



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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District 5580

President	Steve Astrup
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Directors (2023)	Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
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Polio Plus Coordinator	Cindy Nolte
Program Chair	Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor	Nancy Edmonds Hanson

March Birthdays

Rogers, Jerry	March 13
Wilkie, Eric	March 13

Rotary Anniversaries

Wai, Sam	23 years
Mar. 01 2001	
Lunak, Brandon	7 years
Mar. 28 2017	



Next Meeting — Tuesday, March 12

Anna Sather tells us about Farm in the Dell, the produce farm north of Moorhead that provides employment and training to people with disabilities. Dale Hetland is sergeant at arms.

Kinzler shares information about plantings & practices to aid pollinators

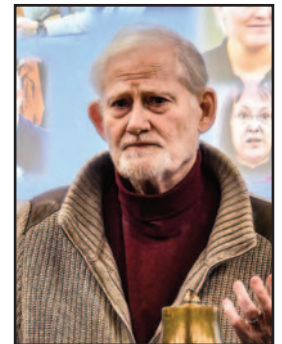
President Steve Astrup welcomed one of the club's perennial favorites, Don Kinzler, to the Moorhead Rotary meeting March 5.

District Gov.-Elect Kay Parries reported on the training she recently took part in, assisting in the program for presidents from three Rotary districts.

Steve reminded members that the District 5580 annual conference is coming up April 12 and 13 in Fargo. Among its highlights will be the FM Rotary clubs' annual Recital with a Cause at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, and the ribbon-cutting for the \$1.2 million Rotary Play Hill on First Avenue North in downtown Moorhead. To register, go to www.rotary5580.org.

Chris Andreasen wins March raffle trip

Violet Deilke — a founder of the club's major fundraiser, the Travel Give-Away — announced the second-to-last batch of monthly winners. President Steve sold the third-prize winning ticket to his girlfriend, Amy. She will receive a \$100 dining certificate for Rustica. Jean Hannig's customer Lonny Peterson won the \$200 second prize. Chris Andreasen won the month's top prize, a trip for two of his choice, on the ticket which he purchased himself.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Don Kinzler, NDSU horticulturist. President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons. Violet Deilke announces the March travel raffle winners. Tracey Moorhead. Dave Tranby.





Photos: Paul Dovre.

Tom Riley.

Kay Parries.

(Above) Don Kinzler.

Sarge Ernie talks of ChatGPT and AI

Sergeant at Arms Ernie Simmons talked briefly about the benefits and downsides of Chat/GPT, artificial intelligence and AGI, a form of generative artificial intelligence capable of learning on its own. He encouraged members to read about the new technologies and get up to date. He raised the most pressing question of all: How do we create guidelines and ethical standards for what may be the most revolutionary technology of the 21st century?

Turning to a simpler subject, happy dollars, he invited members to share their good news. Dave Sederquist noted that his son in Colorado was hired to do play-by-play of a cross country ski race in Minneapolis, and took seventh place in a major race himself. Kay thanked Ernie for his comments, noting her brother-in-law works in IT. "It's phenomenal what computers can do now," she said.

Tom Riley reported that Gary and Cindy Nolte did a wonderful presentation to the FM PM Club on the upcoming Recital with a Cause. He spoke to the Jamestown club himself, which voted to put up \$500 to match its members' gifts to Polio Plus; by the end of the evening, that had turned into \$1,100. Violet's happy dollar was prompted by "finally, [her] full retirement' and a fun three-week

trip with husband Karl. Finally, our speaker put up a dollar himself, saying, "You are always so good to me."

What are pollinators? How can we help?

NDSU horticulturist Don Kinzler addressed essential insects, the pollinators, and how gardeners can help them thrive. Pollinators, he explained, are bees and bee-like insects, with butterflies also contributing to some extent. Along with birds, the wind and other natural forces, they spread pollen between plants — a critical part of the growth cycle for many crops and other plants.

"Pollinators need pollen from early spring through the end of fall," he told us. "We promote pollinator gardens because they help our insects and, in turn, do good things for our gardens and crops."

Among his recommendations: Don't cut back all of your grasses and vegetation in the fall. Even in spring, hold off on cleaning up; or, if you do, leave the cuttings piled up for a time to spare insects that have overwintered in them.

Be careful of the insecticides you use, and spray in the evening, concentrating on leaves rather than flowers. Finally, he advocated for growing plenty of annuals. Asters and mums, which keep blossoming through the fall, are especially helpful.

Looking Ahead

March 12

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
ProgramAnna Sather, Farm in the Dell

March 19

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Program4-Way Test Essayists

March 26

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
Program

April 2

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
ProgramMayor Shelly Carlson & Dan Mahli,
Moorhead City Update

April 9

Sergeant at Arms.....Brandon Lunak
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April 11 — Recital with a Cause

First Lutheran Church7 p.m.

April 11-13— District 5580 Conference

April 16

Sergeant at Arms.....Jerry Rogers
ProgramKemink, Africa Project

April 23

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
Program