



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Program Chair Jean Hannig
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July Birthdays

Benson, Jon July 6
Erbes, Roger July 16
Parries, Kay July 22

Anniversaries

Rogers, Jerry and Sue 54 years
Jul. 18 1970

Rotary Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul 44 years
Jul. 01 1980
Schaefer, Steve 22 years
Jul. 02 2002
Wilkie, Eric 13 years
Jul. 01 2011



Coming Up Tuesday, July 16

Markus Krueger, program director of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, talks about Moorhead's historical brewery industry.

Gary & Cindy Nolte share stories from mission to Haiti ... and the earthquake they experienced

President Steve Astrup kicked off his second term at the Moorhead Rotary podium July 9, welcoming members — including some whom “we haven’t seen for awhile,” he said — along with prospective member Kirk Scott.

He told members that Rotarians are invited to an event to honor Jane Capistran, director of the FM Youth Symphony who has helped recruit prize-winning teen musicians since 2010 for the five clubs’ annual Recital with a Cause. The reception for the retiring director will take place in Concordia College’s Birkeland Lounge on July 23.

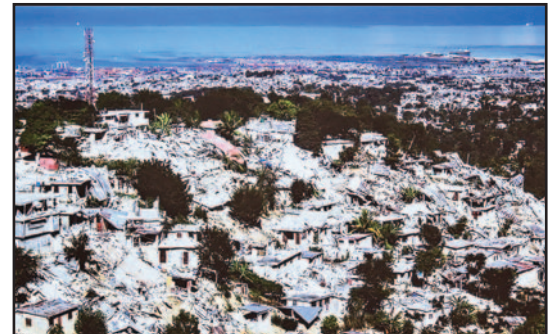
Homes needed for Austrian exchange student

Teresa Joppa said that host families are urgently needed for the young Austrian exchange student who is due to arrive in August. Three homes are needed to house her during her nine months at Moorhead High. Call her or Jean Hannig to volunteer, or to suggest appropriate families who may be interested.

Sarge Dale recounts saga of women in Rotary

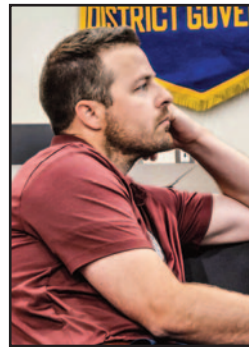
Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland, who stepped in only minutes before the meeting began, served up information about the admission of women to Rotary International clubs.

Until 1989, Rotary — like other service clubs — admitted only male members. That changed when



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Gary and Cindy Nolte talked about one of their service trips to Haiti with a delegation from Trinity Church. (Below) The club's new governor's flag. Dale Hetland filled in at the last minute as sergeant at arms. Ernie Simmons, Bill Woods, Chuck Matthees. Dave Sederquist and prospective member Kirk Scott.





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President Steve Astrup scrutinized the projection controls on the computer/

Dale Hetland, Dave Tranby and Alex Aldrich.

Secretary Teresa Joppa.

Rob Remark.

a California club that had been censured for welcoming a woman member sued the organization. The U.S. Supreme Court determined that male-only clubs were illegal, opening the door for females.

However, Moorhead had opened its door two years earlier, when St. Ansgar Hospital administrator Glenna Lemke was initiated as a member. That historic step received no notice from the district ... because officers of District 5580 assumed her name was Glenn but had been typed wrong. Today, one-quarter of the membership is female.

Dale called for happy dollars. Nancy Hanson recommended member Jessica Bergum's new home baking business to members; she raved about Jess's rhubarb cake and reasonable prices. (Search "Jess's Bakery" on Facebook.) Dave Tranby reported his wife's car is out of commission, so he's driving substitutes.

Dave Sederquist attended an all-school reunion in his home town of Bagley, Minnesota. Alex Aldrich invited members to a pre-retirement seminar on how to value their businesses; it's from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 24.

Gary Nolte pointed to the new club banner, which debuted that day. It proclaims, "Home Club of the District President," our own Kay Parries. It was last displayed when Gary himself held that office more than 20 years ago.

Noltes' service trip was earth-shaking

Over their years in Rotary, Gary and Cindy have

been on many service and mission trips to Central America and Haiti. Their program Tuesday focused on Haiti, one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere, now the site of gang violence that has wracked the capital, Port au Prince, and put a temporary halt to similar visits in 2018.

The Noltes have been part of both Rotary service ventures and mission trips organized by their church, Trinity Lutheran. Their program focused on travel with their church's group in 2010, when volunteers built a fence around a playground and helped with other projects to make life better for the people of Pignon, a city of about 30,000 in northeastern Haiti.

They were there on Jan. 12, 2010, when a magnitude 7 earthquake struck the island at about 5 p.m., followed by dozens of aftershocks. More than a million Haitians were injured; the death toll is estimated at 315,000. "Most of the buildings on the island were destroyed," Gary said, due in large part to the construction methods used there.

In addition to the Noltes' group, a medical mission from Fargo-Moorhead was on the island at the same time. The medical professionals in both groups wanted to stay there to care for the huge numbers of victims making their way to the local hospital, but government officials insisted they leave because they couldn't keep them safe.

The volunteers were evacuated by bus on rudimentary roads through the mountains. At one point, their bus, while fording a river, began to float. After six harrowing hours, they reached their destination only 100 miles away and were flown out of the neighboring Dominican Republic.

Looking Ahead

July 16

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramHSCC's Markus Krueger
on Moorhead's breweries

July 23

Sergeant at Arms
Program

July 30

Sergeant at Arms
Program.....Brianna Gruenberg,
Habitat for Humanity

August 6

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramJohn Andreasen,
Celebrating Capistran