



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
President-Elect Steve Schaefer
President Nominee 2020-2021 Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022 Gina Monson
Treasurer Emily Gess
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 & Jean Hannig

Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,
Bob Hanna, Brent Brandt
Photographer Russ Hanson
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Coming Up Tuesday

You're on your own for lunch this week. Instead of our regular noon meeting, Moorhead Rotary will gather at the brand-new Usher's House restaurant on the corner of Eighth Street and Main Avenue. First on the agenda, at 4 p.m., is an orientation session for our new members. The club social is 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. As usual, you're on your own for beverages.

Member Steve Schaefer talks about the 'many hats we wear as Rotarians'

President John Andreasen kicked off Tuesday's meeting with a welcome for guest Allie Ackerman, daughter of member Stacey. Allie, who has accompanied her mom on Rotary missions, was celebrating her 18th birthday and graduation from Fargo North High School.

Big doings this week at Usher's House

Eric Wilkie reminded the club of the new member orientation and social that replaces the regular meeting on Tuesday. Orientation begins at 4, and the social is scheduled from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. You're welcome to bring your spouse and a guest to enjoy the food and fun and get a taste of Moorhead's newest restaurant, the reinvented Usher's House.

A highlight, according to the Travel Raffle committee's Violet Deilke, will be the announcement of the seventh and final trip of the year at 5:15 p.m.

Sarge Stacey recommends inspiring reads

Sergeant at Arms Stacey Ackerman recommended



Photos/Russ Hanson: President John Andreasen. Song leader Bill Schwandt. Sergeant at Arms Stacey Ackerman. Incoming president Steve Schaefer, whose member talk was the program.

some reading that proves the world really is getting better: *Factfulness — Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World and Why Things Are Better than You Think* and *The Moment of Lift — How Empowering Women Changes the World*, Melinda Gates' new book. She added another uplifting fact, saying, "18 million people in the world today can walk due to a polio vaccination, and 400 million kids are vaccinated each year."

After the club applauded its veterans, whom she asked to stand, she called for happy dollars. Among them: Gary Nolte's presenting the colors Friday on the USS Block Island aircraft carrier. Paul Dovre congratulated Tracey Moorhead on her retirement and birthday. Dave Sederquist thanked members who have volunteered to give talks; several more spoke up. Jerry Rogers was proud of the Lady Gophers softball team, who are at their first NCAA Division I World Series.

Bill Woods pointed out the story on Rod McLarnan's work as a literacy volunteer in the Sunday paper. Steve Schaefer told of taking his sons to Colombia: "It was a joy to see the world



Photos/Russ Hanson: Brad Donabauer, Dave Sederquist (standing), Tammy Finney, Bill Woods and Alma Cater. Sue Koesterman, Ernie Simmons, Paul Dovre and Randy Farwell. Bill Schwandt and Steve Schaefer.

Guests 5-28

Allie Ackerman, daughter of Stacey Ackerman

Visiting Rotarians

Dan Suckert, Fargo Downtown

June Birthdays

- Brandt, Brent Jun 01
- Baldwin, Jill Jun 09
- Schwandt, Bill Jun 09
- Farwell, Randy Jun 18
- Joppa, Teresa Jun 27
- Wright, Edgar Jun 27

Wedding Anniversaries

- Dovre, Paul & Mardy Jun 03 1958
61 years
- Qualey, Neil & Carmen Jun 15 1968
51 years
- Wai, Samuel & Coralie Jun 20 1976
43 years
- Tranby, Dave & Sharon Jun 22 1974
45 years

Rotary Anniversary

- Deilke, Violet 23 years
Jun 04 1996

through their eyes.” Bill Schwandt said his own son is in Africa on a Concordia seminar and has sent home entertaining photos.

Stacey wrapped up by reminding us that we can be the change the world awaits: “We can move the ‘river’ closer to people in need.”

Incoming president shares travels with sons

Rotarian Steve Schaefer, who takes over the gavel as president in July, stepped forward with a member talk about his Rotary experience and seeing the world through the eyes of his sons, first grader Noah and sixth grader Sam. The family traveled to Colombia in May to visit daughter Rachael, who has been teaching English at a college there through a Fulbright scholarship. She has been notified she can spend a second year there as well.

Steve showed slides from their trip and visit to Manizales, the mountain city where she teaches. The captions, he pointed out, were all in Spanish; Noah is going to give the same presentation to his Spanish immersion class here in Moorhead. Among the sights he showed were several

images of the good food they enjoyed (Noah’s choices) and scenes from a basket company, where they got to try their own hands at weaving baskets.

Steve brought a selection of caps along to illustrate another of his points, that Rotarians should be mindful of the many ways we make a difference in our families, at work, in our churches and through Rotary. “We all wear many hats,” he told the group.

He brought five of his own to illustrate his point. The first was one he got from his grandma upon his graduation — a reminder of his roots.

Another was a gift from a student at Concordia, where he’s senior associate director of international admissions. The Cobber brought it back from a trip to the Olympics in Brazil.

He mentioned a message from the District 5580 governor at the district conference last month in Minot. “He urged us to impact others in large ways ... but also the small but noticeable ways that each of us can affect each other. Together, we can make a difference.”

Looking Ahead

June 4 — Orientation & Social

No regular noon meeting. Instead ... member social from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Usher’s, corner of Eighth Street and Main Avenue. New member orientation at 4 p.m.

June 11

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program.....Committee reports
Greeters.....Jean Hannig & Bill Schwandt

June 18

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Rotarian of the Day.....Scott Greelis
Program.....Joe & Kate Flug of K9 Crew, urban K9
detective and training
GreetersKevin Heazlett & Ernie Simmons

June 25

Sergeant at Arms.....Pat Gulbranson
ProgramMember talks
Greeters.....Chuck Hendrickson & Dave Tranby