



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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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



Markus Krueger, program director,
Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County



Jean Hannig

Coming Up Tuesday, July 23

Tuesday is the day for our annual Club Assembly. See you then!

Historian Krueger tells story of first breweries in the wild times of Moorhead's saloon boom

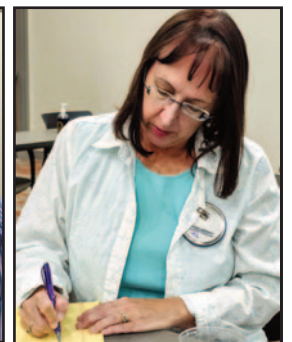
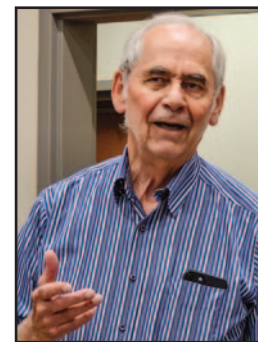
Jean Hannig unexpectedly presided over the small crowd of Moorhead Rotarians in attendance on Tuesday, July 16 — including soon-to-be-inducted members Jessica Bergum and Kirk Scott.



Honoring Jane Capistran Aug. 6

John Andreasen, who chairs the five-club committee planning the annual Recitals with a Cause, shared details of plans to honor Jane Capistran Tuesday, Aug. 6. Capistran is the long-time director of the FM Area Youth Symphony who has assisted Rotarians in arranging the prize-winning young musicians who have been featured in the Polio Plus benefit concerts since 2009.

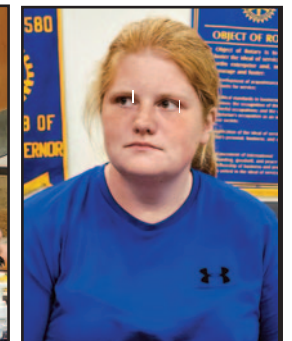
The meeting will be held in Concordia's Birkeland Lounge, located in the Memorial Auditorium. The four Fargo Rotary clubs are also invited to join us that day.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: John Andreasen. Teresa Joppa.
(Below) Jerry Rogers. Jessica Burgu

Homes Still Needed for Exchange Student

Our Rotary exchange student from Austria is arriving in August, and three host families are urgently needed. Teresa Joppa detailed the requirements for the hosts: At least one adult in the family; the student must have her own bed; and the host must be able to get her to the bus and to and



Photos/Nancy Hanson

Gary & Cindy Nolte

Greg Johnson

Dale Hetland

Ernie Simmons



from school. Please consider hosting; or talk to friends and neighbors about the possibility.

Grandkids inspire 'happy dollars'

Happy dollars had a lot to do with grandchildren. John Andreasen visited his last week at a Suzuki music camp in Ithaca, New York. Tracy's son are bringing her grandchildren to visit from the same state. Jerry Rogers and his wife are visiting theirs on a trip to Tennessee. Dave Tranby's grandkids have been excelling at sports. In the non-grandparent category: Jessica Bergum has started a home-based bakery. Gary Nolte showed a Haitian coin he always carries as a reminder. And the club is sending best wishes to Tammy Finney, who has surgery scheduled July 22.

Beer and brewing played big part in early city's prosperous history

Historian Markus Krueger of HCSCC, one of the club's all-time favorite guest presenters, pointed out a connection between the city's saloon-heavy history and Rotary: The new Rotary Play Hill along First Avenue North stands at the site of Moorhead's first brewery.

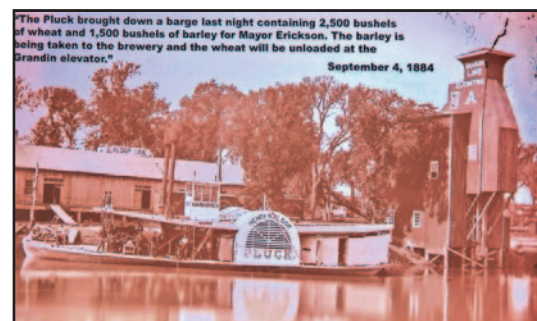
Two Winnipeg brothers, the Larkins, established the area's first brewery there in 1875. It quickly failed, Markus added, perhaps because of the

quality of its product. It was taken over by John Erickson, a Swede, in 1877.

Erickson's enterprises prospered. In addition to brewing better beer, he operated a hotel, the Jay Cooke House, and several mercantiles. He proclaimed, according to Markus, "Let the saloons come. The more the better it will be for us. They pay more in taxes than anyone else. How many Temperance people pay \$500 an year in taxes?"

Enhanced by North Dakota's status as a dry state, the taste for beer at one time swelled the city's census to 47 saloons.

Erickson's brewery eventually failed due to competition from big brewers like Hamm's. He went bankrupt in 1895. Ole Aslesen took over the assets in 1897, but fate also closed the last brewery of pioneer days. It burned down in 1901.



Looking Ahead

July 16

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

July 23

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramAnnual Cub Assembly

July 30

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

August 6 — Birkeland Lounge, Concordia

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program.....Celebrating Jane Capistran

August 13

Sergeant at Arms
Program

August 20

Sergeant at Arms
Program

August 27

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramEmily Jones,
Creative Spirit Counseling

September 3 — No Meeting

September 10

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramSky Purdin, Jasmin Child Care