



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Welcome New Members!

Kevin Heazlett
American Crystal Sugar

Rob Remark
JLG Architects

Matt Hallaway
Oak Grove High School

Chris Andreasen
Pathways

Ernest Simmons
Concordia Prof. Emeritus

Abby Gold
NDSU Dept./Public Health

*Moorhead Rotary
Chartered May 1, 1921
Club 970
District 5580*

President John Andreasen
President-Elect Steve Schaefer
President Nominee 2020-2021 Jerry Rogers
President Nominee 2021-2022 Gina Monson
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Corey Elmer

Directors (term expires 2018)
Eric Wilkie, Dale Hetland, Gina Monson & Brent Brandt

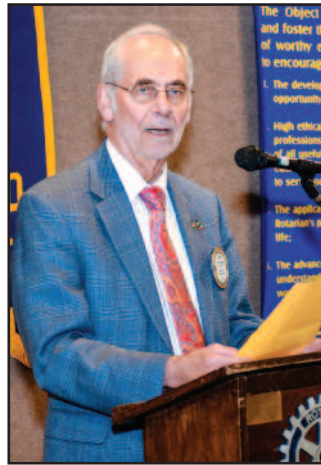
Directors (2019)
Tammy Finney, John Andreasen & Brett Drevlow

Directors (2020)
Jerry Rogers & Pat Gulbranson
Directors (2021)
Emily Gess, Dave Sederquist & Rob Mounts

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, Brent Brandt
Photographer Russ Hanson
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Coming Up Tuesday ...

Moorhead Mayor Johnathan Judd shares his vision for the city this week. Brett Drevlow is sergeant at arms. Chris Volkens is Rotarian of the day, and Pat Lorenson and Jon Riewer are greeters.

The Fundraising & Foundation Committee meets at 11:15 a.m. to discuss possible projects for the coming year.

Members talk about backgrounds, careers

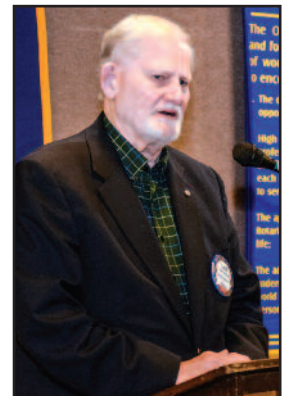
President John Andreasen opened the weekly meeting with good news — Moorhead Rotary's selection for a certificate of excellence for our work with Polio Plus. Gary Nolte accepted the award on behalf of the club at the District 5580 conference April 27-29 in Minot.

John reminded members that officers for the coming year will be elected at the May 14 meeting. A complete slate has been published on Clubrunner.

Sarge Jerry salutes significance of May Day

Sergeant at Arms Jerry Rogers saluted the imminent arrival of May, a significant milestone in many cultures. May Day, he said, is a time to celebrate the return of life and fertility with maypoles and flowers — emblems of male and female fertility.

May 1 is a key date for the labor movement. May 1, 1886, marked the debut of the eight-hour workday. He mentioned classic films about unions and labor from "Grapes of Wrath" to "Norma Rae."



Photos/Russ Hanson: President John Andreasen. John congratulates Gary Nolte, who accepted a certificate of excellence for the club at the District 5580 Conference. Kay Parries' display at the conference. Rotarian of the Day Kay Parries. Sharon Fangsrud. Matt Hallaway. Ernie Simmons.

Happy dollars blossomed. Gary Nolte cited national immunization days around the world, which have helped nearly wipe out polio around the world; its prevalence has been reduced by 99% since 1988. Kay Parries reported that her store K & Krafts is celebrating its 17th anniversary. Jean Hannig applauded excellent speakers at the district



Photos/Russ Hanson: Sergeant at Arms Jerry Rogers. Steve Schaefer & Brett Drevlow. Eric Johnson & Emily Gess.

May Birthdays

Brandenburg, Liz	May 01
Gess, Emily	May 04
Hannig, Jean	May 09
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Norwig, Teresa & Richard	
May 05 1990	29 years
Hanna, Bob and Zue Zan	
May 22 1982	37 years
Matthees, Charles and Barbara	
May 26 1979	40 years
Schaefer, Steve and Terese	
May 30 1992	27 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Gess, Emily	2 years
May 02 2017	
Monson, Gina	10 years
May 05 2009	

conference, as well as Moorhead’s new lacrosse team, on which her grandson plays. Bill Woods, who turned 85 that day, applauded older Rotarians’ contributions. Eric Johnson was observing Concordia Graduation Week, and Steve Schaefer gave his first district conference an excellent review.

Sharon, Matt & Ernie speak up

After urging more members to go to and enjoy next year’s district conference, Rotarian of the Day Kay Parries introduced the three members tapped to share more about themselves — club accompanist Sharon Fansgrud and new members Matt Hallaway and Ernie Simmons.

Sharon, who grew up in South Dakota, arrived in Fargo in 1980 and, two years later, moved to Moorhead. She and her husband have three adult children and two grandchildren. Their favorite pastimes include camping and canoeing.

Music is her great love. She began piano lessons at 10 and sang on the radio for a fundraiser when she was just 8. It led to her membership, too. She joined Rotary after being invited to play for the club’s Christmas party two years ago. “This is a family more than an

organization,” she observes.

Matt Hallaway, who grew up in Rock Lake, North Dakota, graduated high school in a class of five. His classmates called him Juice, a nickname that’s stuck to this day. After graduating from Minot State University, he managed hotels all over the country for five years, moving closer to home to Grant Forks and then here in 2002.

Matt and his wife have four kids — “all blonds,” he notes. He joined Oak Grove Lutheran High School two and one-half years ago as its chief advancement officer.

Texas-born Ernie Simmons, better known as Butch during his formative years, reported, “My dad smoked a whole box of cigars waiting for me to be born.” The family later moved to Colorado Springs. He met the love of his life, wife Martha, on the set of the musical “Oklahoma;” they have been married 49 years.

His interest in science and religion was sparked back in high school. “I never planned to be a pastor,” he said. “It just happened. He served in parishes in the Twin Cities, California and North Dakota before joining Concordia in 1979. He retired last year after 39 years on its faculty.

Looking Ahead

May 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Brett Drevlow
 Rotarian of the Day.....Chris Volkers
 Program.....Mayor Johnathan Judd,
 “Vision for Moorhead”
 Greeters.....Pat Lorenson & Jon Riewer

May 14 — Election of Officers

Sergeant at Arms.....Eric Johnson
 Rotarian of the Day.....Chuck Matthees
 Program.....Rotary Rides — Denelle Berg
 & Kathleen Toft
 Greeters.....Brandon Lunak & Jerry Rogers

May 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Rob Mounts
 Rotarian of the Day.....Scott Greelis

Program.....James Van Raden, engageBUILD
 Greeters.....Matt Hallaway & Jade Rosenfeldt

May 28

Sergeant at Arms.....Stacey Ackerman
 Rotarian of the Day.....Emily Gess
 Program.....Member Talks
 Greeters.....Bob Hanna & Steve Schaefer

June 4 — Social Event

June 11

Sergeant at Arms.....John Andreasen
 Program.....Committee reports
 Greeters.....Jean Hannig & Bill Schwandt