

The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Directors (2022) Chris Andreasen

& Steve Schaefer

Directors (2023) Tammy Finney

& Steve Astrup

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Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson

Sergeant at Arms Team & Jean Hannig

Program Chair Jean Hannig Sharon Fangsrud Pianist Song Leader Bob Hanna Trivia Master **Brent Brandt** Photographer Russ Hanson

Paddlewheel Editor

Nancy Edmonds Hanson

November Birthdays

Riley, Tom	Nov 02
Hetland, Dale	Nov 03
Matthees, Charles	Nov 08
McLarnan, Rod	Nov 08
Koesterman, Sue	Nov 19
Nolte, Garv	Nov 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Farwell, Randy and Sherri Nov 02 1991 30 years Benson, Jon and Jessica Nov 11 2002 19 years Riley, Tom and Ann Nov 21 1989 32 years Monson, Gina and Dave Nov 30 1996 25 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry	36 years
Nov 05 1985	
Woods, William	17 years
Nov 05 2004	
Hanson, Russ	14 years
Nov 06 2007	
Hanna, Bob	34 years
Nov 08 1988	
Moorhead, Tracey	30 years
Nov 10 1992	
Koesterman, Sue	4 years
Nov 19 2017	
Riewer, Jon	18 years
Nov 25 2003	
Tranby, Dave	35 years
Nov 25 1986	
Joppa, Teresa	20 years
Nov 27 2001	



Coming Up Tuesday

Maureen Kelly Jonason, executive director of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, is our speaker on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Gary Nolte is sergeant at arms, and Dale Hetland is Rotarian of the day...

FM Symphony Orchestra musical director Chris Zimmerman speaks to Rotarians

Acting president Jerry Rogers welcomed Rotarians and guest Ryan Wallin, leading up to a Veterans Day salute with the Star-Spangled Banner, as well as a video on the Rotary Foundation.

Feed My Starving Children

Jean Hannig announced that the Feed My Starving Children charity event returns in February 2022 after a two-year hiatus. The local committee sponsoring the event is hoping to pack and provide 2,000,000 meals Feb. 2-5 at Scheels Arena. They are asking for donations to buy supplies to provide food for 5,000 kids for an entire year

Along with other organization, they have challenged our club to be a \$1,000 donor, either through individual donations or as a group.

A Proposal for PolioPlus

John Andreasen, one of the members who helped organize the annual Recital for A Cause, made a proposal for a centennial project extending its work. In 10 years, he said, the FM Rotary Foundation has raised \$100,000 for Polio Plus and \$30,000 for the FM Area Youth Symphony with those concerts; but the last two have been postponed due to the pandemic. He shared his memory of lining up with other third graders and waiting for his own life-saving vaccination ... then











Photos/Russ Hanson: Guest Chris Zimmerman of the F-M Symphony Orchestra. Acting President Jerry Rogers. John Andreasen. Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup.. Rotarian of the Day Steve

proposed the club raise \$10,000 this year to help reach Rotary International's goal of protecting every child around the globe.

To kick off the project, he announced that he and wife Carol Sue will front the first \$5,000 if our club will match that amount.

Moorhead Kids Send Their Thanks

Russ Hanson passed around some of the thank-you notes the club has been receiving from media center directors, teachers and

Photo: WDAY reporter Kevin Wallevand visited the media center at S.G. Reinertson School Wedneday to put together a story on the culturally diverse books Moorhead Rotary has donated to the city's four elementary schools and Horizon West. He interviewed acting president Jerry Rogers, project chair Russ Hanson and several exceptionally well-spoken students about what the glimpse into others' cultures and lives means to them.



Tuesdays — noon Moorhead Schools Operations Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305 775?pwd=V0ZTMVI1NldkY2xMM nlHNEdPdlRxdz09 Meeting ID: 742 305 775 Password: 630851

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



elementary students. They've expressed their thanks for the hundreds of culturally diverse books for K-6 students that the club has provided to help enhance literacy for beginning readers. He told the group that Kevin Wallevand of WDAY TV is doing a news report on the project that will be broadcast Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Sergeant at Arms Steve appreciates meeting fellow Rotarians in person again

Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup shared how much he appreciates being able to meet in person after a year and one-half of exclusively Zoom meetings. "There is such value in that," he said.

He talked about another source of value — cryptocurrency. Another service exclusive to the digital realm, its value is in the trillions. He briefly described what it is, how it is used, and how its value is established.

Turning to good old paper money, his call for happy dollars was answered with a flurry of donations. Dale Hetland "fined" Dave Tranby for maligning the Gophers. Cindy celebrated Veterans Day, highlighting her late father-in-law's service as well as husband Gary's. Jean saluted our treasurer Emily Gess. Teresa Joppa announced that her

favorite veteran, daughter Lydia, is home to go deer-hunting with her father, uncles and sister.

Symphony music director offers overview

Rotarian of the Day Steve Schaefer introduced Chris Martin, musical director of the F-M Symphony Orchestra for the past eight years. Chris offered an overview of how the local musicians come together to create beautiful music.

Just four rehearsals are held before each of the group's concerts (compared to five pre-Covid). They come together Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, then present their concerts Saturday and Sunday.

Musicians audition for positions on the roster each year. Success requires them to be available for a certain number of concerts. "We have a huge roster of substitute musicians in case someone is not available," he assured the group.

Auditions are performed before him and a panel of musicians. Each plays a bit of a piece of their own choice and a couple assigned selections. The panel decides who will be chosen. There are typically 16 applicants for a violin opening, he noted.

Looking Ahead

November 16

November 23 — no meeting

November 30

Sergeant at Arms.......Sam Wai Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup Program ..Amina Fatkhullloeva, Tajikistan water project update

December 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Sam Wai Program..Club Assembly — Election of Officers

December 14 — Moorhead Career Academy

December 21

Sergeant at ArmsBill Craft