



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Steve Astrup
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Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
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Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
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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 21

Janelle Leiseth will talk about what the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation has coming up in 2025.
John Andreasen will be sergeant at arms.

Int'l Peace Fellow's video talk offers hope and framework for peace

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians on Jan. 14. He extended the club's sympathies to Cindy Nolte and her family on the death of her mother.

Natural Play Hill campaign reaches goal

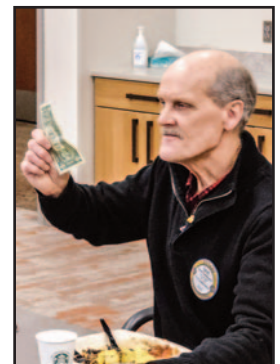
Steve shared good news from the monthly meeting of presidents of all five FM Rotary clubs: The Rotary Foundation has reached its goal of raising \$1,270,000 to fund the Rotary Natural Play Hill and Bike Park in downtown Moorhead.

Each of the community's five clubs has pledged \$1,000 per year through 2027 toward completion of the ambitious development ... including all the features originally planned.

A gift of \$60,000 from Raymond and Kathy Kvalvog and their family pushed total contributions up to its goal. Their gift was given in memory of sons Zach and Connor, who died in a traffic accident in 2015.

Sarge Tim details challenges to Polio Plus

After 40 years, Rotary's Polio Plus was at the brink of declaring success, Sergeant at Arms Tim Hiller told the club. Quoting the New York Times, he reported that vaccinations have reduced the number of cases worldwide by 99.99%, preventing an estimated 20 million cases of



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Jean Hannig introduces video by International Peace Scholar David LaMotte. President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Tim Hiller. Dave Sederquist and his happy dollar. (below) Kay Parries, Dave Tranby and Jerry Rogers.



(Top row)
Gary Nolte.
Ernie Simmons.
Dale Hetland.
Eric Wilkie

(Second row)
Janelle Leiseth.
Jon Benson.



paralysis. Before the vaccine's introduction in 1955, polio paralyzed or killed more than half a million people each year.

And yet, he said, according to the Times, it's again on the rise, with 71 new cases in Pakistan last year and 14 in Afghanistan. In Gaza, the second of three types — believed to be extinct — was found to paralyze a child last year. It had been removed from the vaccine in use since 2016. "In other words," he said, "we still have work to do."

He went on to collect happy dollars from the group celebrating a range of topics, from Jean Hannig's meeting with Rotary exchange students to Dave Sederquist's doomed but still-enthusiastic hopes for the Minnesota Vikings.

Musician & Peace Fellow Dave LaMotte shares viewpoint on achieving peace

"You are changing the world, whether you like it or not." That's the title of a book by Rotary Peace Fellow David LaMotte, as well as the theme of the video Jean Hannig screened at the meeting.

Life changed for LaMotte, a singer-songwriter, after a stroke in 2001 took away his speech and sensations in his hands and feet. "It made me reevaluate where I was putting my energy," he said in the TED-X talk that was played at the meeting. "I resolved to turn my focus outward."

He developed an interest in mediation, an effective method of conflict resolution.



He applied and was chosen as a Rotary Peace Fellow, spending 18 months earning a master's in international studies with a focus on peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland in Australia.

His video talk was titled "Why Heroes Don't Change the World." He noted that too often, we rely on the hero narrative, where "somebody really special" comes forward to "do something dramatic in a moment of crisis" and the problem is fixed.

That's not the way things really work. Instead, he talked about the network of support that enables individuals to make a change for the better. He cited Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott. "It succeeded because of ongoing efforts by a group of well-prepared and well-organized people. They didn't wait until the fire broke out to build the fire station. They'd been doing the work for years, and they were ready to go."

Looking Ahead

January 21

Sergeant at Arms John Andreasen
Program Janelle Leiseth, Mhd Legacy
..... Education Foundation

January 28

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist
Program Heather Ranck,
..... Rotary School Dictionary Project

February 4

Sergeant at Arms Jerry Rogers
Program

February 11

Sergeant at Arms Jon Riewer
Program

February 18

Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson
Program

February 25

Sergeant at Arms Rob Remark
Program