



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Steve Astrup
President-Elect Tim Hiller
President Nominee
Treasurer Dave Sederquist
Secretary Teresa Joppa
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Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
Directors (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul January 7
Astrup, Steve January 10
Riewer, Jon January 14
Finney, Tammy January 29

Anniversary

Johnson, Gregory & Kelley 13 years
Jan. 05 2012

Rotary Anniversaries



Tuesday, January 28

Heather Ranck joins us Tuesday to talk about her club's dictionary project. John Andreasen will be sergeant at arms.

Legacy Ed Foundation director describes support of Moorhead's teachers & students

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to the Moorhead Schools Operations Center for their regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21. Joining us were Rotary exchange student Elle Zimerman and Janelle Leiseth, executive director of the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation, a prospective Rotarian.

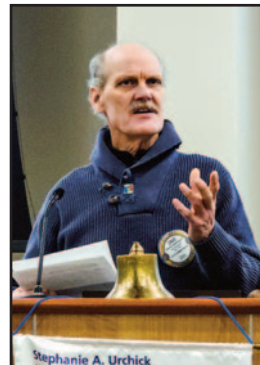
He noted that the club board of directors will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Sanders Flats.

Exchange student Elle Zimerman reported on the recent meeting of local exchange students, where she met the outbound students planning to spend next year in Germany and Brazil. She has also been speaking on her experiences to Fargo clubs.

Sarge Dave tells of past inaugurations

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared facts about some previous presidential inaugurations — the longest, the shortest, the one president sworn in by a female judge, and who had to redo his oath several times.

Dave's call for happy dollars was met first by Jean Hannig, who was happy about the meeting of exchange students in Brainerd on which Elle reported. Kay Parries reported, "Elle gave a wonderful presentation in Fargo," where Kay was visiting as district governor. Teresa Joppa



Photos/Nancy Hanson: President Steve Astrup. Janelle Leiseth, director of the Legacy Education Foundation. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Teresa Joppa & happy buck. Eric Wilkie, Dale Hetland and Bill Woods.



Photos:

Elle Zimmerman,

Bill Woods,

Alex Aldrich,

Cindy Nolte.



"apologized" for spending last week at a place that was warm, thereby accepting responsibility for the miserably cold weather at home. Cindy Nolte told of her mother's love and family gathered for her funeral.

Dave ended with a quote from President Trump: "In America, the impossible is what we do best."

Scholarships, impact grants, classroom supplies are provided by Legacy Ed

Dave introduced Janelle Leiseth, executive director of the Legacy Education Foundation and a prospective Moorhead Rotarian. Janelle, who was named to her position in mid-2024, has been active in the community, along with her husband Matt, for decades. The mother of four serves on the boards of the Gooseberry Park Players and several church boards, most recently helping guide Trinity's remodeling project. A native of Lisbon, N.D., and longtime Moorhead resident, Janelle was a member of the foundation board for six years before being tapped to head its growing fund-raising and grant-making programs.

The Legacy Education Foundation represents a merger of two education-oriented projects: the scholarship program originally known as Dollars for Scholars, and the younger organization founded by late Rotarian Lynne Kovash as Food for Thought to provide breakfast and snacks for students and basic needs requests from teachers and staff.

In the past year, the foundation awarded

graduating Spuds \$98,000 in scholarships. This fall, educators received \$13,000 in Spud Impact Grants, used for everything from materials for welding students to build adjustable desks that accommodate wheelchairs to grief counseling materials for students who have lost family members.



While the foundation's primary mission is meeting the needs of students, teachers and staff, it has supported the schools in other ways as well. Among them: publication of "Once a Spud," the 150-year Spud history book. It is involved in history walls and displays and campus upgrades, such as the new scoreboard and future building requests.

Scholarship money has come from two sources — the foundation's substantial endowment for that purpose managed by the FM Area Foundation (\$70,000) and the annual Spud Phonathon, which most recently raised \$20,000. Each fall, the foundation seeks memberships in its 152 Giving Club and donations during Spud Giving Days.

Giving Hearts Day (coming up Feb. 11) typically reaches a goal of \$25,000. "This year, we hope to double that," Janelle predicted.

Looking Ahead

January 28

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
ProgramHeather Ranck,
.....Rotary School Dictionary Project

January 29 — Board Meeting

4 p.m., Sanders Flats meeting room

February 4

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Program

February 11

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program

February 18

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program

February 25

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Program