



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Tim Hiller
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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

Riley, Thomas 33 years
Mar. 01 1993
Lunak, Brandon 9 years
Mar. 28 2017



Coming Up March 3

Immigration attorney Anna Stenson discusses current immigration law at our meeting Tuesday. Ernie Simmons is our sergeant at arms.

Plains Art Museum director announces Smithsonian affiliation, expansion plan

President Tim Hiller welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, reminding them that the following week — Feb. 28 — has been designated a service day at Churches' United's Micah's Mission.

He announced that Kay Parries has volunteered to fill the opening for a director on the board, while Steve Schaefer has agreed to head the RYLA program. One girl has applied so far.

He also told members that future dues invoices will no longer include meal charges for the days set aside for service.

Three Fargo Rotary clubs are engaged in fund raising: the Fargo PM club is raffling an electric bike, while Fargo West sells tickets to win a Harley motorcycle and the Fargo AM group is offering their always-popular frozen, ready-to-eat barbecue ribs.

Sarge Dale salutes Rev. Jesse Jackson

Sergeant at Arms Dale Hetland spoke on the late Rev. Jesse Jackson, the civil rights pioneer who died on Feb. 17. The protégé of Martin Luther King continued fighting for the cause, running for president in 1984 and 1988. He quoted Jackson: "If you fall behind, run faster. Never, never, never give up."



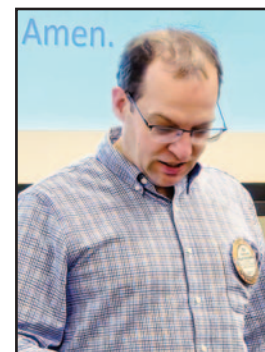
Erin Shapiro, executive director of the Plains Art Museum, shared information on its expansion and new affiliation with the Smithsonian Institute.



Photos/Nancy Hanson:

(Below) President Tim Hiller. Jean Hannig (with Chris Andreasen in the background).

(Bottom) Sergeant at arms Dale Hetland. Behind him are Bill Woods and John Andeasen..





Photos/Nancy Hanson:

Tom Riley.

Ernie Simmons.

Brandon Lunak.

Dave Sederquist.

Children's art class at Plains Art Museum.

After fining Tom Riley and Dave Sederquist, Dale called for happy dollars, going around the room. Jean Hannig expressed pleasure that speaker Erin Shapiro was with us after a series of postponements. Ernie Simmons added another Jackson quote, "I am somebody," a phrase he used to help others develop personal integrity. John Andreasen noted that Norway leads the U.S. in Olympic medals. Nancy Hanson reported being in sunny SoCal last week: "And I'm not sorry I missed the meeting." Bill Woods said simply, "I'm happy being happy."

Plains director describes programs, goals

Erin Shapiro moved to Fargo in 2023, joined the Plains Art Museum in 2023 after leading a museum in Hawaii. The native of upstate New York made a major announcement: The Plains has now been named the first museum to become an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute in the state of North Dakota.

She added, "We are a nationally ranked art museum, ranking in the top 200 in the U.S." While other museums' attendance has been going down, she said, the Fargo institution recently recorded its highest annual admissions in its history. The museum owns and curates some 6,000 works of



art, which it maintains in its climate-controlled vault. One entire gallery is devoted to the work of local and regional artists. The museum also has a commitment to display the artwork of native — indigenous — Americans. The museum's Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Center for Creativity provides hands-on learning for local school kids.

The Plains is currently in the middle of a capital project, with some \$5 million raised toward the \$15 million goal. It will soon break ground for a new welcome center and storage facilities for its collection. Shapiro said the organization is seeking ways to partner with high school and college students to help with its collections and prepare them as museum leaders for the future.

Looking Ahead

March 3

Sergeant at Arms.....Ernie Simmons
ProgramAnna Stenson, Immigration Today

March 10

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramSiham, Annie & Kailyn,
Family Resource Center

March 17

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
ProgramToato Kpor, Lumina Youth Empower

March 24

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Program.....Connie Faulkner, Pride
and Joy Rescue

March 31 — Rotary Service Day

April 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
ProgramJohn Andreasen,
Recital with a Cause

April 14

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
ProgramDr. Timothy Downs, MSUM

April 21

Sergeant at ArmsJanelle Leiseth
Program...Dayna DelVal, "Discover Your Spark"

April 28 — Rotary Service Day