



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Tim Hiller
President-Elect Chris Andreasen
President Nominee
Treasurer Dave Sederquist
Secretary Alexander Aldrich
Past President Steve Astrup

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
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul January 7
Astrup, Steve January 10
Riewer, Jon January 14
Finney, Tammy January 29



President conducts annual Club Assembly

President Tim Hiller conducted the annual Club Assembly on Tuesday, Feb. 3 — a time to assess our progress and lay plans for the future.

Travel Raffle February winners announced

First, however, Travel Raffle committee chair Dale Hetland attended to the month's first business by revealing February's winners of the Travel Raffle.

Tom Newberger of Fargo, a guest at the meeting, was announced as the winner of third prize, a \$100 dining certificate at Rustica. Second prize was won by another Fargoan, Mary Krogh. The month's top prize — the winner's choice of a trip for two — was won by Kevin Cease of Bemidji. The club's perennial best sellers, Jean Hannig and Violet Deilke, sold the third and second-place tickets, while Dave Sederquist sold the top award.

5-Club Social set for Feb. 12

Following up on their participation in last month's Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, the five F-M Rotary clubs are hosting a social for prospects at Brewhalla on Thursday, Feb. 12, at

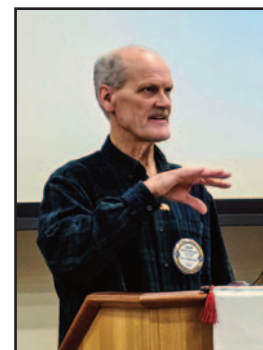


Coming Up February 10

Canı Adan, executive director of New Roots Midwest, an organization providing support and education for immigrants. Jon Riewer is sergeant at arms.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) President Tim Hiller.
(Above) Dale Hetland. Nancy Edmonds Hanson.
(Below) Treasurer Dave Sederquist. Jean Hannig.
(Bottom) Jon Andreasen. President Elect Chris Andreasen.





(Above) Secretary Alexander Aldrich takes notes on President Tim's address to the Club Assembly.

(Right, top) Janelle Leiseth. Violet Deilke.

(Right, bottom) Kay Parries. Jerry Rogers.



5:15 p.m. All Rotarians are invited, along with potential members identified at the event,

Sarge Nancy reveals groundhog lore

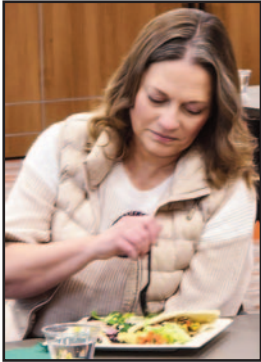
Sergeant at Arms Nancy Edmonds Hanson shared little-known lore about Groundhog Day, celebrated on Feb. 2 — the middle day between the winter solstice and spring equinox. In addition to its history, she reported that Punxsatawney Phil, the best-known groundhog in America, did see his shadow on Monday, portending six more weeks of winter. However, she noted, that flipping a coin would be more likely to be accurate, since Phil's record is a meager 38%.

Dave Sederquist provided the first "happy dollar," since his high-school friend won first prize. Janelle Leiseth celebrated husband Matt's appointment to head Downtown Moorhead inc. Nancy reported the second commercial development downtown, Essentia's upcoming family clinic. John Andreasen reported success with his cataract surgery. Bill Woods expressed delight that he and his wife have sold their house and are moving to Sanders Flats. Ernie Simmons apologized for his car battery's demise, preventing him from volunteering last week at Churches United, while Chris Andreasen reported that a woodchuck (similar to groundhog) lives behind his house.

Tim updates club in annual meeting

President Tim launched the club assembly with a report on upcoming 2025-26 club officers, including president-elect Chris Andreasen, Secretary Alex Aldrich, and Treasurer Dave Sederquist.

He cited some of the club's achievements, including producing district governors Gary Nolte and Kay Parries, originating the Recital with a Cause (which has raised almost \$1 million), and its annual youth exchange students — the only club of the five F-M bodies to do so every year. He mentioned our legacy of fund-raising, with substantial recent gifts to Churches United,



Moorhead Legacy Fund and the Rotary Natural Play Hill.

Goals for the year are either on track or accomplished. The biggest challenge, he said, is membership, noting that present demographics lean heavily toward the older end of the scale.

Treasurer Dave Sederquist reported that, while the overall budget is healthy, fewer members place a strain on revenue, with the balance at less than \$20,000. He said that dollars available for community grants are likely to total \$5,000, vs \$10,000 last year.

Looking toward 2026-27, he suggested several options: Increasing fees; adding a second fund-raiser; seeking community grant dollars; and reconsidering meeting frequency. "We need to evolve as a club and think of new ways to carry out our mission," he concluded.

Looking Ahead

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Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
ProgramCani Adan, New Roots Midwest

February 17

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
ProgramErin Shapiro, Plains Art Museum