



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Chris Andreasen
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Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson
& Tim Hiller
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Director (2029) Jean Hannig
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Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor
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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



Coming Up July 21

Dr. Colin Irvine joins us to tell us what's new at Concordia College. Dale Hetland is our sergeant at arms.

Brazilian exchange student bids farewell

President Chris Andreasen welcomed Moorhead Rotarians July 14, along with two guests: Exchange student Ana Beatriz de Souza Prata, and Chris's sister Kjersten.

He launched the meeting with several announcements. First, he shared words of thanks from several organizations that received grants in the most recent round. He also passed around sign-up sheets, requesting that each member choose a committee on which to serve in the coming year.

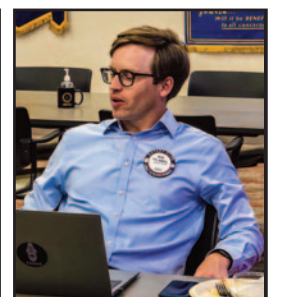
Chris noted that two Fargo Rotary clubs are involved in fund-raisers. Fargo West is conducting its 33rd sale of delicious late-season Colorado peaches. The fruit will be available Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. Supporters may place orders online at <https://fargo-west-rotary.square.site/>. Full lugs of 20-some pounds are \$52, while half-lugs of about 10 pounds are \$28.

Gary Nolte added that he has ticket books for sale for Fargo West Rotary's football contest. Buyers could win as much as \$50 on the outcome of key games.

Gary also announced that District Governor



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Rotary exchange student Ana Beatriz de Souza Prata. (Above) President Chris Andreasen. (Bottom) Steve Schaefer. Alex Aldrich.



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Photos/Nancy Hanson:
(Above) Gary present Chris with the dining certificate from District 5580 president.

(Top right) Dale Hetland, Kay Parries and Cindy Nolte.

Jean Hannig reports on summer exchange student conference.

Bill Woods (left) and Jerry Rogers.



Brenda purchased a raffle ticket from him that won her a Rustica dining certificate. Due to distance, however, she can't use it ... and asked him to present it to our new president.

Chris ended his announcements by asking members to pair up and share the oldest photo on their phones. Much hilarity followed, including some revelations that members (such as Alex) declined to share with the club at large.

Happy dollars cite good news, appreciation

Members shared happy dollars for a variety of reasons. Jean Hannig explained that Ana stepped in at the last minute with a program when the scheduled speaker flew to Africa after her father-in-law's sudden death. She also noted that the recent exchange conference energized her: "The only ... ONLY path to peace is creating friendships across borders." John Andreasen donated in Jean's honor for her work with exchange students and programming. President Chris expressed excitement over his "overdue summer haircut," adding that it turned out far shorter than he wanted.

Ana shares photos and memories

Ana told of her year with the Schaefer, Dunn, Gerads and Parries families, sharing pictures of some highlights: Introducing Brazilian-style pizza, learning to love hockey and Christmas lights, and trying Blackbird Pizza ("not as good as Brazilian, but amazing.")



Looking Ahead

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

July 28 — Service Day

August 4
Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Program.....Thomas Hill, Youthworks

August 11
Sergeant at Arms.....Brandon Lunak
ProgramBob Dutcher, Ukrainian
Rotary Club

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

August 25 — Service Day