



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	Gina Monson
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Directors (2024)	Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

February Birthdays

Dave Sederquist	Feb 23
Corey Elmer	Feb 23

Rotary Anniversaries

Cater, Alma	34 years
Feb 02 1988	
Elmer, Corey	19 years
Feb 11 2003	



Coming Up Tuesday, March 15

Chris Johnson of the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center is our speaker this week. Rob Remark is sergeant at arms, and Eric Wilkie is Rotarian of the day.

Club gets updates on May 4th centennial dinner and Recital with a Cause April 21

Moorhead Rotarians shared good news about two special events that had been postponed because of Covid-19 restrictions — the centennial dinner, which has been moved from last November, and the first Recital with a Cause since the pandemic began in 2020.

First, acting president Jean Hannig introduced the club's newest member. Austin Ruud, who had been part of Fargo's downtown Rotary club, has transferred to our group, becoming our 51st member.

Plans coming together for 100th celebration

Jerry Rogers reported that plans are progressing for the club's Centennial Celebration. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Centrum at Concordia College. He has set up ticket arrangements on Eventbrite, and members and guests can now make reservations and pay online by credit card via Eventbrite. Members have already received a first invitation, sent over his email address. Invitations will also be going out to past members, district officials and other Rotary dignitaries and friends.



Photos/Russ Hanson: (Center, top) New member Austin Ruud with Jean Hannig. (Below) Jean and speaker Heather Lorenzen. (Right) Heather Lorenzen explained the concept behind GiGi's Playhouse. Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons. Steve Schaefer.

Recital returns on April 21

At long last, the Recital with a Cause is back this spring! Tom Riley reported that arrangements have been made for the 11th edition at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. It's sponsored by all five clubs of the FM Rotary Foundation.



(Above, center) Paul Dovre and Ernie Simmons.
(Right) Tom Riley and Bill Woods.

Meetings

Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldKY2xMMnIHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

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

Tom noted that sponsorships and other fund-raising are now available, with 100 matching points for everyone who gives \$100 or more. The lion's share of the proceeds go to Polio Plus — which has received more than \$100,000 from our project since its inception — and to the F-M Symphony Orchestra and Youth Symphony, which have together received \$30,000 in past years.

Sarge Ernie tells tales of St. Patrick

Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons noted the real story behind St. Patrick's Day. Patrick (Padraig) was the patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was martyred in the 5th century after being captured by Irish pirates. The saint-to-be spent 16 years tending sheep as a slave; that isolation led to his religious conversion. After becoming a priest, a voice called him back to Ireland.

Ernie noted, "P.S. — he didn't really drive snakes out of Ireland. There is no scientific evidence of snakes ever being there."

Happy dollars were contributed for ski trips, children in speech tournaments, good care for

senior parents at Eventide's The Linden, and for simply being Irish.

GiGi's Playhouse serves individuals with Down syndrome and families

Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer introduced Heather Lorenzen, executive director of GiGi's Playhouse. It opened in 2015 as the 25th Down syndrome achievement center across the nation and the first in North Dakota. It offers free educational and therapeutic programs to individuals with Down syndrome from birth to adulthood, along with their families and the community.

The Fargo organization has worked with more than 190 families. Programs, which are free to families, help in the development of motor movements, literacy, math and basic life skills

A disastrous fire last year in its rented location on 32nd Avenue South in Fargo has forced GiGi's Playhouse to find a new location. The organization is currently raising funds for a new home. "Rebuilding has taught me to appreciate everything about our programs and our people,"

Looking Ahead

March 22

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Rotarian of the DayEric Wilkie
ProgramChris Johnson, Rape & Abuse
Crisis Center

March 29

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
Rotarian of the DayGreg Johnson
ProgramSamantha?, Aldevron

April 5

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the DayRandy Farwell
Program.....Don Kinzler, "Get Ready for Spring"

April 12

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramKory Wolden, Family Health Care
Mobile Clinic

April 19

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramKarla Isley, United Way

April 21 — Recital with a Cause

7:30 p.m.First Lutheran Church

April 26

Sergeant at Arms
Rotarian of the Day
Program.....EPIC Companies