



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Nw Members 2019-2020

Zach Heuring  
Josh Jaster  
Megan Wiesneski

#### Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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

#### Directors (2020)

Gina Monson, Pat Gulbranson and Greg Johnson

#### Directors (2021)

Dave Sederquist, Kevin Heazlett and Tracey Moorhead

#### Directors (2022)

Tammy Finney and Steve Astrup  
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

Photographer Russ Hanson  
Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

#### Rotary Exchange Student

Frida Lehtonen, Finland

#### Meetings are held at 11:50 a.m. every

Tuesday in Birkeland Lounge at Concordia College's Memorial Auditorium.

#### 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



### Coming Up Tuesday

Jen Breeding will tell us about volunteer opportunities with the Minnesota Reading and Math Corps at this week's meeting. Paul Dovre is our sergeant at arms, and Doreen Filler and David Tranby are our greeters.

**Note:** Information on Rotary service missions to Guatemala in February and March is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Photos/Russ Hanson:

(Top row) President Steve Schaefer.

New member Josh Jaster.

New member Megan Wiesneski.

(Right) Sergeant at Arms Kevin Heazlett

(Below, from left) Chuck Matthees, Jon Riewer and Bob Hanna.



### Club focuses on fight against polio and hears from our two newest members

President Steve Schaefer welcomed members and two guests to Moorhead Rotary — Justen Hanson of the Anne Carlsen Center and Mardy Dovre, wife of Paul Dovre.

He started the meeting with announcements of four opportunities for members to volunteer to help with projects here at home and a big one coming up in 2020, the Rotary district's service missions to Guatemala.

- With Moorhead Rotary's 100th anniversary coming up next year, volunteers are needed to help plan observances and celebrations. Those willing to step forward will be welcomed by President-Elect Jerry Rogers.
- The board is putting together a committee to review the membership structure and costs. Talk to Steve to volunteer to take part.
- Steve is still seeking a song leader to replace Brent Brandt, who is no longer a member.



- Gina Monson is working with other local Rotarians to put together the district's 2020 missions to Guatemala. Two are planned — one leaving Feb. 15 and the second March 14. A third may also be scheduled several weeks later, depending on the number of volunteers interested in making the trip to Zacualpa, Guatemala. More information on the schedules and estimated costs are attached on page 3.



Photos/Russ Hanson: Jon Benson draws the wrong card in the weekly raffle.

Bill Woods and Rod McLarnan.

Kevin Heazlett, Dave Sederquist and Josh Jaster.

### Guests, 11/12/19

Mardy Dovre, guest of Paul Dovre  
 Justen Hanson, Anne Carlsen Center, guest of Eric Wilkie  
 Brent Brandt, guest of Sue Koesterman

### November Birthdays

Hetland, Dale	Nov 03
Matthees, Charles	Nov 08
McLarnan, Rod	Nov 08
Koesterman, Sue	Nov 19
Nolte, Gary	Nov 28

### Wedding Anniversaries

Farwell, Randy and Sherri	Nov 02 1991	28 years
Benson, Jon and Jessica	Nov 11 2002	17 years
Monson, Gina and Dave	Nov 30 1996	23 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry	Nov 05 1985	34 years
Woods, William	Nov 05 2004	15 years
Hanson, Russ	Nov 06 2007	12 years
Hanna, Bob	Nov 08 1988	31 years
Moorhead, Tracey	Nov 10 1992	27 years
Koesterman, Sue	Nov 19 2017	2 years
Riewer, Jon	Nov 25 2003	16 years
Tranby, Dave	Nov 25 1986	33 years
Joppa, Teresa	Nov 27 2001	18 years



### Sarge at Arms Kevin gathers 'happy dollars'

After the club sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in honor of Veterans Day, Sergeant at Arms Kevin Heazlett shared information on the first Rotary Club of Veterans formed this fall in Edina, Minnesota. This is the first veterans' Rotary club in the world and is unique in a state that doesn't have any active duty bases. Minnesota, does, however, have Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve units from all branches, representing approximately 18,500 service members.

Kevin's call for "happy dollars" elicited donations to the club kitty for a variety of causes, including Fix It Forward's program to provide vets with free oil changes on Veterans Day and football victories by the Minnesota Gophers and Vikings. Other occasions: the opening of deer hunting season, Stacey Ackermans upcoming trip to Bolivia March 16, and Chris Andreasen's support of the Pathways Challenge.

### Club screens 'Drop to Zero' on Polio Plus

Gary Nolte shared Rotary International's Rotary Foundation video on the campaign to eradicate polio. According to the documentary, 40 years ago just 62 countries were combating the disease with polio shots or drops. Rotary took it on as a global project in 1978 as part of its 75th anniversary program.

Smallpox had already been taken care of — eliminated from the entire planet. Now it was time to take on another global killer. RI raised \$248



million for the fight. Then it was joined by the World Health Organization in the largest worldwide health initiative in history.

By 2002, only nine countries still reported cases. (That has fallen to only a few new cases today, centered in remote areas of war-torn Afghanistan and Pakistan.)

The video offered five things Rotarians can do to wrap up the battle: Raise awareness, start a conversation, hold a fund-raising event, advocate and donate. To date, more than \$1.5 billion has been raised worldwide by Rotary and its partners, who since 2000 include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which provides a \$2 match for every dollar from other source.

Moorhead Rotarians can help the fight in a nearly painless way. Just let Emily Gess know you'd like to make a donation by adding the amount of your choice to your billing for club dues.

### New members introduce themselves

Two new members, Josh Jaster and Megan Wiesneski, introduced themselves. Josh, a native of Grafton, joined the club because, he says, he "wanted to give back" to the community.

Megan, a Portland, Ore., native who works with the Northern Light Council of Boy Scouts of America, was a Rotarian in her prior home in Washougal, Washington. "I'm thankful," she said, "for what Rotary has done for me."

### Looking Ahead

#### November 19

Sergeant at Arms.....Paul Dovre  
 Program....Jenn Breeding, MN Reading & Math Corps  
 Greeters .....Doreen Filler & David Tranby

#### November 26

Sergeant at Arms .....Dale Hetland  
 Program.....Member Talks  
 Greeters .....Tammy Finney & Randy Farwell

#### December 3

Sergeant at Arms .....Sue Koesterman  
 Program .....Parks Director Holly Heitkamp,  
 Moorhead Community Fund  
 Greeters .....Emily Gess & Sam Wai

#### December 10 — Evening Christmas Social

No regular meeting

#### December 17

Sergeant at Arms .....Gary Nolte  
 Program.....Paul Dovre, Christmas message  
 Greeters .....Abby Gold & Eric Wilkie

#### December 24 — No meeting

#### December 31 — No meeting

## Rotary Trips to Guatemala – February and March 2020

Winter is coming fast, and so is our Rotary work in Guatemala. Rotary will be building a school in TURBALÁ 2, Zacualpa, Quiché Guatemala. We may also build a second school in Tolana, Guatemala.

1. **Team #1** will arrive on Saturday, Feb 15, 2020 in Guatemala City
  - a. We will spend the night of Saturday, Feb 15, 2019 at the Barceló Hotel in Guatemala City. Here is a link to the hotel which is rated as 4.5 stars. I have stayed there many times and it is a very nice hotel and I feel very safe and I trust the food at the hotel also.  
<https://www.reservations.com/hotel/barcelo-guatemala-city?rmcid=rcc4&msclkid=b5043f04965011e2135a6468cd4e9840>
  - b. Sunday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> we will depart Guatemala City at approximately 8:00 a.m. for Zacualpa. Here is a link related to Zacualpa: <https://binged.it/2vx8QMq>. We will stay in Zacualpa from Sunday, Feb 16, to Friday, Feb 2. Every morning during this time period we will travel to TURBALÁ 2, Guatemala, to work on the schools mentioned above. The drive-time is about a half-hour west of Zacualpa and we will return each evening to Zacualpa.
  - c. Friday, Feb 21, we will depart Zacualpa in the early afternoon for 2 days of R&R. The location will be determined soon.
  - d. On Sunday, Feb 23, will depart for Guatemala City and spend the night at the Barceló Hotel.
  - e. Most people will fly out of Guatemala for the US on Monday, Feb 24.
2. **Team #2:**
  - a. Members of Team #2 will arrive in Guatemala City on Saturday, March 14, and spend the night at the Barceló Hotel.
  - b. Sunday, March 15, the Team will depart Guatemala City at approximately 8:00 a.m. for Zacualpa and stay there through Friday, March 20. Like Team #1, every morning from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20, Team #2 will travel to TURBALÁ 2 Guatemala to also work on building a school. Again, the drive time is approximately one half-hour each way.