



The Paddlewheel

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August Birthday

Hiller, Tim August 20

August Wedding Anniversaries

Moorhead, Tracey and Richard

62 years Aug. 14 1964

Nolte, Gary and Cindy

57 years Aug. 01 1969

Riewer, Jon and Kristine

30 years Aug. 24 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 30 years

Aug. 06 1996

Nolte, Cindy

26 years

Aug. 15 2000



President Chris Andreasen.
(Right) Guest speaker Bob Dutcher.



Coming Up August 18

This week, Steve Smith joins us to talk about the programs of the Fargo-Moorhead YMCA. John Riewer is sergeant at arms.

August Service Project

Our club is collecting school supplies for the Golden Drive for Kids this month. What to donate? The school district's 4th grade supply list is on the back page to give you ideas!

Speaker Bob Dutcher Shares Personal Experiences & Observations of Ukraine

President Christ Andreasen welcomed Rotarians Aug. 11 along with Bob Dutcher, his wife and several guests including RYLA attendee Molly Greelis.

Chris announced that the club is going to participate in the Greater Moorhead Days parade on Friday, Sept. 4, riding with Gary Nolte in his classic car. It's a great way to show off our club's presence ... and have fun waving & tossing candy.

Brandt Treats the Club to Trivia

On the eve of his return to the classroom, trivia master Brent challenged members with questions about everything from pop culture to geography. He teased that his quiz was "the hardest ever" ... but the answer to every question was embedded in the question itself.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Trivia master Brent Brandt.
Sergeant at Arms Brandon Lunak.
(Below) Tim Hiller. Eric Wilkie and Gary Nolte.
(Bottom) Steve Schaefer and Kirk Scott.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:
(Above) Alexander Aldrich responds to Sarge Brandon Lunak's query.

(Top right) Bob Dutcher pointed out that this Ukraine landscape looks very much like North Dakota.

(Bottom) Kay Parries and Cindy Nolte examine a war drone Dutcher brought home from Ukraine.

- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 3 large glue sticks (1 goes to art class)
- 2 boxes 24 pencils (sharpened)
- 1 box colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 box 24-count crayons
- 1 box classic markers (8-10 count)
- 8 black dry-erase markers (low odor if possible)
- 2 highlighters
- 2 black fine tip markers (goes to art class)
- 1 pencil pouch or box
- 1 children's point-tipped scissors
- 1 12-inch ruler (not bendable) (cm and inches)
- 4 folders any color
- 4 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 set of over the head headphones with a microphone (3.5mm connector) (no ear buds)



Sarge Brandon Takes Club 'Back to School'

Sergeant at Arms Brandon Lunak, who happens to be superintendent of ISD 152, focused on the history of going back to school. He revealed that shoppers spend so much on their school-bound children that the occasion is second only to holiday shopping. A century ago, the most common purchases includes pencils, shoes and slate board. After WWII, it was Crayola crayons. The Trappper Keepers showed up in 1978.

Eric Wilkie have the first happy dollar in honor of the FM Area Foundation's open house that day. Brent announced he is happy to be a Spud. Nancy Hanson pointed to the primary election that day.

Dutcher Tells of Wartime Life in Ukraine

Speaker Bob Dutcher focused on Ukraine, where patriots have been fighting Russian invaders for many years. A member of Ukraine Rotary and a Kiwanis club in the Bay Area, he said the two groups coordinate to deliver civilian and military aid there. That aid, he said, includes "everything and everything we can," including bedding, ATVs, a medical drone to help in recovering wounded on the battlefield, and supplies and support for a children's shelter.

What's the situation there? "It depends where you are," he told us. The safest area is in the west, though now Kyiv is bombed constantly. Heavy fighting is taking place in the east and northeast, with additional bombing in the south.



For many, the war began in 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea and invaded the Donbas region. The fighting today dates back to the Russian invasion of 2022. They were pushed back, however, by the newly equipped and trained Ukrainian army. The lines have remained largely static for most of the war.

Today, the principal weaponry are drones — small and cost-effective. Even the littlest, he told us, have the power to take out a tank.

Looking Ahead

August 18

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program.....Steve Smith, YMCA

August 25 — Board Meeting

Trinity board roomnoon

September 1

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
ProgramSue Baron, Golden Drive HS Kids

September 8 — Tour of YWCA

September 15

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramAlicia Belay, GCA Thrive

September 22 — Club Social

Junkyard Brewing.....4 p.m.

September 29

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
ProgramMolly Greelis, RYLA Experience

Oct. 24 — 5-Club Walk for Polio @ The Loop