



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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**Moorhead Rotary Club 1405**  
District 5580

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Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte  
Program Chair Jean Hannig  
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

### August Birthdays

Cater, Alma August 1

### Wedding Anniversaries

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard  
59 years Aug 14 1964  
Nolte, Gary & Cindy 54 years  
Aug 01 1969  
Riewer, Jon & Kristine 27 years  
Aug 24 1996

### Rotary Anniveraries

Hannig, Jean 27 years  
Aug 06 1996  
Nolte, Cindy 23 years  
Aug 15 2000



Sam Wai presented his TEDx talk on wine.

### Coming Up Tuesday, Aug. 22

Our meeting Tuesday will be at the Clay County Joint Law Enforcement Center, where Sheriff Mark Empting will introduce us to the facilities that serve both his department and the Moorhead Police Department. Park in the lot on the east side of the building (911 11th St. N.) or, if necessary, to the west. We will gather in the lobby inside the main entrance. Box lunches will be provided.

### Sam Wai shares presentation on the history and romance of wine

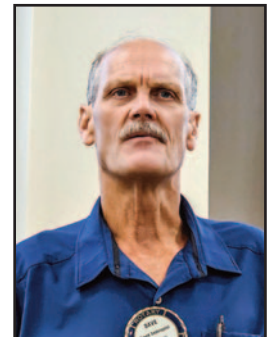
President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians on Aug. 15 with an introduction to Laura Lobo, soon to be the club's newest member. She is transferring her Rotary membership from the Park Rapids club to Moorhead.

Past president Dave Sederquist, the club's new treasurer, explained that some members may have mistaken the two invoices received last month as duplicates. Due to a switch in accounting programs, the two — representing dues for the first two quarters of the year — were sent at the same time. He will be sending new, clarified invoices to the members who have not paid both.

Dale Hetland reported that he is researching trips to be offered as prizes in the upcoming Travel Raffle. The annual fund-raiser will begin this fall.

### Sarge Dave cites Little League history

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist shared a



Photos/Nancy Hanson: President Steve Astrup. Treasurer Dave Sederquist. (Middle) Jean Hannig. Tammy Finney. (Bottom) Gary Nolte. Laura Lobo.





Our 2023 Rotary exchange student, Ansgar, arrived Friday at Hector Airport. There to greet him, along with Jean Hannig, were his host mom Danelle Dauner and her son Jack.

glimpse of the history of Little League baseball, a topic much in the news with the Fargo team's participation this year. He shared a quote from Yogi Berra: "Little League baseball keeps parents off the streets."

Gary and Cindy Nolte donated the first happy dollars in celebration of their 54th anniversary and trip next week to meet their new great-grandson. Jon Riewer reported he lunched with John Andreasen after last week's meeting was cancelled due to a scheduling mistake by the school system. John's happy dollar was in honor of his just-completed tour to Norway. Dave Sederquist was happy about having all five of his granddaughters together at his lake cabin. Jean Hannig welcomed Laura to Moorhead Rotary.

**Sam Wai traces wine's 8,000-year history**

Rotarian of the Day Gary Nolte introduced member Sam Wai, who retired several years ago as American Crystal's treasurer. Sam reported he was the last speaker of the day at TEDx Fargo's annual event July 23.

Sam's interest in wine dates back to the 1970s. He has taught many classes on the origins of wine, the process of making it (or "making itself"), and how to pair wine with food.

"Wine is an agricultural product with a rich history," he said, "representing a region where the grapes are grown and harvested and the family

that grows the grapes."

He traced the origin of wine back 8,000 years to the Georgia region of Europe. Grapes must be used when they're harvested; otherwise, they rot. Farmers discovered they could be crushed to use the juice as a beverage. It ferments naturally, with yeast digesting the sugar and turning it to alcohol. Grapes contain 20 to 24% sugar and 7% acid. Once pressed, the juice becomes wine in just weeks.

The Catholic church began to grow grapes in monasteries, where the educated people of the day improved the way wine was made. Each variety of grape makes its own kind of wine, reflecting the soil of the place where it is grown and the ground water that's filtered through the fruit.

"Good wines have a sense of place," Sam said. "Cheaper wines don't have that place."

Grapes were discovered in the American colonies by 1600, with Jamestown producing luxury wines for Europe. By 1700, they were being grown in the missions of California.

But the American grape vines carried a fungus that was transported back to Europe, spreading rapidly through its vineyards. The American grapes, however, were immune to the fungus. Eventually a solution was found, with European vines grafted on American rootstock.

**Looking Ahead**

**August 22 — at Clay County LEC**

Sergeant at Arms ..... Austin Rund  
 Program ..... Sheriff Mark Empting,  
 tour of Law Enforcement Center

**August 29**

Sergeant at Arms ..... Dave Sederquist  
 Program ..... Jody Plecity, Healing Garden

**September 5**

Sergeant at Arms ..... Nancy Hanson  
 Program .....

**September 12**

Sergeant at Arms ..... Tim Hiller  
 Rotarian of the Day ..... Nancy Hanson  
 Program ..... Colburn Hvidston III,  
 "Spotlighting the Story"

**September 19**

Sergeant at Arms ..... Ernie Simmons  
 Program .....

**September 26**

Sergeant at Arms ..... Bill Woods  
 Program .....