



The Paddlewheel

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Treasurer Dave Sederquist
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Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
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Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

June Birthday

Joppa, Teresa June 27

Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy 66 years
Jun. 03 1958
Tranby, Dave & Sharon 50 years
Jun. 22 1974
Wai, Sam & Coralie 48 years
Jun. 20 1976

Rotary Anniversarie

SDeilke, Violet 28 years
Jun. 04 1996
Escobar, Carmen 1 year
Jun. 20 2023



Coming Up — June 11

MSUM President Tim Downs is our guest speaker at this week's regular meeting, with Jean Hannig serving as sergeant at arms.

Monday Evening Is Special!

On Monday (June 10), join fellow FM Rotarians at the Moorhead City Council at 5:30 p.m. for presentation of the MoorHeart Award for exceptional service to the community. Then attend the going-away party for our exchange student, Ansgar, at the home of his current host parents, Trent & Sarah Gerads, 4229 15th St. S. The party starts at 7 p.m.

Moorhead Rotary bids Ansgar farewell

The Moorhead Rotary Club said goodbye to Ansgar Disselbeck, the young German who has spent the past school year in Moorhead as a Rotary exchange student. His current host parents, Trent and Sarah Gerads, also joined us.

Ansgar exchanged Rotary club flags with President Steve Astrup, who in turn gave him the Moorhead memento. He also gave U.S.-Germany pins to members.

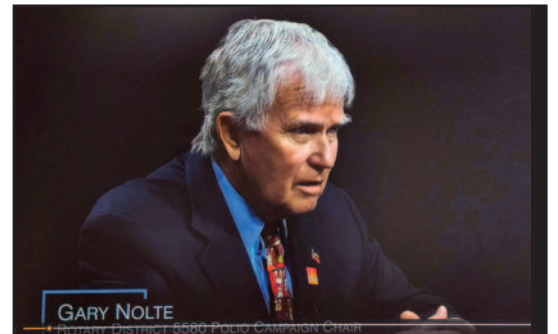
Updates on grants & international convention

Steve announced once again that the Rotary board has designated \$10,000 for distribution to local causes to be determined by the service committee. A grant of \$5,000 has also been set aside for Elishka Alberto, who the club is sponsoring as a Rotary international scholar. She will be continuing her studies in Barcelona.

Kay Parries briefly reported on her experience attending the Rotary International Convention in Singapore. Along with the convention itself — very well done and informative, she said — she got to see the sights of a gorgeous city and sample the food, which she reports was great.

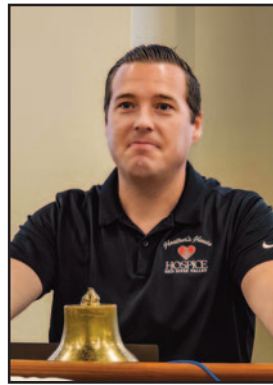


(Top left) President Steve Astrup delivered our gift of personal care supplies to Frasier Ltd.
Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top right) From left, Host parents Trent & Sarah Gerads; Ansgar; President Steve; Jean Hannig and Teresa Joppa. (Above) Steve and Ansgar exchange Rotary flags.



(Above) Scene from "Prairie Pulse" interview with Gary Nolte.
(Below) Kay Parries and Tom Riley share highlights of international convention. (Right) Treasurer Dave Sederquist.





Photos/Nancy Hanson: Ansgar distributes pins to club members. President Steve Astrup. Ernie Simmons Tim Hiller and Cindy Nolte.

Happy dollars accompany good news

Jean Hannig contributed a fiver in appreciation of the Gerads for their care of Ansgar, as well as a week she spent in Wyoming without rain. Alex Aldrich's happy dollar was in honor of National Donut Day, coming up Friday. He invited members to celebrate with him at his new office ... complete with a donut from Sandy's. Teresa recounted that rain had muddied the road at their lake, leading to a decision to (finally) gravel it. Tom Riley noted that, with the end of his year at MHS, Ansgar doesn't have to sing in the choir any more. As heavy rain pounded on the roof of our meeting room, Bob Hanna got the last word: "I'm just happy it isn't snow!"

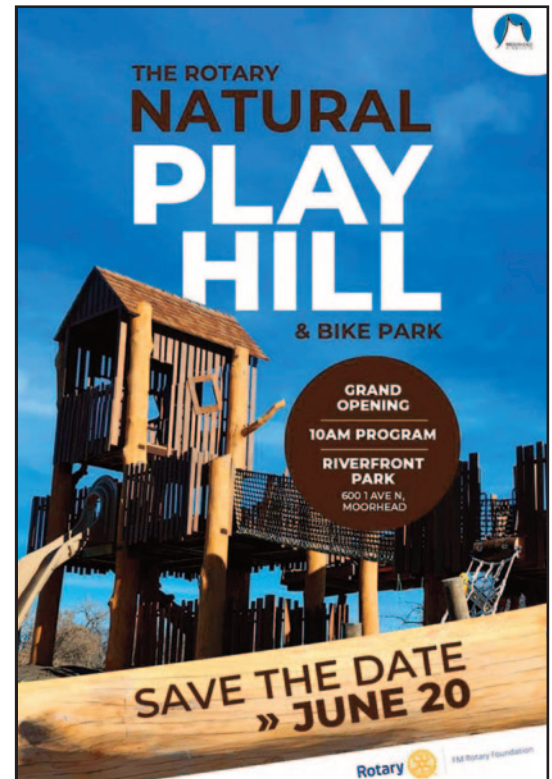
'Prairie Pulse' interview focuses on Polio Plus

On the eve of this year's successful Recital with a Cause, district Polio Plus chair Gary Nolte was interviewed on Prairie Public Television's "Prairie Pulse." The interview was conducted by PPTV president John Harris.

That half-hour show became the day's program. Gary explained Rotary's beginnings and its goal of creating good in the world. "Why polio?" Harris asked. Gary's answer: Because we can.

He talked about the 40-year campaign to eradicate the crippling disease from planet Earth, noting that many health organizations have joined the cause. It has reduced the number of reported cases from hundreds of thousands a year to — so far in 2024 — the single digits.

"Polio is still just a plane or bus ride away as long as unvaccinated people travel," Gary told Harris.



He went on to describe the Recital with a Cause, which features young musicians who have won the F-M Symphony Orchestra's youth contest. Sponsored by the FM Rotary Foundation, the event and its free-will donations.

The recital has raised \$158,000 since the first event in 2010. Contributions are matched 2-for-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the recital's impact to half a million dollars. District 5580 itself has contributed more than \$1 million to Polio Plus since the campaign

Looking Ahead

June 10 — Special Events

Presentation of MoorHeart Award5:30
Going Away Party for Ansgar @ Gerads.....7:00

June 11

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramMSUM President Tim Downs

June 18

Sergeant at ArmsLaura Lobo
ProgramKarla Hernandez, CASA

June 20 — Rotary Play Hill

Grand Opening Ceremony10 a.m.

June 25

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramGooseberry Park Players

June 25 — Installation of Gov. Kay Parries

River Haven Event Center5:30 p.m.
RSVP by June 19kkraftsmn@gmail.com