



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

Adam Altenburg gives us a report on progress of the F-M Diversion Project at our Zoom meeting Tuesday. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms. President-elect Jerry Rogers will lead the meeting

Furniture Mission of RRV provides for victims of fire or flood, formerly homeless

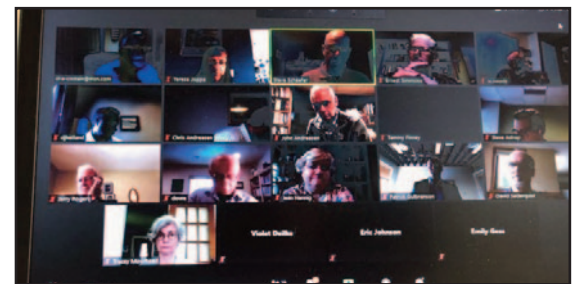
President Steve Schaefer welcomed 21 Rotarians to the last meeting at which he'll preside as his term of office ends. He announced two personal notes about two absent members: Russ Hanson broke his femur Monday and will be hospitalized for three to five days, then spend two weeks in transitional care regaining his mobility; and Kevin Heazlett's wife has been diagnosed with cancer.

Drive-By Food Drive nets 1,070 pounds

The club's Drive-By Food Drive on June 16 collected a total of 1,070 pounds of food and grocery items. The contributions — from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on a day whose high was 97 degrees — were delivered to the Dorothy Day Food Pantry, along with cash donations of \$150.

The drive-through collection respected all COVID-19 precautions, including social distancing and face masks.

In addition to members who braved the scorching sun and heat in the parking lot at Concordia's Bogstad Hall, Steve offered thanks to Teresa Joppa for arranging for the portable sign and donating supplies. He also thanked two volunteers from the Moorhead Business Association, Sheri Larson and Nick Lehr. He suggested the club may want to repeat the event in August or September.



Photos: Teresa Joppa

Club gets awards at District 5580 conference

Jean Hannig reported that the club received two awards during District 5580's virtual awards ceremony. The recognition saluted the club's Rotary Foundation giving and funds raised for Polio Plus through the Recital with a Cause.

A return to face-to-face meetings

President Steve said the club will return to meeting in its usual location at Concordia College from July 14 through Aug. 18. Our meal will be served as box lunches. Concordia has asked us to move off-campus after students arrive. The matter was to be discussed at the next meeting. Meetings will also be streamed via Zoom for members who cannot, or prefer not to, attend in person.

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	24 years
Jun 04 1996	

Sergeant at Arms Pat reviews Rotary causes

Sergeant at Arms Pat Gulbranson reviewed the six causes of Rotary International: to promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene supplies; save mothers and children; support education; and grow local economies.

The first happy dollars saluted Teresa's efforts for the food drive, as well as Brent Brandt's interview on KVRRTV, part of the good PR we received. Jean reported that our student Frida made it home to Finland safely and is in a 14-day quarantine; she told Jean she had "the greatest year ever, despite the circumstances."

Steve put a happy dollar in the pot for his visit with his father-in-law in assisted living, as well as exchange student Esther's return to her home in Ghana. She has come down with COVID-19, but her symptoms are mild.

President-elect Jerry Rogers donated \$5 to thank Steve for his service this year. Gary Nolte told about a successful presentation to the Thunder Bay Rotary. Violet Deilke thanked those who have picked up their embroidered Moorhead Rotary shirts, reminding the rest that their shirts are still waiting at her shop on the north side of the Moorhead Center Mall.

Tammy Finney's happy dollar was for the feature photo and story about the food drive in the Moorhead Extra. Sue Koesterman's donation marked the drive's success, along with a successful virtual meeting about the Silver Linings Apartments project.

Costain tells of Furniture Mission of RRV and its support for people in need

Darryl Costain, executive director of Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley, told the story of the 501c3 organization and its mission to provide gently used furniture and household goods to people in crisis. These people in crisis include, but are not limited to, individuals or families who have suffered loss of their household belongings due to fire, storms, or flood or people starting a new life

after homelessness, significant financial loss, abusive situations, or even incarceration. This organization is Christian-based and serves the needs of people regardless of religion, race or sexual preference.

The Furniture Mission receives donated furnishings from a variety of sources. Darryl noted it comes from estates, elderly people who are downsizing, householders who have replaced old furniture with new purchases, the hospitality industry while updating facilities, funeral homes assisting families disposing of their loved ones' possessions, and divorcing couples splitting up households. He said, "Tomorrow we have six pick-ups scheduled."

All of the furniture and mattresses are sanitized before they're delivered to their new owners. Only those who have been referred to the agency are allowed to choose and pick up what they need.

Asked about how the agency is supported, Darryl told members they receive donations from those whose furniture they pick up and Giving Hearts Day. Staffing is kept to a minimum to conserve funds. The group has been given its warehouse, truck and similar needs.

Volunteers are always needed. "We need help on the truck moving furniture," Darryl said. "We work with Fraser Hall to use their 'young backs' — another ministry for us."

Help is also needed in the warehouse from 1 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday. Volunteers inventory the furniture as it comes in and goes out. They also wipe down all incoming items and sanitize the mattresses.

"If you feel a passion for helping the less fortunate, join us at an upcoming Zoom meeting," he said. "We need your voice." Connect with the mission on Facebook and its website, www.furnituremissionrrv.org.

President-elect Jerry to preside June 30

President-elect Jerry Rogers will take up the gavel a week early. He'll preside on Tuesday in the absence of Steve Schaefer, who plants to be vacationing in the Boundary Waters. A real gavel-passing ceremony will take place after the club returns to meeting in person in July.

Looking Ahead

June 30 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramAdam Altenburg, "FM Diversion
Recreation Plan"

July 28 — F-M Rotary Golf Tournament