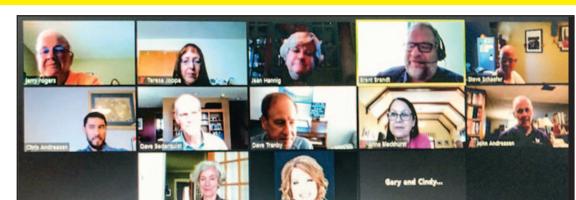


The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring Josh Jaster

Megan Wiesneski **Dylan Connell**

President Jerry Roger President-Elect Gina Monson President Nominee 2021-2022

David Sederquist Treasurer **Emily Gess** Secretary Teresa Joppa Past President John Andreasen

Directors (2020) Ernie Simmons,

Pat Gulbranson and Greg Johnson Directors (2021) Kevin Heazlett and Tracey Moorhead

Tammy Finney Directors (2022) and Steve Astrup

RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte Sergeant at Arms Team

> Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson & Jean Hannig

Sharon Fangsrud Song Leaders Bill Schwandt. Bob Hanna

Photographer Russ Hanson

Other F-M Rotary Meetings

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

Monday: FM/PM Rotary

Paddlewheel Editor

Nancy Edmonds Hanson

See You Tuesday ... in the flesh!

We'll see you IN PERSON this week! We're meeting at noon in the large shelter at Gooseberry Park ... our first face-to-face meeting since March! We will observe all COVID-19 safety precautions: Social distancing of at least 6 feet ... face masks recommended ... hand sanitizer available ... and bring your own lunch. The shelter will be sanitized by the Parks Department before our arrival. We will meet as usual except no singing.

Cindy Nolte is our sergeant at arms. Our speaker is Jared Pigeon, chief diversity officer at MSUM, who'll address "What George Floyd Means to Me."

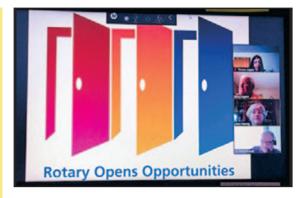
The centennial planning committee will meet at 11:15 a.m. and the board will get together after the meeting at 1:15 p.m.,

Jean Hannig presents overview of Rotary International goals & programs

President Jerry Rogers welcomed 16 members who attended the club's weekly meeting in cyberspace on July 14. He announced several changes and a resignation: Dale Hetland will be the new Rotary Foundation representative on the board, and Megan Wiesneski is the new youth protection officer. The club has received the resignation of Zach Heuring, who has a new job that will prevent him from attending meetings.

He explained that all pandemic precautions will be observed on July 21 when we meet in person at

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Gooseberry Park. The park department will sanitize the large shelter for our use, and members are asked to observe social distancing, wear masks to prevent spread and take advantage of hand sanitizer that will be provided. Each member is asked to bring his or her own lunch.

Sergeant Anne discusses Rotary relevance

Sergeant at Arms Anne Blackhurst noted critics are questioning the relevance of higher education, preand post-pandemic. "So I decided to address the relevance of Rotary and other service clubs," she said. Looking at the organization's primary causes and services, she said, she was taken aback: "Disease prevention, promoting peace, growing local economies, disaster response, supporting education ... how much more relevant can you get?"

She noted the next day (July 15) was Give Something Away Day, and suggested members observe it by giving away masks and sanitizer, sharing compliments, doing a kindness, sharing food, good and clothing ... all ways each of us can be generous and helpful.

Happy dollars piled up. Chris Andreasen's donation

July Birthdays

Benson, Jon Jul 06
Erbes, Roger Jul 16
Qualey, Neil Jul 17
Fangsrud, Sharon Jul 21
Parries, Kay Jul 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Koesterman, Sue & Michael
Jul 05 1980 40 years
Rogers, Jerry & SueJul 18 1970
50 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 40 years
Jul 01 1980

Wilkie, Eric 9 years
Jul 01 2011

Schaefer, Steve 18 years

28 years

Jul 21 1992

Jul 02 2002

Qualey, Neil

reflected his pleasure at being able to walk to work. David Tranby got to watch his grandson from the Twin Cities play hockey here; he performed a hat trick, and many (said Dave) enjoyed wearing masks. Dave Sederquist celebrated his week-long vacation with his three sons and granddaughter Dottie. Steve Schaefer's son scored a hat trick, too, but he didn't even know what the term meant. Jean spent time in Chicago visiting family; her brother has recovered from COVID but still has some health challenges. She reported that 90% of people aboard her plane were masked. Brent applauded Anne and Russ's being present and promoted the parkinglot Bingo fund-raiser

She closed with one of her favorite quotes by Anne Frank: "No one ever became poor by giving."

Jean Hannig shares more about Rotary

"Rotary is first of all a service club. It needs to do service to be relevant," program presented Jean Hannig said, carrying the theme forward.

She cited the international organization's three doors, or opportunities for service. "Rotarians are people of action," she said, citing Paul Harris and the past motto "Service Above Self." With international offices in seven countries, the club values diversity: "We are intentionally inclusive, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, economic status, culture, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity," she noted.

With six major areas of focus, Rotary's goal is to build relationships and improve lives. "Take action!" she said. "Travel and visit other Rotary clubs when you get a chance."

She added, "Now we can all Zoom and go anywhere we want!"

President is still looking for volunteer

Jerry announced that Jean has volunteered to be our new program chair. She may find speakers who can address our areas of focus.

He is now looking for volunteers to help improve the club's media and web presence

Looking Ahead

July 21 — Gooseberry Park

July 28 — F-M Rotary Golf Tournament

Most Moorhead Rotary meetings will probably continue to be conducted virtually via Zoom for the remainder of 2020, since Concordia is not permitting outside groups from meeting on campus. The board will continue to look at when, where and how indoor meetings will be able to resume.