



The Paddlewheel

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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

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 7

We mark the new Rotary year Tuesday with the passing of the gavel from Tim Hiller to incoming President Chris Andreasen. Brandon Lunak is sergeant at arms.

President Tim conducts his final meeting, with guest speaker from Justice North

Moorhead Rotarians gathered June 30 for the final meeting of the 2025-26 Rotary year. President Tim Hiller wielded the gavel for the final time in 52 weeks. Along with members, he greeted guest Molly Greelis, the Moorhead High School recipient of the club's RYLA scholarship, and prospective member Leslie Aune, executive director of Heart of Clay.

RYLA — Rotary Youth Leadership Award — takes place at the University of Minnesota-Crookston July 12-18. It brings together high school students from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Ontario for a transformative week of leadership, connection, and growth.

Updates from the board

Tim updated the club on recent actions by the board of directors. The most significant addresses the standing committees required by the club constitution. All members are expected to sign up for their choice of service, public relations or membership committees.

The board also decided to wind up the year's volunteering at Churches United, to be replaced with new projects in coming months.

Trivia master Brent Brandt took to the podium with challenging questions about the founding and



Photos/Nancy Hanson: President Tim Hiller's last meeting. (Above) Anne Hoefgen of Justice North. RYLA student Molly Greelis. (Below) Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke. Trivia master Brent Brandt. (Bottom) Dave Sederquist, Dave Tranby and Ernie Simmons. Kirk Scott.



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Photos/Nancy Hanson:

(Above) Janelle Leiseth.
Dale Hetland.

(Right column)
Brent Brandt and Jerry Rogers.

Leslie Aune, executive director
of Heart of Clay.



history of the U.S., including the Constitution, Mt. Rushmore, battles of the American Revolution, the Bill of Rights and wartime presidents.

Sarge Violet drills members on July 4 facts

Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke brought more attention to the upcoming holiday with facts about Independence Day. She noted only two signatories actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4; that it became a national holiday in 1941; and that three presidents have actually died on that day.

Happy dollars poured in. Dale Hetland applauded his upcoming family reunion, and Nancy Hanson saluted Brent's birthday. After Jean dedicated her dollar to Tim's year of service, several others followed suit. John Andreasen noted his family was gathering in Chicago, with his daughter playing for the opening of the Obama Presidential Library. Finally, Jerry Rogers toasted FIFA and the upcoming soccer battles for the World Cup.

Speaker details free legal representation in civil legal cases by Justice North

Anne Hoefgen, the co-executive director of Justice North, introduced members to the work of Justice North, the merger of two legal services organizations in northern Minnesota. Covering a territory the size of Louisiana, the agency — formed in 1952 — offers free legal help for those who cannot afford an attorney in civil (that is, non-criminal) cases involving housing, safety and stability, basic necessities and economic security.



The attorney noted that major areas of need include evictions and elder abuse. Scammers are getting more sophisticated, she said, adding, "Even law firms in town have been defrauded." People often decline to talk about it because they feel shame. She cited two red flags all should be aware of: When you're told you "need to act immediately," and when the caller says you cannot tell anyone about what you must take action on. Generally, once one has sent money to the scammer, that money has been whisked outside the U.S. and is gone for good.

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July 7

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramPassing of the Gavel

July 14

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
ProgramSpecial program

July 21

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
Program

July 28

August 4

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramThomas Hill, Youthworks

August 11

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramSue Baron, Golden Drive for Kids

August 18

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

August 25