



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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New Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring
Josh Jaster
Megan Wiesneski
Dylan Connell

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) Ernie Simmons,
Pat Gulbranson and Greg Johnson
Directors (2021) 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

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

Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms this week. The to be announced.

The club will continue to meet via Zoom for the month of June. We're discussing returning to Concordia in July and what precautions would be involved to prevent spread of COVID-19. Note that the link to log into the meeting is the same every week.



Speaker Than Beardson of Unseen

'Unseen' works with groups around world to combat human trafficking

President Steve Schaefer welcome 24 Moorhead Rotarians to a virtual meeting, along with visiting Rotarian Greg Carlson of Bismarck. He thanked three members for helping out at the taping of the Moorhead High School virtual graduation that morning, including Jerry Rogers, Jean Hannig and Russ Hanson. The program will be broadcast at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7, online at spuds.tv.

Tammy Finney reported that the club's logo shirts, delayed for several months by pandemic-related closures, are being embroidered and will be available in early June. Emily said that payment could be made through the quarterly Rotary billing if members contacted her immediately ... or put your check for \$25 in with payment of your dues.Br

Sergeant at Arms Stacey points out highlights in 'Rotarian', talks about CARES

After trivia master Brent Brandt quizzed members on famous war movies, Sergeant at Arms Stacey Ackerman drew members' attention to the current month's Rotarian magazine, its photo edition. "It's so inspirational to see other Rotary clubs' fund-raising and charitable good works," she observed.

Drawing on her professional knowledge with the Wells Fargo Wealth Management Group, she highlighted three points members should know about in the federal CARES Act, all related to their charitable contributions.

1. Everyone can claim a deduction for up to \$300 given to charity, including those who don't itemize.
2. The usual regioned minimum distributions from IRAs are waived this year. If you do take one for a gift to charity, that too can be deducted.



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Visitor — May 26

Than Baardson, Unseen

Visiting Rotarian

Greg Carlson, Bismarck

June Birthdays

Baldwin, Jill	Jun 09
Farwell, Randy	Jun 18
Joppa, Teresa	Jun 27
Wright, Edgar	Jun 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy	Jun 03 1958	62 years
Qualey, Neil & Carmen	Jun 15 1968	52 years
Wai, Sam & Coralie	Jun 20 1976	44 years
Tranby, Dave & Sharon	Jun 22 1974	46 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Deilke, Violet	4 years
Jun 04 1996	

3. The limit is waived this year for new charitable gifts.

Fargo-based charity works in 35 countries to aid 40.3 million in slavery

Dave Sederquist introduced our speaker, Than Baardson, whom he has known since he was a child. Baardson is co-founder and CEO of Unseen, a nonprofit that works as the marketing arm of charities around the world that seek to combat human trafficking — serving to build their capacity to fight human trafficking and its root causes.

Baardson told Rotarians that 40.3 million people of all ages around the world are trapped in slavery. One out of four of them is a child. Living in extreme poverty, an estimated 150 million orphans are a major source for traffickers. Human trafficking is when a person is forced into a service against their will — usually forced work or prostitution. Often one person controls another by exploiting a vulnerability. The control can be physical, financial, or psychological. It's believed to be the world's fastest growing criminal industry.

According to his website, weareunseen.org, Economics is the root cause of the trade. Trafficking is cost-effective, meeting consumers' demand for low-priced goods and services. It's profitable.

This leads to recruiting and coercing low-cost laborers or slaves to produce goods (clothing, coffee, fish) and offer services (paid sex, domestic help) at lower prices and higher volume. This labor is performed by the most economically desperate, who are at high risk of exploitation.

Unseen was founded in Fargo nine years ago.

Rotary Foundation Golf Outing

The FM Rotary Foundation Golf Outing will be at the Moorhead Country Club again this year on Tuesday, July 28, beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon. The four-person scramble is followed by a dinner with awards and door prizes.

If you're interested in playing, sponsoring a hole or contributing a door prize, please email Dave Tranby at dtranby@aol.com.

Registration forms will be sent with a future Paddlewheel.

Baardson said the nonprofit helps carefully vetted organizations around the world build their fundraising capacity and increase support through websites, videos, slide decks and print materials. The organization produces about 100 projects to help on the scene carry out their work. While its partners work closely with their governments and local law enforcement, his website explains the that most victims are afraid or prevented from reporting directly to official sources, creating a need for trusted third parties to identify vulnerable people, manage prevention programs, raise public awareness, provide aftercare, and train frontline professionals.

Originally a firefighter, Baardson now works with international clients as a broadcast journalist, speaker, documentary filmmaker, photographer, writer and communications specialist.

Asked about the local area, he cited a disturbing trend of child porn and exploitation. "Local law enforcement are working hard against it," he said.

Looking Ahead

June 2 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program

June 9 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Sam Wai
Program

June 16 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Program.....Lori Van Beek, MATBUS Update

June 23 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsPat Gulbranson
Program.....Evert Van Engellenhoven,
Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley

June 30 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
Program

We will continue to meet virtually for the month of June. Concordia is tentatively planning to allow us to begin meeting in person in July and we are in conversation with them about what that would look like for recommended social distancing during meetings, food preparation and service as well as continuing to offer a virtual, live-stream of the in-person meetings.

July 28 — F-M Rotary Golf Tournament