



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/Dave Sederquist/Corey Elmer

President-Elect Steve Schaefer

President Nominee 2020-2021

Jerry Rogers

President Nominee 2021-2022

Gina Monson

Treasurer Doreen Filler

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, Mike Hulett & Jean Hannig

Pianist Sharon Fangsrud

Song Leaders Bill Schwandt,

Bob Hanna, John Andreasen

Photographer Russ Hanson

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Coming Up Tuesday

Bruce Quick, criminal defense attorney with Vogel Law, presents our program this week. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms, and Roger Erbes and Steve Schaefer are greeters.

Community-based foundation is 'awesome'

Acting president Dave Sederquist welcomed members and guests, then thanked all who make our meetings run smoothly — our secretary, our sergeant team, our greeters and the “set-up guys,” Ron Kolb, Jerry Rogers and Gary Nolte.

Steve Schaefer reminded members to mark their calendars now for our holiday gathering, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Rourke Art Gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with a cash bar. He requested members to RSVP as soon as possible with the number whom they'll be bringing for planning purposes. His email is schaefer@cord.edu.

Perennial song leader takes turn as sergeant

Sergeant at Arms Bill Schwandt noted that, despite the many times he's led us in singing over the years, this was his first tour as sergeant.

His call for happy dollars stirred a first response from Bill Woods, who gave thanks for another successful year of the dictionary project. He pointed out letters of thanks from students and teachers distributed on the tables.

Rod McLarnan celebrated his 92nd birthday last week. He quoted Frank Sinatra: “I only live once, but if I do it right, I only need to.”te



Photos/Gary Nolte: Kay Parries and Tom Riley. Acting President Dave Sederquist. Song leader Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Bill Schwandt. Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup. Speaker Brandi Malarkey of the Awesome Foundation.

Rotary Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party is coming up Thursday, **Dec. 13**, and we need your RSVPs for planning. It will be held at the Rourke Art Gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with a cash bar. Please email your intent to attend and the number of guests to schaefer@cord.edu.



Photo/Gary Nolte: Secretary Teresa Joppa won a chance to draw a card in the weekly raffle ... but pulled the wrong one, earning the \$5 consolation prize.

November Birthdays

Hetland, Dale	Nov 03
Matthees, Charles	Nov 08
McLarnan, Rod	Nov 08
Paulsen, Joel	Nov 16
Koesterman, Sue	Nov 19
Nolte, Gary	Nov 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Farwell, Randy & Sherri	Nov 02 1991	27 years
Benson, Jon & Jessica	Nov 11 2002	16 years
Monson, Gina & Dave	Nov 30 1996	22 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry	Nov 05 1985	33 years
Wilkie, Scott	Nov 05 2017	1 year
Woods, William	Nov 05 2004	14 years
Hanson, Russ	Nov 06 2007	11 years
Brandt, Brent	Nov 07 2017	1 year
Hanna, Bob	Nov 08 1988	30 years

Gary Nolte's happy dollar was for a successful mission trip to Puerto Rico with a group of 21. A documentary on the trip will be broadcast on Thanksgiving evening on WDAY. Jean Hannig was glad for a fun weekend with Rotary exchange students and MHS's production of "Newsies." Steve Schaefer is grateful his daughter Rachel is home from the hospital and doing well. He also reported a total of 3,000 international students studying in Fargo-Moorhead this year.

Awesome Foundation takes direct approach to supporting good causes in the community

Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup introduced Brandi Malarkey, a local artist who is the "dean" of the Cass-Clay chapter of the Awesome Foundation. It's an organization unlike many other charitable groups — no nonprofit incorporation, no paperwork, no hard-and-fast rules of what it will support.

Instead, the Awesome Foundation, she said, is simply made up of 10 local people who "throw in \$100 a month ... and really awesome things get funded."

She explained that chapters aren't officially sanctioned. The so-called Institute of Higher Awesome Studies hosts the group's website at awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/cassclay, where applicants can find out more and make their applications.

"The application includes only three questions," Brandi explained. "Tell us about your project. What will you use the money for? When do you

need it? And then, tell us a little about yourself."

"Anyone can apply," she went on, "whether you're an individual, a school, a PTA, a business, an organization or just an informal group." The foundation's members get together each month to review the requests and decide who will receive an allotment of \$1,000. Those not funded immediately will be held in the pool for six months and reconsidered monthly.

A wide range of projects have received the group's support. Among those in 2018 were haircuts for residents of Bright Sky Apartments; the major command assistance platform for local law enforcement; the Silent Witness project, a North Dakota human rights film; diversity training for Harbor Health; a youth camp at Harvest Hope Farm; a project to promote the Lakota language "off the rez"; the Down Home project, helping people transition out of homelessness; fidget pillows for those with Alzheimer's and other conditions; a multi-ethnic radio project called "Finding Me"; and a community garden at Twin Buttes on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

"Surprisingly, it's hard to get out the word about the Awesome Foundation idea and the support we offer," Brandi said.

Unlike other charitable grants, there are no final reports expected, though most do let the group know how the project turned out.

To become a trustee, she said, just show up at a meeting with your \$100. It gains you access to the website and lets you look at current applications.

Looking Ahead

November 20

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
 Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
 ProgramBruce Quick, criminal defense attorney,
 Vogel Law
 GreetersRoger Erbes & Steve Schaefer

November 27 — NO NOON MEETING

Social at Junkyard Brewing — 4:30 p.m.

December 4

Program committee meets at 11 a.m.
 Sergeant at ArmsSteve Schaefer
 Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
 Program.....Shelly Carlson, Minnesota Elder
 Justice Center
 Greeters.....Randy Farwell & Bill Schwandt

December 11

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
 Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
 Program.....Stacey Ackerman & daughter, Rotary
 International mission to Bolivia
 GreetersDoreen Filler & Dan Stauffer

December 13 — Holiday Party

Rourke Art Gallery6–8 p.m.
 Light hors d'oeuvres; cash bar
 RSVP schaefer@cord.edu

December 17

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
 Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
 Program.....Paul Dovre's Christmas message
 GreetersTammy Finney & Dave Tranby

December 24 — NO MEETING