



The Paddlewheel

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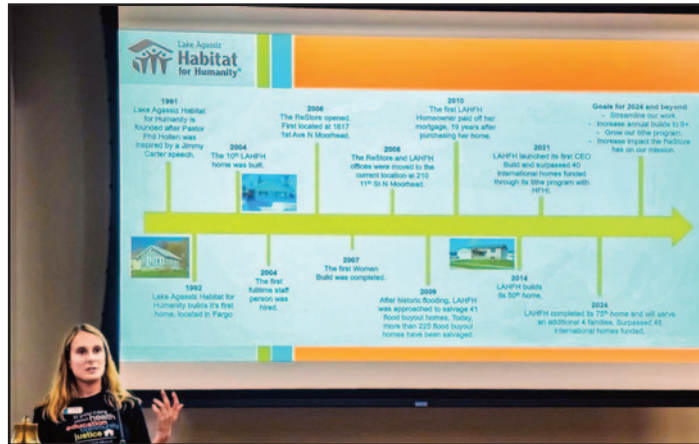
Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
Directors (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
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August Anniversaries

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard
60 years Aug. 14 1964
Nolte, Gary & Cindy 55 years
Aug. 01 1969
Riewer, Jon & Kristine 28 years
Aug. 24 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 28 years
Aug. 06 1996
Nolte, Cindy 24 years
Aug. 15 2000



Coming Up Tuesday, August 6

We're meeting in the Birkeland Lounge at Concordia this week for a program celebrating Jane Capistran, the Youth Symphony director who has played a central role in our Recitals with a Cause since their beginning in 2010. John Andreasen will conduct the program. Ernie Simmons is this week's sergeant at arms.

Habitat for Humanity speaker talks of 33 years of progress & plans for the future

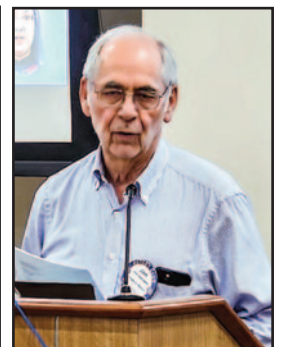
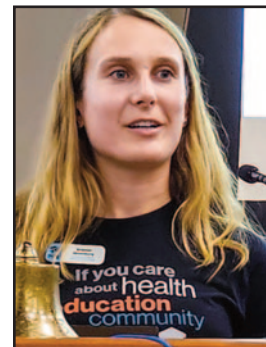
President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and two guests to the group's July 30 meeting — prospective member Jodi Brown, guest of Laura Lobo, and Tim Hiller's daughter Clara.

Next meeting will be at Concordia

He reminded members that we will gather in Birkeland Lounge at Concordia College on Aug. 6 (the club's former meeting site) for a special meeting celebrating Jane Capistran. The retiring director of the FM Youth Symphony has been a key contributor to more than 20 years of Rotary's Recital with a Cause, helping recruit the young musicians who are featured in the annual fundraiser for Polio Plus. John Andreasen will lead the program.

Steve also noted that our own Kay Parries is traveling the district this fall, meeting with all District 5580's clubs from western North Dakota to the tip of Ontario. She will join us in her new capacity as district governor later this fall.

The president also thanked Gary Nolte and Teresa Joppa for volunteering at the Fargo AirSho July 27.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Brianna Gibbons of Habitat for Humanity. President Steve Astrup. (Above) Brianna. John Andreasen. (Below) Tim Hiller and daughter Clara. Teresa Joppa donates AirSho fee to club. Dale Hetland.





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Rotarians at lunch.

Dave Tranby.

Guest Jodi Brown.

Brandon Lunak.

Jon Benson & Jerry Rogers.

Gary drove the tractor pulling guests across the airport, while Teresa guided them on and off board. Teresa later donated the \$40 she earned as a volunteer to the club as “happy dollars.”

Sarge John compares Olympic, Rotary values

Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen focused on the Olympics, comparing its values — promoting international understanding through athletic competition — with those of Rotary International. He cited past challenges to the quadrennial games, all of which have been overcome by working together.

Jean Hannig led off collection of happy dollars with kudos for summer theater performances. Jon Benson reported that 41 members of the Benson family gathered last week for their traditional reunion.

Volunteer coordinator traces Habitat’s growth since 1991, looks to future

Brianna Gibbons, the volunteer and family services coordinator of Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity and ReStore, spoke of the hundreds of volunteers who have taken part in Habitat’s home builds. The organization is always seeking families who need help to become home owners. She and the organization not only identify future owners; they provide ongoing support to the families as they settle into the homes they have helped build.



Habitat has three goals, she told the club: To build homes, communities and hope. The local volunteers have built three or four homes each year since its founding in 1991, including four in 2024; she added, “But a community our size should be building or rehabbing eight to 10.”

To be chosen for a home, families must meet three requirements: They must have the ability to make mortgage payments. (Generally this means earning 50 to 80% of the median income.) They must be willing to partner with Habitat, and, of course, they must have a need for housing. Families selected for the new home also must put in at least 500 hours during the construction process.

Applications are open now, with families selected for 2025 to be announced in January. They will be able to move in after the year-long build some time in 2026. For details on the program, go to www.lakeagassizhabitat.org

Looking Ahead

August 6 — Birkeland Lounge, Concordia

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
Program.....Celebrating Jane Capistran

August 13

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
Program

August 20

Sergeant at ArmsLaura Lobo
Program

August 27

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramEmily Jones,
Creative Spirit Counseling

September 3 — No Meeting

September 10

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
ProgramSky Purdin, Jasmin Child Care

September 17

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
ProgramBruce Hanson, Heart of Clay

September 24

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
Program