



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Welcome New Members!

Kevin Heazlett
American Crystal Sugar

Rob Remark
JLG Architects

Matt Hallaway
Oak Grove High School

Chris Andreasen
Pathways

Ernest Simmons
Concordia Prof. Emeritus

Abby Gold
NDSU Dept./Public Health

*Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
Club 970
District 5580*

President John Andreasen/Dave Sederquist/Corey Elmer

President-Elect Steve Schaefer
President Nominee 2020-2021 Jerry Rogers

President Nominee 2021-2022 Gina Monson

Treasurer Doreen Filler
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Corey Elmer

Directors (term expires 2018)
Eric Wilkie, Dale Hetland, Gina Monson & Brent Brandt

Directors (2019)
Tammy Finney, John Andreasen & Brett Drevlow

Directors (2020)
Jerry Rogers & Pat Gulbranson

Directors (2021)
Emily Gess, Dave Sederquist & Rob Mounts

RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte

Sergeant at Arms Team
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson, Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig

Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt, Bob Hanna, John Andreasen

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Coming Up Tuesday

Welcome to the new year! Stacey Ackerman and her daughter Emily Pringle will tell us about their Rotary mission to Bolivia. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and Emily Gess and Chris Volkler are greeters.

Paul Dovre delivers annual Christmas message to wrap up 2018 for Rotary

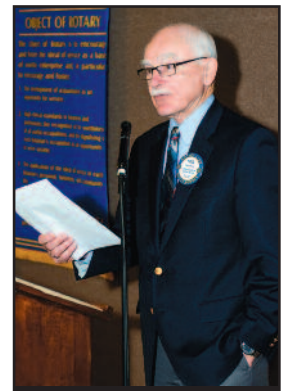
Moorhead Rotarians wrapped up 2018 on Dec. 18 with their final meeting of the year, one featuring — as tradition dictates — a well-crafted holiday message from retired Concordia president Dr. Paul Dovre. They were also buoyed by much-loved Hjemkomst volunteer Donna's personal rendition of "I Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Dale Hetland reminded members of the first service project of the new year — packing supplies for "Feed My Starving Children" on Jan. 31, a project of all five F-M clubs.

Sergeant Cindy shares int'l president's greetings, urging 'curiosity & courage'

Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte shared a message from Rotary International President Barry Rassin — the December issue with the wayward flamingo. He saluted the bird, saying "One is going in the opposite direction from all the others. Change, careful and considered, is important for all organizations. ... Have curiosity and courage."

Cindy skipped fines and summoned happy dollars. Steve Schaefer contributed for a successful children's party and Dave Sederquist for his luck in fantasy football. Tom Riley said, "This is a fun club to visit!" Violet Deilke's bucks were for the great Christmas party. Sue Koesterman saluted the



Photos/Russ Hanson: Bill Craft, Paul Dovre and Ron Kolb. President John Andreasen. Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte. (Middle row) Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup and Paul Dovre, who delivered his annual Christmas message.

merger of Churches United for the Homeless and the Dorothy Day House on the last day of the year. Chuck Matthees celebrated his 70th birthday. Bill Schwandt was grateful for the warm welcome after being gone so often. Bill Kraft was grateful for the good health of his grandson, who had a dicey start a year ago but is doing well.

Dovre's message equates 'riding the tiger' with yielding to seven deadly sins

Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup introduced Rotarian Paul Dovre for his annual Christmas message ... a club tradition going back several decades.

Moorhead Rotarian Paul Suomala died Friday, surrounded by his family and wife of 54 years, Dorothy. He had been a member of our club for 22 years. A visitation is planned at Wright Funeral Home Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m., with his funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Hjemkomst volunteer Donna sings "I Wish You a Merry Christmas." Guest Sarah Schultz and Brent Brandt. Mardie Dovre and Tracey Moorhead. Tracey and Paul Dovre. (Lower left) Abby Gold, Tom Riley and Bill Woods.

Paul began with a reminder of the good news and warnings delivered by John the Baptist in Luke 3. John, he said, was the first prophet since Malachi, and the Jews were anxious to hear his message: "Repent."

"Repent" is a Greek word meaning to take stock and turn your life around; in his words, he urged people to get ready for the savior. He spoke to multiple audiences — Herod, soldiers, tax collectors and especially those with abundance. It's relevant today, he said: We should think of what we have and what we can share.

Paul told an old story of a boy who wanted to ride the tiger and jumped on his back. "The tiger came back with a satisfied look on his face," he pointed out ... having eaten the boy. He equated the tiger with the seven deadly sins. "What tiger are you riding?" he asked. "Deceit, sin, pride ...?"

Think about changing that plan and getting off now.

John the Baptist, he continued called out not only to the church but to politicians. "Is the abandonment of core democratic values taking our country down the road to ruin, as it did the Greeks?" he mused aloud.

Then he turned to better news. "The tigers will all be buried with Christ," he said. "All will be renewed."

He cited evidence that the church and communities are recommitting themselves to assisting the homeless and refugees. "Is there any good political news?" he continued.

He suggested we look to George H.W. Bush — "not a perfect man, but a good man" — and renew the wish for honorable and just government service.

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul	Jan 07
Astrup, Steve	Jan 10
Riewer, Jon	Jan 14
Stauffer, Dan	Jan 23
Filler, Doreen	Jan 30
Belcher, Barb	Jan 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Volkers, Chris & Todd	
Jan 04 1998	21 years
Johnson, Gregory & Kelley	
Jan 05 2012	7 years
Kovash, Lynne & Dennis	
Jan 13 1971	48 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Schwandt, Bill	25 years
Jan 10 1994	
Gulbranson, Patrick	3 years
Jan 12 2016	
Kolb, Ronald	44 years
Jan 14 1975	
Farwell, Randy	18 years
Jan 23 2001	
Beaton, Tim	8 years
Jan 25 2011	
Kovash, Lynne	17 years
Jan 29 2002	

Looking Ahead

January 8

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program.....Stacey Ackerman & Emily Pringle,
 Rotary mission to Bolivia
 GreetersEmily Gess & Chris Volkers

January 15

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the Day
 ProgramScott Kostohryz (tent.), Moorhead Police
 Athletic & Activities League
 GreetersScott Greelis & Sam Wai

January 22

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program.....Exchange student Nicolas
 GreetersRay Grefsheim & Eric Wilkie

January 29

Sergeant at Arms
 Rotarian of the Day
 ProgramMember talks by 3 Rotarians
 Greeters.....Pat Gulbranson & Scott Wilkie

January 29 — 'Feed My Starving Children'

Have you logged into Clubrunner lately? It's a great source of information on club members and activities, and includes an archive of Paddlewheels as well as contact information on all our members.

If you don't know your login and password, first go to our page, <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1335>. Go to "login" in the upper right. If you don't know your information, click "forgot my login" and "forgot my password." You'll be prompted to enter new choices.