



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	David Sederquist
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Director (2025) Tammy Finney

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November Birthdays

Riley, Tom	Nov 02
Hetland, Dale	Nov 03
Matthees, Charles	Nov 08
Nolte, Gary	Nov 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Farwell, Randy & Sherri	Nov 02 1991	31 years
Benson, Jon & Jessica	Nov 11 2002	20 years
Riley, Tom & Ann	Nov 21 1989	33 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry	37 years
Nov 05 1985	
Woods, William	18 years
Nov 05 2004	
Hanna, Bob3	34 years
Nov 08 1988	
Moorhead, Tracey	30 years
Nov 10 1992	
Hanson, Nancy	10 years
Nov 18 2012	
Koesterman, Sue4	5 years
Nov 19 2017	
Riewer, Jon	19 years
Nov 25 2003	
Tranby, Dave	36 years
Nov 25 1986	
Joppa, Teresa	21 years
Nov 27 2001	

Meetings

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



Coming Up Tuesday, November 29

Historian Mark Peihl of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County talks about pioneer aviator Florence Klingensmith of Moorhead. Sam Wai is our sergeant at arms, and Tracey Moorhead is Rotarian of the day.

Joel Vettel talks about Roger Maris Center's new programs for at-risk young people

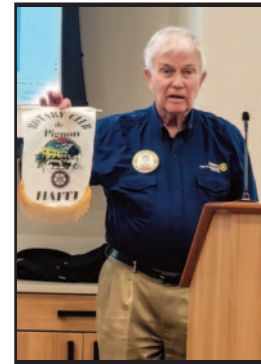
President Dave Sederquist welcomed Rotarians to our most recent meeting Nov. 15. He saluted Tom and Ann Riley's 33rd wedding anniversary and two club anniversaries — 10 years for Nancy Hanson and 5 for Sue Koesterman.

He reminded board members of their meeting on Nov. 22, and mentioned he was meeting with the four other F-M Rotary club presidents to talk about membership.

Sarge Gary presents 'show & tell' with flags

Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte began with an admission: "I've always liked 'show and tell,'" ever since bringing his 2-year-old brother to display at kindergarten. True to form, he displayed something that's special to him — some of his extensive collection of Rotary club flags collected during his term as district governor and since then on his travels around the U.S. and overseas. Each came with a story; for too many, he told of booming attendance when he visited ... but their shrinking or dissolving in the intervening years.

Happy dollars celebrated many pluses. Dale Hetland expressed pleasure that we're singing again. Nancy Hanson saluted Steve Astrup's



Photos/Nancy Hanson
Joel Vettel talks about the Roger Maris Cancer Center and its programs.
Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte displays his collection of club flags.
Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson.
(Left) Secretary Teresa Joppa.
Jerry Rogers talks about Christmas party planning.
Tim Hiller.
Guest Katie Fredrickson and Chris Andreasen.
Randy Farwell.





Pledging allegiance.

Steve Schaefer.

Austin Ruud.

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

participation in a Veterans Day program at Lilac Homes, where her husband Russ now lives. Gary and Cindy’s granddaughter had just flown in from New York City — with her cat. Dave Tranby talked about Moorhead Spuds football. Austin Ruud announced that he and his wife are awaiting Baby #2’s imminent arrival.

Vettel explains Maris family’s desire to change focus of Roger Maris’s legacy

Rotarian of the Day Jon Benson introduced Joel Vettel, the former long-time Fargo police commander and head of the Fargo Park District who is now a spokesperson for Sanford Health and the Roger Maris Cancer Center.

Vettel talked about something new, the first Roger Maris Academy, an initiative to tackle the challenge of getting kids out of poverty. “The Maris family wants to change the focus of Roger’s legacy from baseball to their work with the Cancer Center,” he told the group. That now extends beyond the life-saving care patients receive in the hospital facility in downtown Fargo.

The Roger Maris Academy first identified 30 kids with the help of the Boys and Girls Club. “We want to help them find a purpose in life,” he said, adding, “I can relate to that, growing up as one of nine children raised by a single parent.”

The academy, launched earlier this year, exposes to young people to a variety of careers via visits to a varied series of workplaces arranged with the help of the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, and starting with Sanford itself. “Most of these kids won’t be doctors,” he conceded. “We want to expose them to realistic jobs and realistic positions in health care and in the trades, jobs they can get an education for right here in the community.”

He said the Maris program was initially planned for three years, but now is being expanded with the support of the Sanford Foundation. The Teigen family has given a substantial gift to the program to benefit kids who play youth football. With that gift, the Teigen Academy is being planned as a two-week program immediately before the start of the football season. “It will cover things that aren’t taught elsewhere,” Vettel said, citing money management, how to change a tire or a car’s oil, how to tie a tie for job interviews and how to be interviewed.

Plans also include a Sportsman’s Summit to discuss all aspects of good sportsmanship. “What should sports be about?” he asked. “Are we going in the right direction? This will be a big event next spring.”

He concluded, “Can we change just one kid, one school, one community? We are going to try.”

Looking Ahead

November 29

Sergeant at Arms.....Sam Wai
Rotarian of the DayTracey Moorhead
Program.....Mark Peihl, HCSCC, Moorhead’s
First Woman Aviator —Florence Klingensmith

December 6

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Rotarian of the DayEric Wilkie
Program.....Deb Kaul, Memory Cafe

December 13

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
ProgramPaul Dovre’s Christmas message

December 20 — No Meeting

December 27 — No Meeting

January 3 — No Meeting