



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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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



Tuesday, July 29

Former Moorhead Rotarian Sam Wai will present this week's program, "Final Dinner on the Titanic." Steve Astrup is sergeant at arms. NOTE: We're back at the Schools Ops Center this week.

Speakers discuss ways to combat county's acute shortage of day care providers

For the second consecutive week, President Tim Hiller welcomed Moorhead Rotarians at a novel location — last time, the Dilworth Fire Station, and on July 22, the MHS Career Academy.

On July 29, the club meets again at its regular spot in the Moorhead Schools Operations Center.

Golf scramble comes up in September

David Tranby alerted members to the upcoming FM Rotary Golf Scramble. It's slated for Sept. 15 at Suite Shots — the second year off the course and into Fargo's new indoor/outdoor golf simulator and recreation center.

Registration is open now, with options for foursomes, individual golfers and viewing/dining patrons. The afternoon starts with a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. and winds up at 4:30 with the end of game play, prize awards and a cash bar. The registration form is attached to this newsletter and can also be downloaded from ClubRunner.

Peaches are on the way

Fargo West Rotary's annual sale of Colorado peaches is also coming up. Full lugs with 18 to 20 pounds of the luscious fruit are \$52; half lugs



Photos/Nancy Hanson. (Top) Lunch at Moorhead High Career Academy. President Tim Hiller. Jody Jordet and Siham Amedy. Tim Hiller. (Below) Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland.



**FM Rotary
Golf Scramble
Sept. 15 — Suite Shots**
**Register now!
Form Attached**

Photos: Dale Hetland and Dave Sederquist.

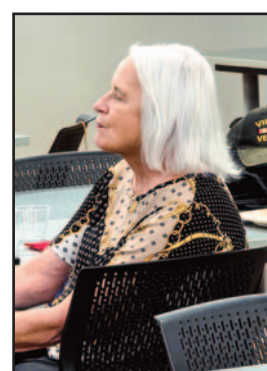
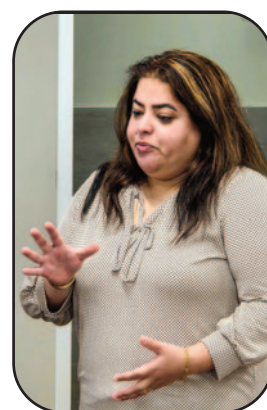
Jody Jordet, Clay County Early Childhood Initiative.

Siham Amedy, Clay County Early Childhood Initiative.

Trivia master Brent Brandt.
Jean Hannig and Kirk Scott.

Dale Hetland and Tim Hiller.

Cindy Nolte



are \$28. Online pre-ordering at fargo-west-rotary.square.site is open through Aug. 15, with pickup from noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

Brent Brandt shares 'Tim trivia

Former Rotarian Brent Brandt joined us again to conduct a quick round of trivia — delving into America's Tims in honor of our new president — before announcing his next movie nights at the Fargo Theatre. "Field of Dreams" will be screened Thursday. "Freaky Friday" is Aug. 7.

Sarge Dale updates on \$2.3 polio funding gap'

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland updated Rotarians on how federal DOGE cuts have imperiled Rotary International's 37-year-old Polio Plus campaign. In addition to the loss of U.S. support for the international program, a resurgence of the virus now threatens to unravel humanity's near-victory over the dreaded virus. All told, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is facing a 40% budget shortfall — a \$2.3 billion funding gap.

The weekly invitation to share "happy dollars" brought news of new grandparents, summer events and travel. Jean Hannig showed off her

long-sought purple Rotary shirt. Teresa Joppa and Brent Brandt highlighted their upcoming weekend garage sale.

Speakers detail dire need for child care

Dale introduced Jody Jordet and Siham Amedy of the Clay County Early Childhood Initiative and the fund established to help reach its goal.

Moorhead alone is short more than 1,000 child-care slots, Jody told the group. She said challenges abound, especially for home-based child-care sites. "Lack of child care is a big work force issue," the Clay County Early Childhood Initiative coordinator said.

In Minnesota, she explained, all child care operators need to be licensed if they intend to care for more than three related children. That includes stringent environmental, staffing and safety standards that are difficult for many smaller operators to afford on their own.

The Early Childhood Initiative Fund, established in 2024, seeks to raise funds to help providers meet the code requirements. She cited several past grants to repair a site's front steps, provide fencing, install door guards to protect little fingers, and fix damaged flooring. More information on the fund is at wcif.org/fund/cce/

Looking Ahead

July 29

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Astrup
Program..Sam Wai, "Last Dinner on the Titanic"

August 5

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
Program



Rotary Annual Golf Scramble

Monday, September 15, 2025 – Suite Shots, 3400 James Way, Fargo

- 12:30-1:30 Registration & Lunch (Buffet)
- 1:00-1:30 Warm up / Networking; Fun team competitions.
- 1:30-3:30 Gameplay. Pebble Beach 4-person 9-hole scramble
- 3:30-4:30 Prizes announced, cash bar, gameplay ends.



Scan to register online

Complete the form below and return to melissa.paul@suiteshots.com or register online at <https://5-club-rotary-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com/>

GOLF AND SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION: (PLEASE PRINT)

- ☐ Foursome with Bay Sponsor: \$500 (Business Name) _____
- ☐ Foursome: \$400
- ☐ Bay Sponsor: \$150 (Business Name) _____
- ☐ Individual Golfer: \$100
- ☐ Viewing Patron / Dine Only: \$50 (Diner's Name) _____

Golfer 1 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer 2 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer 3 Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Golfer 4 Name _____ Phone _____
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