



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President David Sederquist
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 President Nominee
 Treasurer
 Secretary Teresa Joppa
 Past President Gina Monson

Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
 Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
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 Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
 RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
 Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
 Program Chair Jean Hannig
 Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christopher May 2
 Gess, Emily May 4
 Hannig, Jean May 9
 Tranby, Dave May 14
 Moorhead, Tracey May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles & Barbara
 44 years May 26 1979
 Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan
 41 years May 22 1982
 Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig
 33 years May 05 1990
 Schaefer, Steve & Terese
 31 years May 30 1992

Rotary Anniversaries

Gess, Emily 6 years
 May 02 2017
 Rund, Austin 1 year
 May 02 2022



Coming Up Tuesday, May 23

Sheri Larson, executive director of the Moorhead Business Association, is our guest speaker this week. Gary Nolte is sergeant at arms, and Carmen Escobar is Rotarian of the Day.

Business trainer Laura Lobo urges members to have more fun at work

President-elect Steve Astrup welcomed members to Rotary on Tuesday, May 16, with a dramatic video of Chris Stapleton singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

He shared several announcements, including a reminder to pick up orders of FM AM Rotary's barbecued ribs last Thursday at the Delta Hotel. Steve Schaefer extended an invitation for members to volunteer at Saturday's Fargo Marathon at an aid station on the Concordia campus; he suggested wearing gear from the college from which they graduated.

Teresa Joppa said volunteers were needed to help the Parks Department clean up Romkey Park last Friday.

The president-elect also shared a date to go on every member's calendar: the ground-breaking for the Rotary Natural Play Hill and Bike Park, scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in Moorhead. Construction will begin this summer at the new park north of First Avenue North near the underpass below the BNSF railway.

A steering committee representing all five Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs has raised over a million dollars for the park, with several hundred thousand remaining to reach their goal. Rotarians are invited to speak with colleagues in local



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Guest Laura Lobo of Voice Pizazz encourages people to have fun at work, grouping members to try an exercise in confidence. (Middle row) President-elect Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen. (Bottom row) Violet Deilke. Steve Schaefer.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Speaker Laura Lobo with (from left) Kay Parries, Bill Woods, Gary Nolte and Randy Farwell. Cindy Nolte and Bill Woods. Teresa Joppa. Brandon Lunak. (At right) Jean Hannig and Tom Riley. Dale Hetland and Carmen Escobar.

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

businesses that have not yet been contacted to help close the final gap.

Sarge Chris says ‘plastic soup’ defiles oceans & environment with ‘forever’ pollution

Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen focused on what has emerged as the snowdrifts melt away — trash. He shared facts and figures on the nasty ‘plastic soup’ that has befouled our oceans on a scale that’s virtually unimaginable. It’s the result of the rising presence of plastics that will last virtually forever, coupled with human disregard for the environment.

He turned to happier topics, calling for the weekly collection of “happy dollars.” Violet Deilke celebrated the arrival of her new puppy, Maddie. Gary Nolte pointed out that he served on the naval vessel shown in the Stapleton anthem video. Chris himself told about a family trip to Duluth with his wife, his kids and their grandparents.

Speaker urges members to have fun, enjoy teamwork & keep on learning

Rotarian of the Day Randy Farwell introduced



Laura Lobo, who through her company Voice Pizazz works to create fun experiences that result in lasting learning and meaningfulness. Among her projects are training programs offered through the North Dakota College of Science’s trainND and the Leaders Institute.

Laura — a member of the Rotary Club of Park Rapids — directed members in an exercise she called “Zip Zap Zop,” calling for quick thinking as team members rapidly called on each other. Its goals: team-building, showing kindness to others, and, of course, having fun.

Looking Ahead

May 23

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Rotarian of the DayCarmen Escobar
Program.....Sheri Larson, Mhd Business Assoc.

May 30

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
ProgramCarrie Brimhall, M-State president

June 6

Sergeant at ArmsSue Koesterman
ProgramPresident Bill Craft of Concordia

June 13

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
Program.....Jill Berg, Insight Counseling

June 15 — Groundbreaking, Rotary Play Hill

600 First Ave. N.....4 p.m.

June 20

Sergeant at ArmsRandy Farwell
Program.....Markus Krueger,
“Founding Clay County”

June 27

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramGooseberry Park Players