



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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

Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson
& Tim Hiller
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Director (2029) Jean Hannig
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July Birthdays

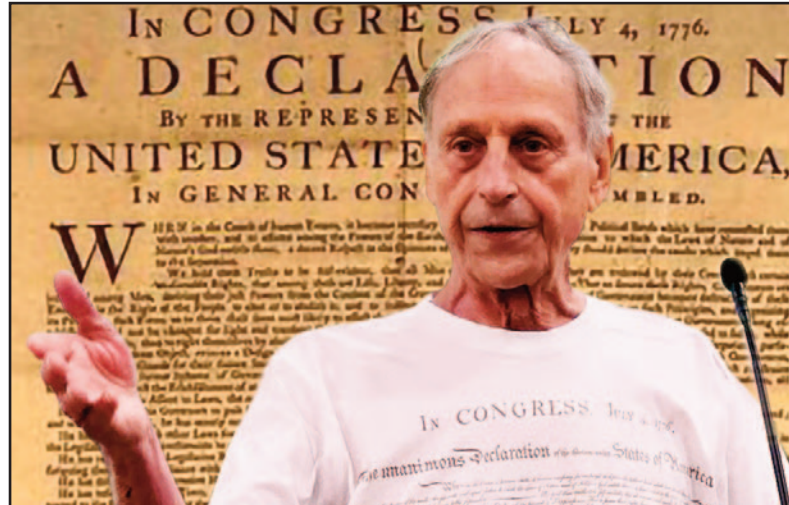
Leiseth, Janelle July 2
Benson, Jon July 6
Parries, Kay July 22

July Wedding Anniversary

Rogers, Jerry and Sue 56 years
Jul. 18 1970

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 46 years
Jul. 01 1980
Schaefer, Steve 24 years
Jul. 02 2002
Wilkie, Eric 15 years
Jul. 01 2011



(Left) Dave Seifert gave a riveting recital of the Declaration of Independence. (Above) Tim Hiller.

Coming Up July 14

Alecia Belay introduces us to GCA Thrive at our meeting this Tuesday. Jon Riewer is sergeant at arms.

Hiller Passes the Gavel to Andreasen

Tuesday, July 7, was a special day for Moorhead Rotary. President Tim Hiller concluded a successful year by passing the gavel to Chris Andreasen. Their families were on hand, too, to see the ceremony ... along with past president Steve Astrup, his fiancée Amy, and her father Dave Seifert, who saluted the season with a moving rendition of the entire Declaration of Independence.

A 'Deep Dive' into President Tim

Trivia master Brent Brandt set the tone for the occasion with a round of All-Hiller trivia. He queried members on encyclopedic knowledge of the retiring president, including (of course — it was Brent) his favorite movies, which few members knew.

Tim took to the podium to reflect on successes of the past year, including bucking the trend of diminished membership that affects so many area groups. He spoke of the club's support of people and programs in the Moorhead area, among them Churches United, the Moorhead Legacy Education



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Tim Hiller passes the gavel to President Chris Andreasen. (Below) Chris and wife Nicole. Kristen and John Andreasen. (Bottom) Tim's wife Elizabeth and son John.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:
(Above) Rotary International
President Olayinka H. Babalola of
Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in
Rivers State, Nigeria.

Photos/Nancy Hanson: Trivia master
Brent Brandt.

Dave Sederquist waits while Gary
Nolte draws a losing card in the
weekly raffle.

(Second row) Kay Parries.
Steve Astrup with fiancée Amy and
Dave Seifert.

(Third row) Devlyn Brooks.
Jon Riewer.

(Bottom row) Rob Remark.
Steve introduces his future father-in-
law, speaker Dave Seifert.



Foundation and others.

He applauded members for their support of our annual hosting of Rotary exchange students, the Recital with a Cause (which surpassed \$1 million this year), and grants to Churches United, the Legacy Education Foundation, the new Moorhead Library, PALS and the Gooseberry Park Players — made possible by the Travel Raffle, led by Dale Hetland and Violet Deilke, along with members who sold a total of 314 tickets. ers for selling 314 tickets this year.

Along with other accomplishments, he noted restructuring of the board of directors and revisions of the by-laws to make the club more nimble.

President Chris laid out his goals for the year ahead. “Number one is increasing our membership,” he emphasized. “We need to bring guests to enjoy the fun to convince them to join. Other goals: Adding more service projects, perhaps partnering and collaborating with the other 4 FM Rotary groups, and telling the Rotary story more widely in the community.

Seifert Recites Every Word

In a salute to the 250th birthday of the U.S.A., retired counselor Dave Seifert shared the entire Declaration of Independence — not just the familiar opening lines of the preamble, but every word. He enumerated each of the 27 grievances the colonists cited against King George III, making the case that the united colonies had, and have, the right to be free. That declaration, he noted, led to its unanimous signing by the 13 sometimes-fractious colonies.



Looking Ahead

July 14
Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
ProgramAlecia Belay, GCA Thrive

July 21
Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
ProgramDr. Colin Irvine, Concordia College

July 28

August 4
Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramThomas Hill, Youthworks

August 11
Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramSue Baron, Golden Drive for Kids

August 18
Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program.....Steve Smith, YMCA