



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580

President	Steve Astrup
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Directors (2023)	Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
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RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
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

Wedding Anniversaries

Johnson, Gregory & Kelley 12 years
Jan. 05 2012

Rotary Anniveraries

Farwell, Randy	23 years
Jan. 23 2001	
Fredericksen, Katie	1 year
Jan. 01 2023	



Next Meeting — Tuesday, January 16

Ann Kidder of Kidderbug Creations talks about her unique tributes to deceased loved ones, with Cindy Nolte as Rotarian of the day. Tim Hiller is sergeant at arms.

Arlin & Sarah Fisher encourage organ donations in memory of late son Cameron

Moorhead Rotarians gathered for the first time in 2024 to hear grieving parents Arlin and Sarah Fisher talk of the vital gifts of life that organ donors create — a mission they have established called “Crosses for Cameron” in honor of their late son.

Their teen son was killed in a traffic accident in 2018. As a donor, his organs and tissue have been transplanted in 124 patients all over the country, with most organ transplants taking place at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Mayo in Rochester.

The couple, who have eight surviving children and two grandchildren, dispelled several myths about organ donation. They said that every major religion permits organ donations, though some do place certain restrictions. There is no maximum or minimum age for donors. While organs must be transferred in 45 hours, tissue remains viable for five years. Open-casket funerals are possible after donated organs are removed. There is no cost to the family of the donor.

To register as a donor, express your wishes when you apply for a drivers license or permit. Or go to one of several websites: DonateLifeMN.org, DonateLifeND.org, DonateLife.net, or RegisterMe.org.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Arlin and Sarah Fisher with photo of Cameron. Dave Tranby, Tracey Moorhead and Cindy Nolte. (Below) Drummer Dave Sederquist and Dale Hetland. (Bottom) Dave, Jerry Rogers, Gary Nolte and Paul Dovre. Josh Schmitke and Gary.



Photos/Teresa Joppa: Moorhead Rotarians joined tens of thousands of other volunteers in packing 9,712,224 meals to feed starving children around the world. The Rotarian volunteers, along with families and friends, worked on Jan. 11 and 13 at the FargoDome.



January Travel Raffle winners announced

Two Moorhead Rotarians will be taking trips in coming months as winners of the monthly drawing for the Travel Give-Away. John Andreasen’s wife Carol Sue’s name was drawn for the top prize, an all-expense-paid trip for two to their choice of 10 destinations.

Tom Riley won second prize, \$200 in cash. Third prize, a \$100 dinner certificate for Rustica, will go to Dustin Scott.

Sarge Dave gathers week’s happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist addressed New Year’s resolution before turning to the weekly call for “happy dollars.”

Nancy Hanson saluted Teresa Joppa’s success in getting a refund of \$17,000 in special assessments paid over recent years for Evergreen Cemetery, whose board she heads. Jerry Rogers told of taking in the first basketball game in Moorhead High School’s brand new gymnasium: “It’s great!” Cindy Nolte celebrated their newest grandbaby’s first birthday.

Dave proclaimed that the basketball team of his alma mater, MSUM, is ranked first in the nation for the first time ever. Dave Tranby noted the Spud girls hockey team, too, is on a winning streak, with 18 wins and only one loss. Jean Hannig announced that Rotary exchange student Ansgar turned 17 on Jan. 2.



Looking Ahead

January 16

Sergeant at ArmsTim Hiller
 Rotarian of the DayCindy Nolte
 ProgramAnne Kidder, Kidderbug Kreations

January 23

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
 Rotarian of the DayJon Benson
 Program.....Ricot Aladin, Professional Lunch

January 30

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program

February 6

Sergeant at ArmsJerry Rogers
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program

February 13

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program

February 20

Sergeant at ArmsBob Hanna
 Rotarian of the Day
 Program