



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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July Birthdays

Leiseth, Janelle July 2
Benson, Jon July 6
Parries, Kay July 22

Wedding Anniversary

Rogers, Jerry and Sue 55 years
Jul. 18 1970

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 45 years
Jul. 01 1980
Schaefer, Steve 23 years
Jul. 02 2002
Wilkie, Eric 14 years
Jul. 01 2011

FM Rotary Golf Scramble Sept. 15 — Suite Shots

Register now!
Form is available
on ClubRunner.



Tuesday, August 12

Laetitia Hellerud joins us for this week's meeting to highlight the Jeremiah Project, an effort to disrupt generational poverty for mothers and children. Violet Deilke is our sergeant at arms.

Rotarians report on attendance at Rotary International convention in Calgary

A quartet of Moorhead Rotarians decked out in white hats took to the podium on Tuesday, Aug. 5, to report on their experiences attending Rotary International's convention in Calgary, Alberta.

President Tim Hiller welcomed guest Betty Opheim of Fargo West Rotary, who reminded members that her club's annual sale of Colorado peaches is coming up Aug. 18. Online pre-orders have closed, but customers can walk up to the truck from noon to 6 on the 18th at its spot in the Fargo Holiday Inn parking lot, purchasing lugs of premium fruit for \$52 and half lugs for \$28.

Tim noted that the annual FM Rotary Golf Scramble is Sept. 15 at Suite Shots in Fargo. A form for registration of both sponsors and participants is included with this newsletter.

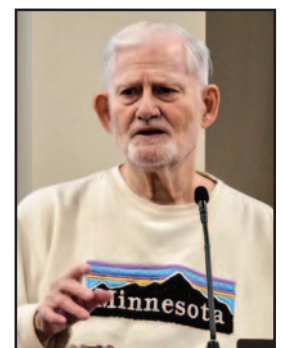
He also announced that Rotarian Kay Parries, the immediate past governor of District 5580, has been named to the district's Public Image Team.

Brandt talks movies, quizzes on trivia

Former member Brent Brandt joined us for the last time this summer to conduct a trivia quiz on breakfast cereals and beer. He hosted the movie "Freaky Friday" at the Fargo Theatre on (when else?) Friday.



Photos/Nancy Hanson. (Top) The Noltes, Kay Parries & Jean Hannig. President Tim Hiller.
(Above) Jean. Kay. Cindy and Gary Nolte.
(Below) Brent Brandt. Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons.



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Photos: Steve Astrup, Ernie Simmons, Dale Hetland and Brent Brandt.

Betty Opheim, Fargo West Rotary, promotes peach sales.

Violet Deilke.

Eric Wilkie.

Dale Hetland.

Tim Hiller.

Steve Astrup.



Sarge Ernie reprises historical dates

Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons highlighted events that happened on Aug. 5, the day of our meeting. Among them: Marilyn Monroe’s death in 1962, the debut of “American Bandstand” in 1957, and Abraham Lincoln’s establishment of the first U.S. income tax in 1864 — a 3% tax on those who earned more than \$800 per year.

He moved on to a sobering addition, the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima on Aug. 6. Fourteen thousand were killed. He requested a moment of silence.

Then he lightened the mood with happy dollars. Brent mentioned an upcoming benefit for colleague Kevin Larson at TAK Venue in Dilworth on Sept. 20; he is fighting cancer. Nancy Hanson’s contribution was in honor of Fargo West’s peach sale, “the best fruit you’ll ever taste.” Jean Hannig celebrated the Calgary convention and the peaches. Cindy Nolte shared news that she and Gary are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. Eric Wilkie’s IOU dollars were in honor of the FM Area Foundation’s summer celebration Aug. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. and for both

Steve Astrup’s and Tim’s leadership. Guest Betty calculated that an income of \$800 in Abraham Lincoln’s day equals \$16,380 in 2025.

Cindy, Gary, Kay & Jean report on Calgary

Decked out in bright blue Rotary District 5580 vests, the four Calgary visitors shared highlights of the convention June 13-17. Jean noted that the white hats each wore signify hospitality, and were sported by most attendees. She attended the Youth Exchange pre-convention marking the 50th year of the Rotary program.

The Noltes drove to Calgary, stopping at several clubs’ meetings along the way. Gary’s highlight was the Rotary Foundation’s reaching a balance of \$2 billion. Cindy’s was a speaker who discussed the difficult challenges faced by today’s youth.

For Kay, Calgary marked her third international convention. She said it may have been her favorite, as she got to spend time with her class of district governors. The 2026 conference will be in Taipei, the 2027 event in Dubai, and the 2028 in Minneapolis.

Looking Ahead

August 12

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
ProgramLaetita Hellerud, Jeremiah Project

August 19

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Program.....Bill Zielinski, Make-A-Wish

August 26 — Off-site Tour

Heather’s House, 3800 56th Ave S, Fargo

September 2

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
Program

September 9

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson

September 16

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Program



Rotary Annual Golf Scramble

Monday, September 15, 2025 – Suite Shots, 3400 James Way, Fargo

- 12:30-1:30 Registration & Lunch (Buffet)
- 1:00-1:30 Warm up / Networking; Fun team competitions.
- 1:30-3:30 Gameplay. Pebble Beach 4-person 9-hole scramble
- 3:30-4:30 Prizes announced, cash bar, gameplay ends.



Scan to register online

Complete the form below and return to melissa.paul@suiteshots.com or register online at <https://5-club-rotary-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com/>

GOLF AND SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION: (PLEASE PRINT)

- ☐ Foursome with Bay Sponsor: \$500 (Business Name) _____
- ☐ Foursome: \$400
- ☐ Bay Sponsor: \$150 (Business Name) _____
- ☐ Individual Golfer: \$100
- ☐ Viewing Patron / Dine Only: \$50 (Diner's Name) _____

Golfer 1 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer 2 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer 3 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer 4 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

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