



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President David Sederquist
 President-Elect Steve Astrup
 President Nominee
 Treasurer
 Secretary Teresa Joppa
 Past President Gina Monson

Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
 Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
 Directorw (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
 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 Anniveraries

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



Coming Up Tuesday, May 30
 Dr. Carrie Brimhall, president Minnesota State Community and Technical College — M-State — joins us for a program about the schools in Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes and Wadena. Nancy Hanson is sergeant at arms.

MBA Director Sheri Larson offers overview of the business organization's programs



President Dave Sederquist welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and guest Heather Ranck to the club's May 23 meeting. He shared the news that member Brad Donabauer is resigning from the club ... but not from Rotary. He is transferring to the Fargo PM club, whose meetings fit better with the dentist's schedule.



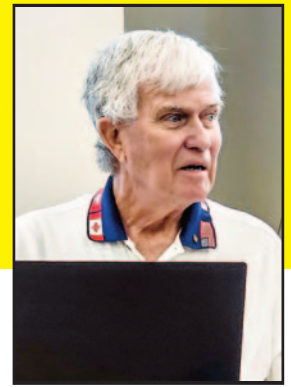
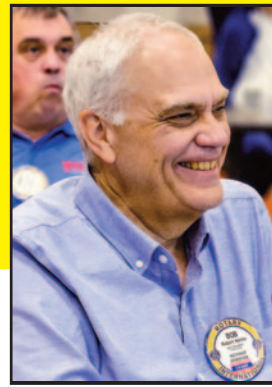
Heather updated members on the good news about the five F-M Rotary clubs' joint project, the Rotary Play Hill and Bike Park. The groundbreaking ceremony takes place at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the park site, now known as Riverfront Park just north of downtown Moorhead. While \$1,025,000 in cash and pledges had been raised by the day of the meeting, another \$245,000 remains. It's needed to complete the final elements, including the Timber Den, log bench, mounds, boulders and log activities, as well as the bike park and the shade sail that will become a symbol of the play area.



Funds already secured will cover

the treehouse and zip line, log pile, net den, web climber, log spiral, Nature Ninja Run, Log Run and play tunnel mounds, as well as the sitework, landscaping, fencing and signage.

Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Sheri Larson, executive director of the Moorhead Business Association, gave an overview of the MBA's services. President Dave Sederquist. Rotarian of the Day Carmen Escobar. Jon Riewer and Jon Benson. Steve Astrup and Tammy Finney.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Eric Wilkie and Teresa Joppa.

Dale Hetland, Bob Hanna, Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte.

Heather Ranch distributed postcards for use in calling on businesses to complete fundraising for the Rotary Play Hill and Bike Park.

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

5-Club Golf Tourney coming up

Dave Tranby announced that the annual 5-Club Golf Tournament is coming up again on July 25. The four-person scramble takes place, as usual, at the Moorhead Country Club. More details will be coming soon.

Sarge Gary tells of district governor’s role

Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte, who was the club’s fourth member to serve as district governor, talked about the demands of the role he held in 1998-99. No campaigning is permitted; candidates can only be nominated. The governor is expected to visit all of the 62 clubs in the district at least once — a massive commitment in the largest Rotary district in North America, stretching from Bowman, N.D., to Nipigon, Ontario. Three Moorhead members served as governors before Gary, including James Deems, 1954-55; Dr. David Green, 1984-85; and Gerry Haukebo, 1990-91. The next is President-Elect Kay Parries, who will take the reins after the international convention now going on in Melbourne, Australia.

Members ponied up happy dollars for Kay, for their good health, for our guest speaker and for the accomplishments of their family members.

MBA director feted for 5 years of service

Rotarian of the Day Carmen Escobar introduced guest speaker Sheri Larson, who became



executive director of the Moorhead business organization in 2018.

Sheri talked about how the growing organization of Moorhead businesses and nonprofit organizations has grown in its role of promoting the city and its economic climate. One of the biggest annual undertakings is the 56560 Ooh Aah, the July 4th fireworks display it has sponsored since MSUM stepped away in 2016. The display, which takes place in Horizon Shores Park in the southeast corner of the city, draws thousands to a nearly half-hour overhead show of the biggest and most spectacular explosives available.

Another successful MBA promotion is the monthly Cruise Night scheduled from May to September. The evening show features all kinds of classic and unique vehicles, along with food trucks and booths promoting Moorhead nonprofits. Attendance at 2023’s first on May 4 set a record of approximately 2,500 attendees.

Looking Ahead

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
ProgramJill Berg, Insight Counseling

June 15 — Groundbreaking, Rotary Play Hill
600 First Ave. N.....4 p.m.
Happy hour follows at River Haven.

June 20
Sergeant at ArmsRandy Farwell
ProgramMarkus Krueger,
“Founding Clay County”

June 27
Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramGooseberry Park Players