Drive

Gina updated members on plans for our fourth food drive for Churches United and the Dorothy Day Food Pantry. The drive will take the place of the club's regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 2. She urged members to sign up for a shift during the shortened hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. She is also distributing a graphic that can be printed out as a poster and be shared on Facebook and other social media.

[A link to the web page where volunteers can sign up is in the cover email of this edition of the Paddlewheel.](#)

Looking Ahead

January 26 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsGina Monson
Rotarian of the DayViolet Deilke
ProgramJoni Medenwald, The Village Family Service Center

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
ProgramSteve 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 ArmsDave Sederquist
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramAnne Hoefgen, Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota, Access Kiosks