



# 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



MATbus director Lori Van Beek

### Coming up Tuesday via Zoom

Rotarian Sue Koesterman of Churches United for the Homeless gives our program this week on their new Silver Linings Apartments. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms.

### Rotarians hop aboard the MATBUS with talk by Van Beek and Haak

President Steve Schaefer welcomed speakers Lori Van Beek and Taaryn Haak of MATBUS, along with exchange student Frida Lehtonen and 19 members, to Moorhead Rotary via Zoom. He told them, "We hope to be back at Concordia in July." The integration of virtual online meetings now extends to Rotary International, where meetings are on the (truly) worldwide web.

He noted the annual awards program and gavel exchange between him and incoming president Jerry Rogers are being planned ... and that the club still needs a volunteer to serve as program coordinator to replace Dave Sederquist, who moves up to president elect.

### Last trip of the year winner announced

Zach Heuring of the Travel Raffle Committee announced winners of the final monthly prizes. Ron Kolb sold the winning ticket for the trip to Mary Jane Langseth of Glyndon. Kay Parries purchased the ticket that snagged \$200 in cash, and Sue Koesterman's daughter Carolyn won the last \$100 dinner certificate for Rustica.

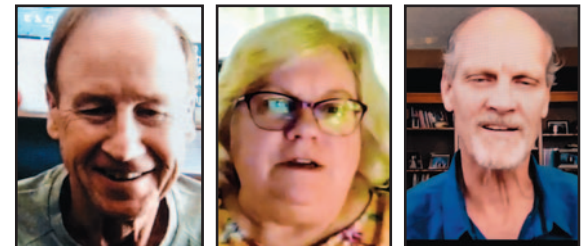
### Fall student exchanges cancelled

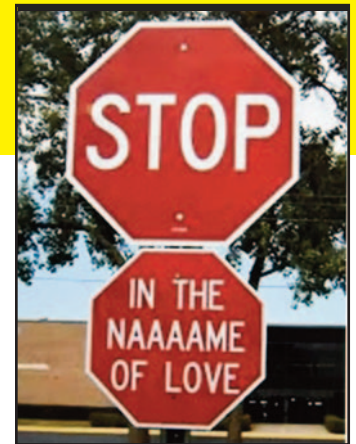
Jean Hannig reported that CSRYE — Central

States Rotary Youth Exchange — has cancelled youth exchanges for Fall 2020. Most embassies around the world are closed due to the pandemic, she said, so travel visas are not available. Many schools, too, are unsure of being able to meet in person, eliminating the key part of the experience.

### 'Who knows Moorhead?' Brent queries

Trivia master Brent Brandt questioned members on key dates in Moorhead history. The city, named for William G. Moorhead, was platted in 1871. Its school district dates back to 1873 and the library to 1906. MSUM was founded in 1887 and Concordia in 1891, and the Moorhead DQ opened in 1949.





Signs from Dave Sederquist's talk

## Visitors — June 2

Lori Van Beek and Taaryn Haak,  
MATBUS speakers  
Frida Lehtonen

## 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	

## Sarge Dave collects happy dollars

After sharing a series of amusing signs (*some shown above*), Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist called for happy dollars. Gary Nolte went first with news of his and Cindy's granddaughter getting her first drivers license and then a new job. Jean Hannig saluted her grandson's award. John Andreasen approved the photo of him and his granddaughter in last week's Paddlewheel. Dave Tranby reminded members of the five-club Rotary Golf Scramble coming up July 28, which is looking for sponsors and golfers. Steve and Therese Schaefer are celebrating their 28th anniversary, and Paul and Marnie Dove their 62nd.

## MATBUS provides essential service for F-M

Rotarian of the Day Chris Volkers — who soon leaves the club for her new job in the Twin Cities — introduced speakers Lori Van Beek and Taaryn Haak. Lori has been with MATBUS (Metropolitan Area Transport) for 37 years; as transit manager, she's involved in route planning, grantwriting and other leadership duties. Taaryn is the multi-city system's marketing and communications director.

Because the metro area now exceeds 250,000 people and involves two states, the system's funding comes from the federal government plus both North Dakota and Minnesota. Its seven fixed

routes connect the whole community from West Fargo to Dilworth, offering nearly 2 million rides in 2019. It also offers MAT Paratransit and Metro Senior Rides.

MATBUS has received \$2.5 million in pandemic funding through the CARES Act, since it is an essential services. All fare collection was suspended March 23; passengers come in the back doors, and barriers prevent contact with drivers. The drivers themselves are supplied with personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer.

The bus system has worked with Moorhead Meals on Wheels since March. Buses deliver 1,800 meals five days a week, using three vehicles. It has also delivered groceries using MAT Paratransit.

Riders can learn about the system on its website, which features a video on how to ride the bus. They can plot the routes they need on Google Maps, which filters options on nearest bus stop, routes, transfer instructions, arrivals and departures, and choices for less walking or certain starting or ending times. Buses each have two wheelchair spots and can "kneel" for access.

Among upcoming improvements is the Green Light priority project, allowing buses to use emitters to control traffic signals, timing the lights to reduce delays

## Looking Ahead

### June 9 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms .....Sam Wai  
Program .....Ellie Schaefer, Peace Scholarship

### June 16 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Program.....Sue Koesterman, Churches United,  
Silver Linings Apartments

### June 16 — Rotary Food Drive: Churches United

### June 23 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms .....Pat Gulbranson  
Program.....Evert Engel  
Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley

### June 30 — via Zoom

Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
Program .....Adam Altenburg, "FM Diversion  
Recreation Plan"

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