



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 ... via Zoom

Derrick LaPoint, executive director of Downtown Moorhead Inc. and consultant to Moorhead Economic Development Authority, joins us for a virtual update on the city's master plan for downtown. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms.

Members hold meeting in cyberspace

With restrictions continuing on large in-person gatherings, Moorhead Rotarians greeted each other online for their regular meeting May 5. While several snacked and sipped in honor of Cinco de Mayo, they greeted a familiar face from afar — past president Warren Wenner, who joined the social gathering from his retirement home in Florida.

Raffle winners announced; members ask about future of annual fund-raiser

Travel raffle committee member Zach Heuring highlighted the meeting with announcement of the year's last winners in the successful major fund-raiser. While Dave Sederquist performed a virtual drumroll, Zach announced that third prize, a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica, was won by Jennifer Mjones, who purchased her ticket from Roger Erbes. Second prize, \$200 cash, goes to Warren Hilde, whose ticket was sold by Greg Johnson.

The top prize, the Alaskan cruise, went to member Dave Sederquist.

Committee member Violet Deilke said the committee has decided to go ahead with again sponsoring the fund-raiser next year. "We weighed our concerns about the pandemic vs. having a hopefully reopened travel system," she reported.



The raffle will include six trips and just 300 tickets to sell, with all trips limited to U.S. destinations. "We might have to be more flexible on deadlines for winners to book their trips," she noted. The committee plans several advance mailings to help sales.

President Steve Schaefer told members the club is also looking for another fund-raiser for the year ahead. Suggestions are welcome.

Happy dollars highlight reasons to celebrate

Though the news about the pandemic continues to be dark, Rotarians found plenty of reasons to chip in Happy Dollars. Bob Hanna and his wife have welcomed another grandchild. Teresa Joppa donated \$30 in honor of her 30th wedding anniversary with husband Rich, as well as her daughter's graduation and job interview.

Guests — May 5

Warren Wenner, former member/past president

Frida Lehtonen, exchange student

May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christopher	May 02
Gess, Emily	May 04
Hannig, Jean	May 09
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Joppa, Teresa & Richard	
May 05 1990	30 years
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan	
May 22 1982	38 years
Matthees, Charles & Barbara	
May 26 1979	41 years
Schaefer, Steve & Terese	
May 30 1992	28 years
Fangsrud, Sharon & Butch	
May 31 1980	40 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Gess, Emily	3 years
May 02 2017	
Monson, Gina	11 years
May 05 2009	

Dave Sederquist's happy \$20 celebrated his winning the Alaskan cruise. Chris Andreasen had another big reason to be happy — his upcoming wedding Saturday, with only close family attending and his father John officiating.

Sue Koesterman's gift reflected her gratitude for an upcoming appearance on national television, when host Tamron Hall will focus on homelessness in rural areas. (It was broadcast May 7.) On an unhappy note, she reported that Brent Brandt was involved in a rear-end collision when he stopped to help another motorist Tuesday morning. His car was totaled, but he was not injured.

Stacey Ackerman had two reasons for gratitude: Her daughter has a summer internship after completing her first year at NDSU, and husband Todd Pingle's Lumacept company is producing a coating used in the process of disinfecting PPE with ultraviolet light.

Jerry Rogers reported going on a trip — a virtual trip. Dave Tranby noted that Moorhead's Rustica is engaged in an online fund-raiser to find funding to get back up and running. Emily Gess noted her birthday had been great ... and that she's keeping careful track of pledged happy dollars. "I'll add

them to your 4th quarter bill," she promised.

Most people choose to donate cost of uneaten lunches to a local nonprofit

Emily said that only a few members responded to last week's question about paying for uneaten meals by asking they not be billed. Most — those who did not respond — will be billed the regular amount. The excess that would have been spent on lunches will be donated by the club to a good cause.

Social gathering generates conversation

Members who haven't been together for two months spent the rest of the meeting sharing updates on virtual fun and family bonding adventures during the weeks they've been sticking close to home. Emily recounted her second-grader's experiences in raising tadpoles at home.

President Steve told members the next board meeting will be held online after the regular May 19 Zoom meeting. He noted that proposed changes to the club by-laws would be (and were) mailed shortly. The document is also available for download on Clubrunner.

Looking Ahead

May 12 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
ProgramDerrick LaPoint, Downtown Moorhead Master Plan

May 19 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
ProgramCommittee work (with virtual breakout sessions)

May 26 — via Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsStacy Ackerman
ProgramThan Baardson: "Unseen" human trafficking

June 2 — potential return to Concordia

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
Program

June 9

Sergeant at ArmsSam Wai
ProgramTBD

June 16

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
ProgramLori Van Beek, MATBUS Update

July 28 — F-M Rotary Golf Tournament