



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Steve Astrup
 President-Elect
 President Nominee
 Treasurer Dave Sederquist
 Secretary Teresa Joppa
 Past President Dave Sederquist

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

November Birthdays

Riley, Tom November 2
 Hetland, Dale November 3
 Matthees, Charles November 8
 Nolte, Gary November 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Riley, Tom & Ann 34 years
 Nov 21 1989
 Farwell, Randy & Sherri 32 years
 Nov 02 1991
 Benson, Jon & Jessica 21 years
 Nov 11 2002

Rotary Anniveraries

Rogers, Jerry 38 years
 Nov 05 1985
 Tranby, Dave 37 years
 Nov 25 1986
 Hanna, Bob 35 years
 Nov 08 1988
 Moorhead, Tracey 31 years
 Nov 10 1992
 Joppa, Teresa 22 years
 Nov 27 2001
 Riewer, Jon 20 years
 Nov 25 2003
 Woods, William 19 years
 Nov 05 2004
 Hanson, Nancy 11 years
 Nov 18 2012
 Koesterman, Sue 6 years
 Nov 19 2017



Coming Up Tuesday, Nov. 14

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy chair Randy Farwell updates us on the RYLA program and youth sponsored by Moorhead Rotary. Rob Remark is sergeant at arms.



Hope Blooms team tells of brightening days with repurposed floral bouquets

President Steve Astrup welcome Moorhead Rotarians to their Nov. 7 meeting, extending a special welcome to new members Alex Aldrich and Matur Alier. He reminded members of the board of directors meeting to be held the next day in Sanford's 14th floor conference room in the Fargo Radisson tower.



Steve showed a video highlighting progress on the five-club Rotary Play Hill on First Avenue North in downtown Fargo. The video was narrated by chair Heather Ranck's son Oliver. I

First Travel Give-Away winners revealed

Committee chair Dale Hetland revealed the first of seven months of winners of the club's annual Travel Give-Away, adding that this year's sales have netted about \$15,000 for our community grants and projects.

Photos/Nancy Hanson:
 (Top) Katie Gehring and Kelly Krenzel from Hope Blooms.

Matur Alier & Dale Hetland.

Randy Farwell and Eric Wilkie.

Treasurer Dave Sederquist.
 Secretary Teresa Joppa.

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland.

Jean Hannig sold Kathleen Kautzman the third-place winning ticket, nabbing the prize of a \$100 dining certificate to Moorhead's Rustica restaurant. Teresa Joppa's customer Jennifer McManamon won second place, \$200 in cash. The month's travel award for two went to former





member Pat Gulbranson, who purchased his ticket from Violet Deilke.

Dale applauded the three top ticket-sellers of the year: Violet Deilke, Jean Hannig and Randy Farwell. Members sold a total of 336 tickets.

Happy \$\$ given in thanks for good news

Randy let off the cascade of “happy dollars” with the good news that Main Avenue is at last open in front of the 702 Communications office. Violet donated \$20 in honor of Dale and his work on the raffle. Jean’s dollars welcomed Alex and Matuor to the club. John Andreasen expressed pleasure at the positive attendance at meetings this fall. Gary shared a memory of the 1962 match between Moorhead High and Fargo Central ... when Central partisans smashed 100 pounds of potatoes on the steps of the old high school in “honor” of the Spuds.

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared Rotary International’s statement about the conflict between Israel and Hamas, begun exactly one month earlier. He noted that the first Rotary club in Israel was formed in Jerusalem in 1929 and sponsored by another in Cairo, Egypt.

His quote of the day: “Peace begins with a smile.”

Hope Blooms brings smiles to volunteers as well as elder care residents

Founder Kelly Krenzel and florist Katie Gehring introduced members to a first-of-its-kind charity project, Hope Blooms.

Kelly established the program seven and one-half years ago after working for several years with Hospice of the Red River Valley. A Bismarck native, she came to the area to attend MSUM. Colleague Katie, a professional florist, originated in San Diego. She is the operations manager.

“We created Hope Blooms to improve the emotional and social life of our seniors,” Kelly said. Floral arrangements are donated after weddings, funerals, dinners and other events. Katie and a large group of volunteers disassemble them, save the fresh and usable blooms, and gather them into smaller bouquets that are delivered to residents of some 100 facilities throughout Moorhead, Fargo, West Fargo and Dilworth — in care settings, through Meals on Wheels, shelters, food pantries and other points of contact.

Glass jars are used as vases for the bouquets. Members brought empty jars to Tuesday’s meeting, and can drop off others at their shop.

Looking Ahead

November 14

Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark
ProgramRandy Farwell, RYLA Report

November 21

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Rotarian of the DayJon Riewer
ProgramHumanities North Dakota

November 28

Tour of new Moorhead High School

December 5

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramJohn Andreasen’s 80th Birthday

December 6 — Five-Club Program

North Dakota Filmmaker Dan Bielinski

December 12

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
ProgramMoorhead Fire Department

December 19

Sergeant at ArmsCindy Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre’s Christmas Message

December 26 — No Meeting

December 28 — Holiday Party

Gary & Cindy Nolte’s home5-7 p.m.

January 2 — No Meeting