



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405
District 5580

President	Steve Astrup
President-Elect	
President Nominee	
Treasurer	Dave Sederquist
Secretary	Teresa Joppa
Past President	Dave Sederquist

Directors (2023)	Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024)	Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
Directorw (2025)	Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
Directors (2026)	Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator	Randy Farwell
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 19
The winners of our annual Four-Way Test essay contest for high school writers join us Tuesday to share their work. Eric Wilkie is sergeant at arms.

Director of Farm in the Dell tells of program's roots, fresh veggies

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians on Tuesday, March 12, along with guest speaker Anna Sather, who ran track and cross country with him at Concordia College. She is now executive director of Farm in the Dell.



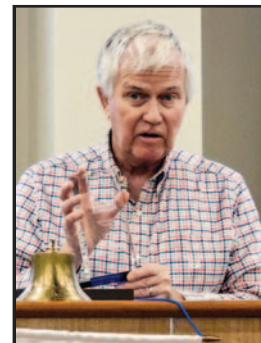
Photos/Nancy Hanson: Anna Sather, director of Farm in the Dell, told the story of the produce garden staffed by adults with disabilities. (Above) Sather. President Steve Astrup. (Below) Gary Nolte with John Andreasen's award. Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland. (Bottom) Jean Hannig. Tom Riley.

Meeting cancelled during conference week

Members discussed whether the club should have its regular meeting April 9, with so much happening: the Recital With a Cause on Thursday, April 11, and the District 5580 Conference on Friday and Saturday in Fargo. They voted to cancel that week's meeting.

Tom Riley talked about what's scheduled at the conference. "We'll have many sessions along the lines of TED talks," he told the group. The event, held at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Doublewood), will feature a Hall of Friendship displaying information on many clubs' fund-raising projects.

Other clubs and the district itself are joining the five F-M Rotary groups in raising money for Polio Plus, the 40-year-old Rotary International project that seeks to eliminate polio worldwide. Tom told of his visit to the Jamestown club, where more than \$1,000 was raised on the spot toward the





Photos: (Top row) Alex Aldrich & Tim Hiller. Paul Dove. Jon Benson. Tom Riley (with Tracey Moorhead and Anna Sather). (Above) Steve Schaefer.

goal. Leaders of the district's clubs, who gather the night before the conference begins, will also attend the recital as a group.

The early-bird registration price expired March 15. If you haven't already registered, go to www.rotary5580.org and google "conference."

Nolte tells of Andreassen's award

Gary Nolte showed off the national award for creativity in fund-raising that was presented to John Andreassen. It's based on his work with the Recital with a Cause. John was not present, but will be formally presented with it at a future meeting.

Sarge Dale talks Daylight Saving Time

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland shared facts about Daylight Saving Time, which began two days before the meeting. He noted that, despite the old wives' tale, it was not implemented for farmers — but rather against their objections.: "Cows expect regular milking. Right?"

After fining members who weren't wearing pins or who were Gopher hockey fans, he collected happy dollars. Jean Hannig told of her meeting for Rotary exchange leaders in Vancouver. Jerry Rogers saluted the absent Andreassen on his award. Ernie Simmons talked of positive benefits of artificial intelligence, which he'd talked about

last week.

Farm in the Dell provides opportunities

Anna Sather, the executive director of Moorhead's Farm in the Dell, told about its production of healthy, fresh vegetables on land north of the city. The nonprofit organization was established in 2012 by a group of local families to provide work opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, including their own children.

Its goal, she said, is to "provide individuals with purposeful work that fills their spirits, sharpens their minds, and cultivates joy." At the farm, employees have an opportunity to discover their abilities and explore their passions.

The farm includes 25 acres of gardens and a greenhouse. Twenty-five men and women work there from May through October, along with volunteers from the community.

Their crops are available through a CSA — community-supported agriculture program — that has begun enrolling members for 2024. Not just veggies are available. The farm also grows flowers. They're available through a separate floral CSA or on a U-pick basis, along with strawberries, herbs and pumpkins.

For more information on enrolling, go to www.farminthedellrrv.org.

Looking Ahead

March 19

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Program4-Way Test Essayists

March 26

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dove
Program

April 2

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

April 9 — NO MEETING

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

April 30

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program