



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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

July Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversary

Rogers, Jerry and Sue 55 years
Jul. 18 1970

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 45 years
Jul. 01 1980
Schaefer, Steve 23 years
Jul. 02 2002
Wilkie, Eric 14 years
Jul. 01 2011



Former Rotarian Brent Brandt gives surprise program on films

President Tim Hiller called his first meeting to order on July 8, welcoming guest Brent Brandt — a former Rotarian who unexpectedly stepped in to present not only a round of trivia based on movies, but to present the day's program.



Tuesday, July 15

We meet at noon at the new Dilworth Fire Station for a tour and box lunch. The address: 709 First Ave. NW, Dilworth.

Next meeting is at new Dilworth Fire Hall

President Tim announced that the next meeting — Tuesday, July 15 — will be a field trip to the new Dilworth Fire Hall. There, past president Steve Astrup and other volunteer firefighters will offer a tour of the new facility. Box lunches are planned. The fire hall, which moved to clear the way for the new Dilworth Community Center, is at 709 First Avenue.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (top) President Tim Hiller.
(Above) Former Rotarian and speaker Brent Brandt.
(Below) Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. Teresa Joppa.

Rotarians step up for TX flood victims

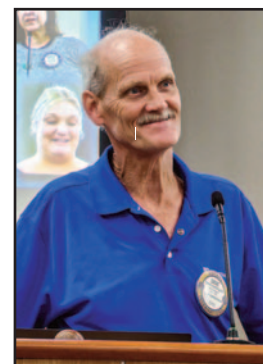
Tim told the group that District 5580 Rotarians are being encouraged to donate to help the victims of the devastating Kerrville, Texas, flood. Several members noted that other Rotary clubs around the country were generous with their support after Fargo-Moorhead's major flood disaster.

Members can donate by credit card or check:

Credit Card — <https://rotary5840.org/donate/district-5840-disaster-relief/>

Check — Payable to Rotary District 5840 Foundation, Memo: Disaster Relief - Mail to: Rotary District 5840 Foundation, P.O. Box 13, Boerne, TX 78006

Zelle — Send to D5840floodrelief2025@gmail.com, Memo: Disaster Relief





Photos:

Janelle Leiseth. Steve Astrup.

Dale Hetland. Teresa Joppa.

Jon Benson. Cindy Nolte.

*Former District Gov. Kay Parries.
Ernie Simmons.*

Sarge Dave scores with pickleball talk

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist introduced a new digital club collage including several new members, then reported Alex Aldrich has resigned due to his busy life. He went on to discuss the exploding popularity of pickleball, a sport invented in 1965 and named after the creator's dog Pickle. An estimated 15 million men and women now play the game — a dramatic increase since only 4 million three years ago.

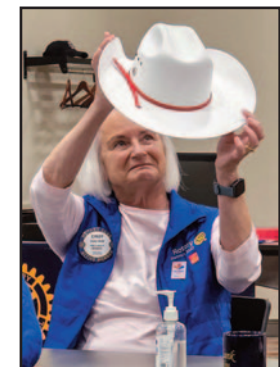
His call for happy dollars was answered by many who spoke up for President Tim and retiring president Steve. Others reported great travel to the international convention in Calgary and other trips, family gatherings, upcoming events and weddings.



Brent entertains and educates

Brent Brandt needed little introduction. Starting with a round of movie trivia, he went on to tell of how he helped establish the South Dakota Film Festival when living in Aberdeen. "I found out I was good at fund-raising," he revealed. He ran the event for 12 years before moving to Moorhead, where his children had come to attend college. He went back to school, earned an education degree, and is currently working in the local school system.

He soon began offering free secret movie nights at the Safari Theater. When it was sold, his Secret Movie Nights moved to the Fargo Theater. He hosts a classic movie night once per month, along with more recent films. Upcoming dates: "Jumanji," July 23 ... "Top Gun," July 24 ... "Field of Dreams," July 31 ... "Freaky Friday," Aug. 7. "Monty Python & the Holy Grail" will also be shown in August.



Looking Ahead

July 15 — Off-Site Meeting in Dilworth
ProgramTour of new Dilworth Fire Dept.

July 22
Sergeant at Arms
ProgramSiham Amedy & Jody Jordet
Clay County Early Childhood Fund