



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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**Moorhead Rotary Club 1405
District 5580**

President Steve Astrup
 President-Elect
 President Nominee
 Treasurer Dave Sederquist
 Secretary Teresa Joppa
 Past President Dave Sederquist

Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
 Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
 Directorw (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
 Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
 RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
 Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
 Program Chair Jean Hannig
 Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

April Birthday

Woods, William April 30

Anniversaries

Parries, Kay & Dan 35 years
 Apr. 08 1989
 Wilkie, Eric & Rebekah 17 years
 Apr. 14 2007
 Hanson, Nancy & Russ 49 years
 Apr. 19 1975

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, Dave 32 years
 Apr. 01 1992
 Riley, Tom 3 years
 Apr. 06 2021
 Johnson, Gregory 12 years
 Apr. 10 2012
 Matthees, Charles 31 years
 Apr. 13 1993
 Hetland, Dale 22 years
 Apr. 16 2002
 Astrup, Steve 6 years
 Apr. 16 2018



Next Meeting — Tuesday, April 2

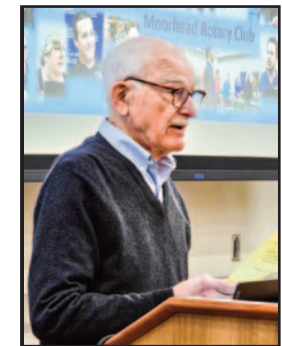
Mayor Shelly Carlson and city manager Dan Mahli join us Tuesday to talk about progress in downtown Moorhead revitalization. Cindy Nolte is sergeant at arms.



Fraser Ltd. director tells of the young lives helped toward independence

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and guests from Fraser Ltd. to the club's regular meeting March 26.

Tom Riley told members that Fargo AM Rotary is now selling their delectable barbecue ribs — pre-cooked and frozen — in 2-pound boxes serving 2 or 3 people. Sold in four-packs, an order is \$60. They can be ordered online at www.rotaryribs.com



Recital & conference coming up next week

The District 5580 Rotary conference is coming up April 12-13 at the Ramada in Fargo. Governor-elect Kay Parries told members about the schedule packed with interesting programs and opportunities to get to know other Rotarians from the district, which stretches from western North Dakota to Thunder Bay, Ontario. She reported that, as of our meeting, registrations were coming in more slowly than organizers had hoped, with only 80 instead of the hoped-for 300 signed up. Members can still register, though. To see more of the schedule and sign up for the conference, go to www.rotary5580.org and click the events tab.

Kay urged members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Rotary across the district, meet other Rotarians and get more





involved. "It's in our backyard," she said, "and we don't even have to pay for lodging or travel.

The club won't meet on April 9. Go to the conference instead!

14th Recital with a Cause coming together

John Andreasen, who chairs the committee planning the annual Recital with a Cause on Thursday, April 11, reported on progress being made with both arrangements and contributions. He said about \$24,000 has been received (as of March 26); organizers are hoping to reach a district-wide total of \$100,000 with help from District 5580 and other clubs around the region. The district has asked each club to donate \$500 as a group.

Prairie Public Television will feature Polio Plus and the recital this Thursday, April 4, on John Harris's "Prairie Pulse" program. Jaxon Dewald, one of the performers (who is described as sounding "just like Kenny G if you close your eyes") is also featured in one segment.

Sarge Paul shares Easter facts

Sergeant at Arms Paul Dovre explained that Easter's date, set by the Council of Nicaea more than 1,700 years ago, can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 21. Among other lore shared was the fact that Easter egg hunts began on the lawn of the Capitol, but Congress passed a law moving them to the White House



Don't miss 'Prairie Pulse' on Prairie Public TV this week — all about Rotary's Polio Plus!

Thursday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Among the week's happy dollars: Ernie Simmons invited us to the open house at his new home, Sanders Flats. John Andreasen told of the young man who ran over his mailbox "but was kind enough to come to the door and tell us ... late at night." Gary Nolte shared a similar story of his neighbor's box being hit. Nancy Hanson's happy dollar celebrated the fact that her mailbox is still standing.

Fraser Ltd reaches out to homeless youth

Bob Thorson of Fraser Ltd. told of how the Fargo youth program is nearing the end of a \$6 million campaign to provide wrap-around services for teens and young adults at risk of homelessness, incarceration and human trafficking. It includes permanent supportive housing, a transitional living program and the Stepping Stones Resource Center.

The transitional youth services serve more than 1,300 youth each year. 71% of those served have mental health problems; 22%, substance abuse; 17%, developmental disabilities; and 6%, physical disabilities. All come to Fraser in crisis. Learn

Looking Ahead

April 2

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte ProgramMayor Shelly Carlson & Dan Mahli, Moorhead City Update

April 9 — NO MEETING

April 11 — Recital with a Cause

First Lutheran Church7 p.m.

April 12-13— District 5580 Conference

April 16

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers Program.....Jeff & Julie Kemink, Africa Uplifted

April 23

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa Program.....Dr. Mark Thompson, Essentia West

April 30

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson ProgramAnsgar Disselbeck, "My Exchange Year"