



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Tim Hiller
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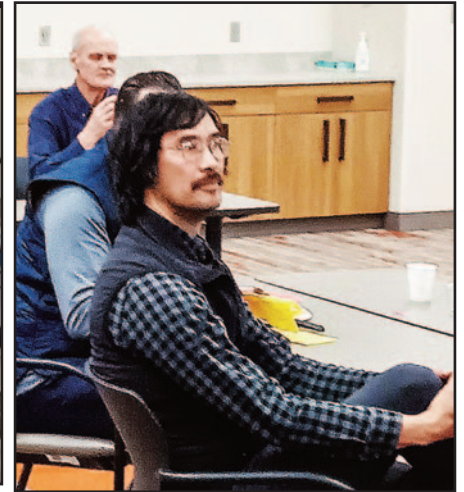
Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
Directors (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
Director (2027) Kay Parries
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
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May Birthdays

Andreasen, Christopher	May 2
Hannig, Jean	May 9
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles and Barbara	
47 years	May 26 1979
Schaefer, Steve and Terese	
34 years	May 30 1992



Coming Up May 19

We'll gather at The Loop, the new Moorhead Public Library, for a tour of the new facility and a box lunch. See you there!

Photos/Gary Nolte
(Right) President Tim Hiller.

(Below) Steve Astrup.

(Bottom) Kay Parries & Jean Hannig. Ernie Simmons & Dave Sederquist in back..

Astrup reports on Habitat Build Breakfast

President Tim Hiller welcome Moorhead Rotarians on May 12 with a list of announcements and reminders.

The most critical: His reminder that we'll gather at The Loop, the new Moorhead Public Library and Community Center, on Tuesday, May 19, for a tour of the impressive new downtown facility. Members are asked to call him to be counted for box lunches.

He reminded members that our fellow Fargo-Moorhead Rotary clubs are busy selling raffle tickets for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and an e-bike, as well as barbecued ribs. The Fargo-Moorhead AM club is receiving orders through May 15. Orders will be delivered to the Holiday Inn on May 21.

Brent Brandt has invited his former fellow club members to a birthday party/movie night May 15.

Tim also mentioned that he and his wife "shared a hotel" with Alice Cooper last weekend.

Sarge Steve updates on Habitat

Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup shared the big news from Habitat for Humanity's Hard Hat Breakfast Monday. His first comment, though: "Tim has just shared everything I prepared for my message today."





Photo/Gary Nolte
Jerry Rogers & John Andreasen.

(Right) Because our schedule speaker couldn't make it, the president screened part of a webinar from the Rotary Foundation titled "Creating Your Rotary Legacy: Gifts That Pay You Back." The foundation's principal is never spent, only its earning. Gifts of \$25,000 or more can be customized as an endowed fund carrying the donor's name.



The big news is a name change prompted by confusion over the past moniker, Habitat Lake Agassiz. "It's about clearer messaging," he said. The former reference to the ancient lake caused confusion with other Habitat affiliates in the lake area, or was even mistaken for a lakeside recreation area.

He noted that Gary Nolte's picture with his famous suspenders, taken at a previous build, was part of the morning's presentation. "It's proof," he said, "that if anything else, Habitat doesn't build just homes. It also builds fashion legends."

His call for happy dollars was answered with a generous helping of good news. Ernie Simmons said he was happy to see Steve back, "floundering again behind the big podium." He also noted that it was Florence Nightingale's birthday and the anniversary of the day in 1965 when the Rolling Stones recorded "Satisfaction," which he called the most famous song in rock history.

Dale Hetland shared his own Alice Cooper story involving his brother-in-law's meeting with the rock icon. "Despite the music," he said, "he's a pretty nice guy."

Gary noted that the club built a Habitat home in 1993.

Tom Riley expressed happiness that the dollar he held in his hand had a tracking website on it showing it had travelled all around the country.

Janelle Leiseth reported that Moorhead schools have the nation's first poet laureate youth on the speech team.

Jean Hannig reported the club is going to be assigned an exchange student from Guatemala — its first since COVID. Also, Neil Diamond performed in Chicago in 1967 — very different from the Neil Diamond of the 1980s.

Kay Parries celebrated RYLA's presentation to participants before the go, so they have an advance foundation of what Rotary does.

Cindy Nolte said she's learned how much garbage is produced while building a home. Her husband added, "And now she's the master of the Sawz-All."

John Andreasen noted his son-in-law in Chicago was celebrated as a featured leader by Habitat Chicago at an event in which they raised \$1 million.

Alex will be leading a Habitat build in Asheville, North Carolina in July. Registration is still open for others who may be interested.

Looking Ahead

May 19 — Tour of New Moorhead Library

May 26 — Rotary Service Day

June 2

Sergeant at ArmsAlex Aldrich
Program.....Trenton Gerads, Clay County
Land Trust

June 9

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
Program.....Concordia President Colin Irvine

June 16

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
ProgramMarkus Krueger, "1937 —
 Fargo Batman Dies"

June 23 — Rotary Service Day

June 30

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
ProgramPassing the Gavel