



The Paddlewheel

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Program Chair Jean Hannig
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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



Tuesday, April 8

Markus Krueger of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County shares a program on local indigenous history this week, with Eric Wilkie s sergeant at arms.

Andreasen shares insights into the history of Sabin and Salk polio vaccines

Cindy Nolte stood in for traveling president Steve Astrup on Tuesday, April 1, along with serving as the day's sergeant at arms. Her comments as sergeant were, appropriately enough, focused on the origins of the day for practical jokers. No pranks were reported — except, perhaps, for her handline double duties.

Travel raffle winners revealed

Travel Raffle committee chair Dale Hetland revealed the big news of the day, April's winner of the club's travel raffle.

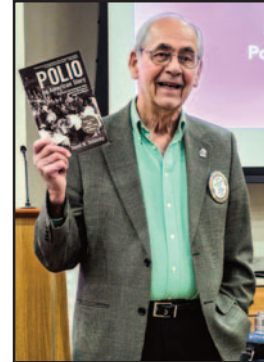
President Steve Astrup sold tickets to two of the three winners. Garrick Larson was awarded a \$100 dining certificate to Moorhead restaurant Rustica, and Chris Astrup won \$200 in cash, the month's second prize.

Roger Richards won the month's top prize, a trip for two for his choice of a variety of destinations. Jean Hannig sold him his winning ticket.

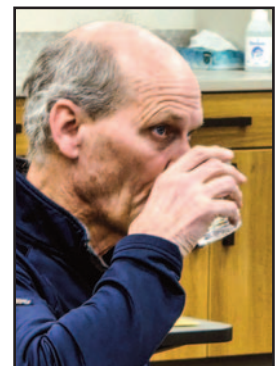
Announcing ...

Jean reported that the Brazilian boy who had been assigned as our Rotary exchange student withdrew, and was replaced by another teen — a Brazilian girl. She is looking for three families to host her during the 2025-26 school year.

John Andreasen noted that Rotary District



Potos/Nancy Hanson: John Andreasen discusses the history of polio and the Salk and Sabin vaccines. Cindy Nolte. Janelle Leiseth, with Alex Aldrich and Dave Tranby. (Below) Dale Hetland reveals raffle winners. Dave Sederquist. Greg Johnson and Jon Riewer.





Photos: Cindy assists raffle winner Tom Riley choose a losing card.

(Far right) Brandon Lunak and Dale Hetland.

Jean Hannig.

Jon Benson.



5950's polio chair will be the guest speaker at a dinner preceding the Recital with a Cause on May 1 at the Sons of Norway lodge in Fargo.

Applauding good news with happy \$

Dave Sederquist set off the weekly flurry of happy dollars with a contribution in honor of the April Fools Day snow — “good news for snow lovers.” Jean echoed his good attitude toward the snow as well as news of our substitute exchange student. Tim Hiller is grateful his wife has returned from Greece. Violet Deilke shared a story of attending a meeting of the FM AM club, first where it wasn't, and finally where it now meets at Touchmark on South University Drive. Finally, John Andreasen contributed a dollar in honor of the late Carroll Juven, founder of the Sons of Norway's downtown Fargo lodge. He was honored at its 50th anniversary dinner last week, then passed away the next day.

Vaccines have nearly wiped out polio

John shared background of the fight against polio, the deadly and crippling disease that has been nearly wiped out by Rotary International's 40-year Polio Plus campaign with the support of the World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation.

Drawing on information from the book *Polio, An American Story*, he told of how the disease terrorized Americans during the early 20th century. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had contracted the disease at age 39 in 1921, focused attention on its prevalence and devastating effects, leading to what eventually became the March of Dimes.

Dr. Jonas Salk developed the first vaccine using



an inactive virus. Approved in 1955, it was delivered via injection. Dr. Albert Sabin focused on a weakened virus in the second major advance. It targeted three major strains of the virus and was administered as a liquid on sugar cubes.



Tom Riley reported that only a total of seven cases have been identified so far in 2025. The virus can be declared extinct only when three years have gone by without a single case reported.



Looking Ahead

April 8

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
ProgramMarkus Krueger, Indigenous History

April 15

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Program.....Don Kinzler,
Edibles in the Landscape

April 22

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
Program

April 29

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program