



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Steve Astrup
President-Elect Tim Hiller
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
Directors (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 Birthdays

Woods, Bill April 30

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, Dave 33 years
Apr. 01 1992
Matthees, Charles 32 years
Apr. 13 1993
Hetland, Dale 23 years
Apr. 16 2002
Johnson, Gregory 13 years
Apr. 10 2012
Astrup, Steve 7 years
Apr. 16 2018

Call for Volunteers

The **2025 Rotary Track** meet is at Fargo South High School. Please mark your calendars to save the date! It's bound to be a gorgeous 70 degrees and sunny.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up here. (Live link is in this email.)
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13lJR2TYx1Cfa-cP_qwDnk496EF0NO4R5/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116265612092967005045&rtop=true&sd=true

You do NOT need to know an ounce of information about track or field events to volunteer. We hire out officials for each event, but we are there to help with measuring, holding poles, raking sand, handing out trophies, etc.



Tuesday, April 29

Representatives of the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber of Commerce join us this week. Nancy Hanson is our sergeant at arms.

Moorhead leaders share good news & updates about the city's progress

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and three special guests on April 22 — former Rotarian Bob Leiseth, guest of daughter-in-law Janelle, and Moorhead Mayor Shelly Carlson and city manager Dan Mahli.

Recital with Cause is around the corner

John Andreasen, who heads the FM Rotary Foundation's Recital with a Cause for the 15th year, reminded members of the concert coming up Thursday, May 1. Rotary district polio chair Tim Malcrone will present a special program at the dinner preceding the concert at the Sons of Norway — "Indiana Jones and the Secret Serum: A Polio Eradication Adventure." Tickets for the dinner, beginning at 4:30 p.m., are \$15, and are available from John, Kay Parries and Gary Nolte.

Other reminders: Volunteers are still needed for the annual Fargo Rotary Track Meet May 9.

The FM AM Rotary rib sale continues. Place orders at www.RotaryRibs.com. Orders will be **picked up May 21**.

Sarge Teresa promotes Calgary convention

Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa reported on the upcoming Rotary International convention in Calgary, Alberta — the second to be held in the



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Moorhead City Manager Dan Mahli and Mayor Shelly Carlson joined Rotarians Tuesday to share the latest good news about the city.

(Upper right) President Steve Astrup.

(Below) John Andreasen shares the front page of the FM Extra, featuring Rotary Recital. Sergeant at Arms Teresa Joppa.



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Photos: (Above) Ernie Simmons, Paul Dovre, Bill Woods and Dale Hetland.

(At right) Former Rotarian Dave Leiseth. Kirk Scot and Jean Hannig.

Bill Woods. Dave Sederquist

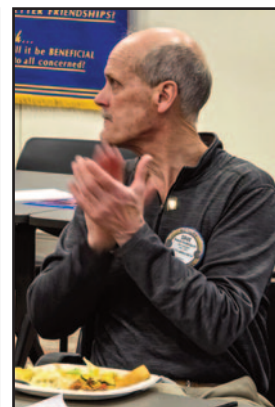
Canadian city. So far, 39 members from District 5580 are planning to attend the meetings in the Blue Sky City. Rotarians are expected from more than 120 countries.

Turning to the weekly celebration of good news, Teresa's call for "happy dollars" kicked off with Jean Hannig's announcement: Steve Schaefer's son Sam, last seen in the new documentary "Speak," has qualified for the National Speech and Debate Tournament. Janelle Leiseith introduced her father-in-law Dave Leiseth, a former member, and noted that a total of 18 members of the Spud speech team are going to nationals. Dave Sederquist celebrated a visit with his granddaughters and five granddogs.

'Shelly and Dan Show' details good news

Teresa introduced the mayor and city manager, who joined us for one of their regular updates on the city's progress. Mayor Carlson — wearing green in honor of Earth Day, which she and neighboring mayors had just proclaimed — shared some reasons - love their city, according to a recent survey: "Great parks and a strong-knit community." "Nice neighborhoods, safe living, clean city, great schools!" "The perfect size for building community." "It's a town dedicated to their schools." "I'm proud to be from 56560."

Dan highlighted progress downtown, from The Loop (community center/library) and 650 Center, a commercial/residential development, to remodeling of City Hall and re-installation of streets and avenues in the former mall area. \$58.75 million has been invested in new commercial construction. 1,414 building permits were issues in 2024, including 227 single-family and multi family units.



Looking Ahead

April 29

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program.... Fargo-Moorhead-W Fargo Chamber

May 6

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program.....Leilei Bao, "Rotary Changes Lives"

May 13

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Program ..Gary Nolte, "Salvaging New Orleans"

May 20

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
Program

May 27 — Club Social