



The Paddlewheel

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Coming Up Tuesday, September 6

President Dave Sederquist will lead a special, important club assembly.

RYLA campers share lessons from '22 camp

President Dave Sederquist welcomed Rotarians Aug. 30 and introduced some very special guests — the four high school students who received the club's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and attended camp in July, along with Kristi Leiseth Pederson, mother of Marc Pederson (the daughter and grandson of the late Robert Leiseth).

After a video of a 3-year-old boy singing the "Star Spangled Banner," the president reminded members to take a look at the email he had sent the previous day. He requested their input on meeting dates and formats.

He announced that while the board has voted on the traditional dictionary (or globe) presentation to third graders, more member input is still needed.

Dave opened the floor for our weekly happy dollars. Jean Hannig spoke first, applauding the memorial service for our late president Doug Hamilton ... and that Sergio, our new Chilean exchange student, made it to all his classes on the first day of school. The outbound student's interview is next week.

Emily Gess reported her children know three songs: the Wild theme song, "I Want to Drive a



Photos/Russ Hanson:

(Top left) RYLA chair

Randy Farwell with

the 2022 RYLA

delegation from Clay

County — Afton

Aakre, Marc

Pederson, Isaac Kuck

and Finnley Schiltz.



September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve	Sep 01
Hanna, Bob	Sep 13
Nolte, Cindy	Sep 15
Simmons, Ernest	Sep 19
Craft, William	Sep 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Hetland, Dale & Ruth	Sep 01 1990	32 years
Andreasen, John & Carol Sue	Sep 02 1972	50 years
Deilke, Violet & Karl	Sep 12 1975	47 years

Rotary Anniveraries

Nordin, Adam	7 years
Sep 08 2015	
Erbes, Roger	5 years
Sep 09 2017	
Craft, William	11 years
Sep 13 2011	
Remark, Rob	4 years
Sep 18 2018	
Shockley, John	7 years
Sep 21 2015	
Brandt, Brent	2 years
Sep 29 2020	

Meetings

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

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMV11NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851

Zamboni,” and “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Russ Hanson was happy about his granddaughter’s first day of school Monday, when she announced she was “all ready to learn.” Dave Tranby was delighted about having a new washing machine ... after seven weeks without one. Chris Andreasen expressed his satisfaction with a fantastic camp season, adding, “It was worth five bucks!”

RYLA students say District 5580’s camp taught lessons and changed their lives

Longtime RYLA committee chair Randy Farwell introduced the four teens chosen for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award — Marc Pederson, Isaac Kuck, Afton Aakre and Finnley Schiltz.

Afton told the group, “The ‘family’ at camp really does become your family.” All her new friends, she said, will be friends for life.

Isaac told the Rotarians the most remarkable story: “It changed my life. I held a lot in before RYLA. Now I was pushed to speak out ... to express myself. It changed my life for the better. I talked to my mom and understood that I do have a support system.” He said he now tells his family things that he’d held in. He also plans to return to RYLA next year as staff.

According to Finnley, “RYLA was way more than a leadership camp.” She told us that she got to be friends with so many people, unlike the way it is at school. “I even *danced* with everyone!” she

said, “and I *never* dance.”

Afton told us, “It was instantly fun. Midweek was kinda rocky, but I pushed through — and more fun was ahead.”

Marc admitted he, too, wasn’t sure about what was coming at first. By attending, he noted, he would miss basketball and football tournaments: “But ultimately it was worth it.”

Asked about what they learned, the students listed ethics, leadership, how to talk to other people, the 4-Way Test, and the history of women in Rotary. They also learned about “imposter syndrome” and the seven habits of effective leaders.

“RYLA changed me for the better, “ one confessed. “It made me more outgoing, more willing to be active, to try new things, and to do community service.”

Said Finnley, “It taught me to think about not always taking the safe path. Step out, accept the challenge, and stretch yourself.”

Marc summed it up: “I learned to be a better leader ... with my basketball team and with my friends.”

President Dave thanked the students and Randy. He reminded all that the club donates to Polio Plus every week in honor of our speakers.

Looking Ahead

September 6

Club AssemblyPresident Dave Sederquist

September 13

Rotarian of the DayTeresa Joppa
Program Merri Chriltlieb,
Freedom Resource Center

September 20

Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
ProgramMayor Shelly Carlson,
Moorhead Sales Tax Initiative for Community
Center & Library

September 27

Rotarian of the DayJon Riewer
Program Don Kinzler, Fall Garden Tips

October 4

Rotarian of the DayKay Parries
ProgramDistrict Governor Kay Biga

October 11

Rotarian of the DayDave Tranby
ProgramAbe Tomayo, Salvation Army

October 18

Rotarian of the DayGary Nolte
ProgramSteve Iverson, Moorhead
Public Works director