



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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### Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President	Gina Monson
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Polio Plus Coordinator	Cindy Nolte
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Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Pianist	Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader	Bob Hanna
Trivia Master	Brent Brandt
Photographer	Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

### June Birthdays

Brandt, Brent	Jun 01
Farwell, Randy	Jun 18
Joppa, Teresa	Jun 27

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy	Jun 03 1958
64 years	
Qualey, Neil & Carmen	Jun 15 1968
54 years	
Wai, Sam & Coralie	Jun 20 1976
46 years	
Tranby, Dave & Sharon	Jun 22 1974
48 years	

### Rotary Anniversaries

Deilke, Violet	26 years
Jun 04 1996	Guests

### Guests 6/17/22

Jon Bertsch, Hillsboro  
Roman Grynshyn, speaker  
Jake Monson  
Mike Miller, Germans From Russia  
Ken Clossen, Fargo Rotary  
John Vander Linden, Fargo Rotary



### Tuesday, June 21

Sarah Solheim is our guest Tuesday. She'll talk about the summer youth theatre program of Moorhead's Gooseberry Park Players. Jean Hannig is sergeant at arms, and Steve Schaefer is Rotarian of the day.

### Ukrainian ag expert asks American farmers to donate 1 cent per bushel to victims of war

President Gina Monson welcomed members and visitors to a special meeting of Moorhead Rotary on June 14. Our guest was Roman Grynshyn of Ukraine, who promoted the international campaign to urge American farmers to donate 1 cent per bushel of their harvest to their counterparts in Ukraine. He was joined by Hillsboro, North Dakota, farmer Jon Bertsch, who is hosting him, his wife and their three children while he talks to groups across the Midwest. Our group also included Gina's son Jake Monson, who works for Bertsch.

Kay Parries and Jean Hannig reported on their trip to the Rotary International convention in Houston earlier this month. Eleven thousand Rotarians were on hand for the first live event since the COVID 19 pandemic upset the usual annual routine.

### Year's final Travel Raffle winners announced

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland announced the final batch of winning tickets in this year's successful fund-raising campaign. John Shockley sold the winning third place ticket, a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica, to Kevin Buchholz of West



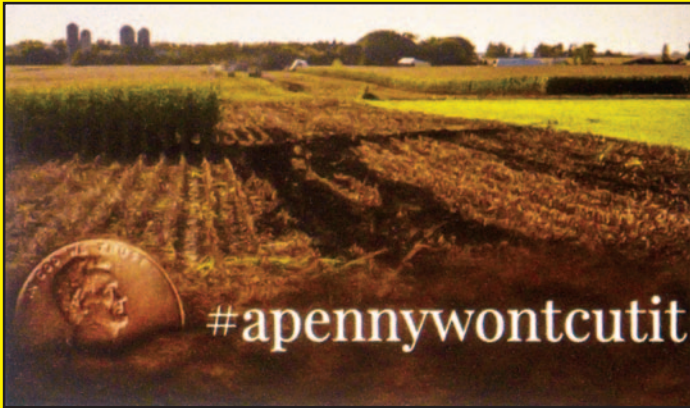
Photos/Gary Nolte & Teresa Joppa.  
(Top left) Roman Grynshyn of World to Rebuild Rural Ukraine is asking American farmers to contribute 1 cent per bushel to their Ukrainian counterparts.  
(Center) Small farms are being destroyed, along with buildings, equipment and families, by Russian shelling across farm country.  
President Gina Monson. Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland.  
(Right) Brent Brandt.



Fargo/

Buying a ticket from Chris Andreasen made a second-place winner of Eileen Johnson, who nabbed second place, \$200 in cash.

The last trip of 2021-22 was won by Greg Holland on a ticket purchased from Randy Falwell. It will take him to St. George, Utah, to one of the Top 100 golf resorts in the country.



**Meetings**

Tuesdays — noon  
Moorhead Schools Operations  
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

**Participate via Zoom:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMVl1NldkY2xMMnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 742 305 775  
Password: 630851

**Other F-M Rotary Meetings**

Monday: FM/PM Rotary  
5:30 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub  
Monday: Fargo West Rotary  
Noon, Holiday Inn  
Wednesday: Fargo Rotary  
Noon, Radisson  
Thursday: FM/AM Rotary  
7 a.m., Ramada Plaza

**Sarge Tim recaps Fargo Marathon**

While Sergeant at Arms Tim Hiller missed the Fargo Marathon earlier this month, he shared some of the highlights. After summing up the event's history, he cited a few facts. The fastest time of completion to date has been two hours and one minute. The oldest entrant was 100 years old; the youngest, just 3.

Tim called for happy dollars. Gary Nolte announced his granddaughter Sarah has gotten a job as the assistant to the CEO of the Teddy Roosevelt Foundation in New York City. Kay pitched in to celebrate the excellent international convention, joined by Jean — who said she was a fun roommate. Guest John Vander Linden's happy buck was in honor of Dan Hannaher, who spoke in Fargo yesterday; he noted that Dan, a former longtime Moorhead Rotarian, originated the tradition of happy dollars. Finally, Gina offered 22 happy dollars in honor of our speaker ... and son Jake's 22nd birthday.

**Grynshyn family tells story of Russian attacks on Ukraine farmers and ag exports**

Our international guest was introduced by Traill County farmer Jon Bertsch of GSD Enterprises in Hillsboro, parent company of Bertsch Farms. He met Roman in 2019 when Grynshyn, who operates an international farm exchange firm called Travelite MICE & Travel Ukraine based in his home country. His goal was to bring Ukrainian farmers here to see how farmers use precision

equipment and techniques in North America's "breadbasket of the world" — a title also claimed by his homeland, which encompasses over a quarter of the world's black chernozem soil.

Ukraine is an agricultural powerhouse. According to the speaker, it ranked #1 in sunflower seed oil; #3 in corn and rapeseed; #4 in barley and walnuts; #5 in rye, honey and soybeans; #6 in wheat, sunflower seed and hogs; #7 in soybeans and dpoultry; #9 in milk powder, butter and cattle' and #10 in cheese and milk ... before the Russians attacked at the beginning of this growing season.

Production from the agricultural heartland, however, is being severely curtailed by Russia's attempted takeover of part of the independent nation. This year's harvest is predicted to be cut in half or even more. The problem is compounded by both direct attacks on farms and villages, and the enemy's destruction of port and rail facilities used to ship grain and other crops to a hungry world. The nation's production feeds 600 million people.

Grynshyn is speaking to farm groups to raise funds for World to Rebuild Rural Ukraine's small farms, which represent 25 to 30% of the total. (Fifty-six percent of Ukrainians own farmland.) He told of homes and farm buildings deliberately destroyed, fields littered with dangerous unexploded bombs, and farmers driving tractors wearing helmets and flak jackets. WRRU is asking farmers here to give 1 cent for each bushel of their own harvest to help rebuild Ukraine's agricultural industry — a process that will take years. More information is available at [www.wrru.org](http://www.wrru.org).

**Looking Ahead**

**June 21**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Jean Hannig  
Rotarian of the Day ..... Steve Schaefer  
Program.....Sarah Solheim, Gooseberry Players

**June 28**  
Sergeant at Arms ..... Eric Wilkie  
Rotarian of the Day ..... Chris Andreasen  
Program.....Deb Dawson,  
African Soul/American Heart

**July 5 — no meeting**

**July 12**  
Sergeant at Arms .....John Andreasen

**July 19**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Jon Riewer

**July 26**  
Sergeant at Arms .....Anne Blackhurst

**July 26 — FM Rotary Foundation Golf Scramble**  
1:30 p.m. ....Moorhead Country Club