



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Tim Hiller
President-Elect Chris Andreasen
President Nominee
Treasurer Dave Sederquist
Secretary Alexander Aldrich
Past President Steve Astrup

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
Director (2027) Kay Parries
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

March Birthdays

Rogers, Jerry March 13
Wilkie, Eric March 13

Rotary Anniversaries

Riley, Thomas 33 years
Mar. 01 1993
Lunak, Brandon 9 years
Mar. 28 2017



Coming Up April 7

Our own John Andreasen updates us on the story of the Recital with a Cause at this week's meeting. Cindy Nolte is sergeant at arms.

Lumina Youth Empowerment team describes programs for young Blacks

President Tim Hiller welcomed Rotarians Tuesday, March 31, along with two guests, Betty Opheim and Deb Magnuson of Fargo West Rotary,

Betty Opheim and Deb Magnuson. Betty promoted her club's 27th annual fund-raising raffle of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Tickets are priced at \$100, with a maximum of 600 to be sold. Proceeds are dedicated to supporting the Red River Zoo.



Honorary member Tom Riley — who also belongs to Fargo-Moorhead AM Rotary — described his club's campaign to sell precooked barbecue ribs. The frozen ribs come in two flavors, barbecue and teriyaki.

They're sold in boxes of four racks for \$64. Orders will be available for pick up from 3 to 6 p.m. May 21 at the Delta Hotel. To order, go to <https://rotaryribs.com/>

Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) President Tim Hiller. Toato Kpor of Lumina Youth Empowerment.

Sergeant at Arms Gary Nolte asks for Happy Dollars: Jean Hannig. Tom Riley. Dave Sederquist, with guest Betty Opheim of Fargo West Rotary.





Photos/Nancy Hanson
(Right) The Four-Way Test has been added to the pledge and lunch blessing that open our meetings.

Meanwhile, Fargo Rotary has its own fund-raiser going on. The Wine vs. Beer Smackdown is positioned as a competition to determine which beverage pairs better with gourmet food, specifically cheese. It takes place April 23 at Nova Eatery, with tickets available for \$75.

Lumina offers mentoring, skills programs

Gary introduced Toato Kpor, the founder and executive director of Lumina Youth Empowerment. The FargoMoorhead nonprofit is committed to expanding access, leadership development and structured opportunity for youth.

Kpor, a Liberian native raised in New York, served six years in the U.S. Army and two in the Army Reserve. After completing his service, he trained as a certified nursing assistant and worked as a travel nurse. One of his assignments brought him here to North Dakota. He's now training as an electrical engineer.

Now in its third year, Lumina seeks to provide youth ages 5-18 with practical tools for long-term success. It provides essential skills, mentorship programs, and the confidence needed to thrive academically, professionally, and personally. Community support and community donations play a crucial role in making this possible.



Toato Kpor, Lumina founder and executive director, and his team:
Mariah Pollard, owner, Nails of Glory.
James Sellu, MHS graduate and founder, Get 'Er Done Moving.

Looking Ahead

April 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
ProgramJohn Andreasen,
Recital with a Cause

April 14

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
ProgramDr. Timothy Downs, MSUM

April 21

Sergeant at ArmsJanelle Leiseth
Program...Dayna DelVal, "Discover Your Spark"

April 28 — Rotary Service Day

May 5

Sergeant at Arms.....Kay Parries
Program.....Julie Christianson, Landon's Light

May 12

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Astrup
ProgramSue Baron, Golden Drive
Homeless Kids

May 19 — Tour of New Moorhead Library

May 26 — Rotary Service Day

June 23 — Rotary Service Day