



The Paddlewheel

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President Steve Astrup
President-Elect Tim Hiller
President Nominee
Treasurer Dave Sederquist
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Dave Sederquist

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

Anniversary

Johnson, Gregory & Kelley 13 years
Jan. 05 2012

Rotary Anniversaries



Tuesday, January 14

Tim Hill is sergeant at arms this week.
Program — TBA.

Ernie Simmons discusses future of humanity

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to the first meeting of a new year on Jan. 7. The first order of business was election of officers for the 2024-25 year. Tim Hiller was unanimously chosen as president-elect; he will take office July 1. Teresa Joppa continues as secretary, and Dave Sederquist as treasurer.

Steve announced members have donated \$495 toward a \$500 goal for the Legacy Education Foundation, adding that the amount would be matched by another donor when it reached \$500. Jon Benson promptly ran forward with the final \$5.

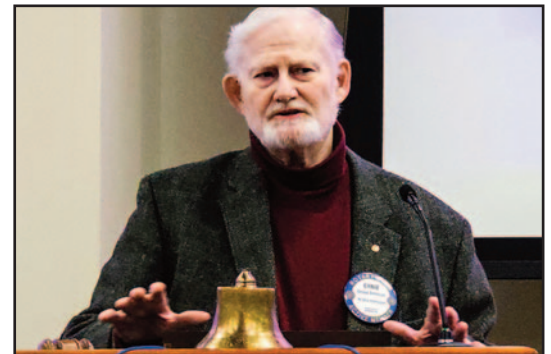
After the club saluted Paul Dovre's 90th birthday with song, Steve Schaefer updated the club on the Sundance Film Festival showing of a documentary featuring son Sam. His daughter Ellie joined us as a guest.

January travel winners revealed

While Dave Sederquist boosted suspense with a drum flourish, Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland tore open the envelope containing January's raffle winners.

Ben Hanna nabbed third prize, a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica, on a ticket purchased by his father Bob. Jean Hannig's customer, Fargo Rotarian Ken Rosson, won the \$200 second prize.

The trip for two goes to Maureen Kelly Jonason,



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Tim Hiller is our new president elect, shown with Teresa Joppa and Dave Sederquist. Ernie Simmons explained A.I. Dave Sederquist and Dale Hetland reveal winners. (Below) President Steve Astrup.





Photos/Nancy Hanson: Teresa Joppa donates happy dollar. Tom Riley sips. Steve Schaefer shares good news. Dave Sederquist dines. (Right) Ernie Simmons and future A.I. robots.

who purchased her ticket from Nancy Hanson.

Happy dollars add up

Birthday boy Paul donated \$5 in observance of turning 90. Teresa's happy buck saluted the NDSU Bison's historic 10th national championship. Jean Hannig pointed members toward the survey of potential service projects. Dave Tranby's heralded the hockey game he attended in Winnipeg, where he cheered on a player he knows well.

Ernie predicts rapid A.I. advancement

Ernie Simmons, now retired after nearly 46 years as a professor of religion at Concordia College, delivered a much-anticipated program on the state of artificial intelligence and the possibilities that lie very close ahead.

He explained three types of A.I.:

Generative AI, which produces information by transforming inputted data following associated words. Chat GPT is in this category.

ACI, or artificial competence intelligence, which works with domains of understanding like physics or chemistry.

AGI, or artificial general intelligence, which goes farther, replicating human thinking. It includes references to past experience and conceptualizing. This is the one that might include self-consciousness.



ASI, or artificial super-intelligence ... systems that would surpass human intelligence and lie beyond human comprehension. He asked the stark question: Might it bring an unprecedented age of progress, or the end of humanity?

The technology, he said, is advancing very quickly. Home-care robots may be coming soon. Synthetic biology — for example, bacteria that resist antibiotics — is already on the horizon. He noted that Minnesota and other governments have passed laws trying to regulate A.I.

Looking Ahead

January 14

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
Program.....

January 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Jon Riewer
Program.....

January 28

Sergeant at ArmsDave Sederquist
Program.....

February 4

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
Program

February 11

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program

February 18

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program