



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	David Sederquist
President-Elect	Steve Astrup
President Nominee	
Treasurer	Emily Gess
Secretary	Teresa Joppa
Past President	Gina Monson

Directors (2023)	Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024)	Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
Director (2025)	Tammy Finney
RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator	Cindy Nolte
Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

October Birthdays

Wai, Sam	Oct 03
Hanson, Russ	Oct 23
Johnson, Gregory	Oct 28

Wedding Anniversaries

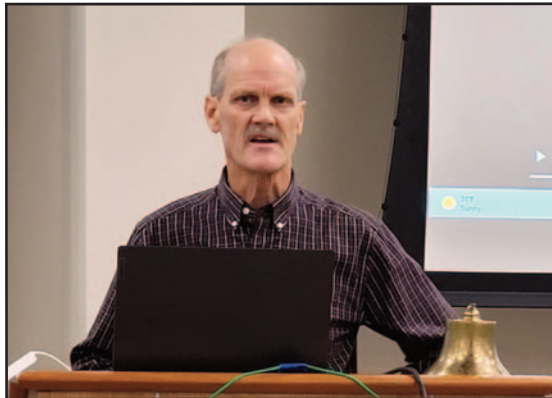
Gess, Emily & David	Oct 04 2008	14 years 1
Elmer, Corey & Brenda	Oct 05 1996	26 years
Hannig, Jean & Jeff	Oct 24 1972	50 YEARS

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John	30 years
Oct 01 1992	
Benson, Jon	15 years
Oct 09 2007	
Gjerde, Mike	1 year
Oct 18 2021	
Donabauer, Brad	9 years
Oct 22 2013	
Andreasen, Christopher	4 years
Oct 23 2018	
Simmons, Ernest	4 years
Oct 30 2018	

Meetings

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



Coming Up Tuesday, October 25

Our guest at Tuesday's meeting will be a leader of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Chris Andreasen is sergeant at arms.



City public works director Steve Iverson sketches out scope of department

President David Sederquist welcomed Moorhead Rotarians Tuesday as well as our speaker, Moorhead public works director Steve Iverson. Members launched the meeting with a recitation of Rotary's 4-Way Test. With World Polio Day coming up Oct. 24, he also highlighted a video by Rotary president Jennifer Jones on Rotary's nearly 40-year campaign to eradicate it.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Pres. Dave Sederquist. Travel Raffle committee's Dale Hetland and Violet Deilke.

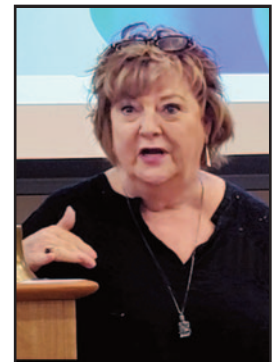
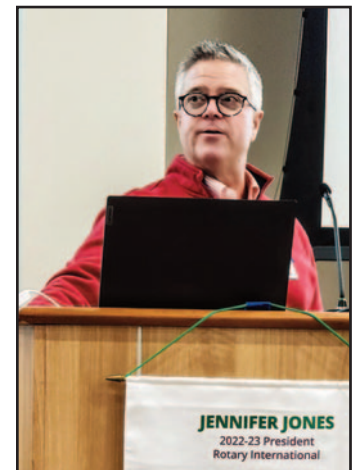
(Right) Moorhead Public Works Director Steve Iverson.

(Below) Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig. Violet Deilke.

Push needed to meet raffle goals

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland and member Violet Deilke updated members on sales of tickets for the 2022-23 Travel Give-Away. Dale said 45 tickets designated for members remain unclaimed, and about 100 are still in the hands of members. About 75 were turned in to him during the meeting. "We need ALL of them turned in next week," he stressed.

Violet has sent the master list of past customers to all members. It shows who each has sold to in the past. "Remind your friends that this year's trips are bigger and better," she advised, "and winners get to choose their





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

own trips.” She also suggested members check the list for those whom they know, especially if they bought in the past from someone who is no longer an active member.

Sarge Jean collects happy dollars

After a presentation about Rotary’s achievements, Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig opened the floor for happy dollars. Teresa Joppa reported selling a raffle to ticket to our former exchange student Maria, who is now back studying in the United States. Other members expressed their happiness over their travels. Kay Parries caught up with old friends at the Detroit Lakes Rotary Club’s 100th anniversary last weekend. Bill Woods proclaimed, “I’m just happy to be here!”

Iverson presides over sanitation, park maintenance, city’s vehicles and more

Rotarian of the Day Dale Hetland introduced Steve Iverson, who has led Moorhead’s

Department of Public Works since March 2021. It was a homecoming of sorts for him. He interned with the city’s engineering department and worked there for 10 years before taking on opportunities with the City of Fargo’s planning department, working with several engineering and development firms and finally serving with Moore Engineering.

Steve detailed the wide range of services he oversees, including street maintenance, sanitation (garbage collection), forestry, mosquito control, the city’s fleet of vehicles, park and golf course maintenance, maintaining the right-of-way along streets and the city’s extensive trail system, and of course keeping the streets clear of ice and snow.

The streets alone are a vast responsibility. He said Moorhead has 201 miles of roadways, including more than 500 miles of lanes. Besides snow and ice control — always a major issue in our climate — maintenance includes filling cracks and potholes, seal coating, pavement overlays, street sweeping and leaf vacuuming to keep the curbs and gutters clean.

Parkland and golf courses, too, are a major part of the department’s work. His staff mows and trims 460 acres of parks, athletic fields and both the Meadows and Village Green golf courses. They also mow and trim 310 acres of road right-of-ways and 230 acres of ponds, ditches and lift stations. They handle chemical monitoring of the municipal pool and six wading pools. In winter, they plow 46 miles of walking paths, groom cross-country trails, and flood and clear a total of 10 skating rinks.

Looking Ahead

October 25

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
Rotarian of the DayTBD
ProgramHospice

November 1

Sergeant at ArmsTBD
Rotarian of the DayTBD
Program.....Rotary Foundation

November 22 — No Meeting

December 20 — No Meeting

December 27 — No Meeting