



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Steve Astrup
President-Elect Tim Hiller
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
Directors (2025) Tammy Finney & Jean Hannig
Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

May Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles and Barbara	
46 years	May 26 1979
Joppa, Teresa and Norwig, Richard	
35 years	May 05 1990
Schaefer, Steve and Terese	
33 years	May 30 1992

Tuesday, May 20

Rotary Exchange Student Elisabeth Zimmerman tells us about her year in Moorhead at Tuesday's meeting. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms.



Noltes recount experiences aiding New Orleans in wake of Katrina

President Steve Astrup welcomed members to his sixth-to-last meeting holding the gavel.

The meeting began with a note of gratitude, as he expressed the club's thanks to John Andreasen for his leadership of the Recital With a Cause. John has led the planning committee since the first concert in 2010. The fundraiser has generated about \$850,000 for Rotary International's Polio Plus and local youth orchestras — with local proceeds double-matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Tom Riley reminded members that there's still time to place orders for the barbecued ribs being sold by the FM AM Rotary club. To order, go to www.rotaryribs.com.

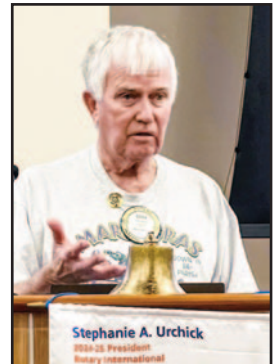
Steve reminded members that we will not meet at noon on May 27. Instead, members will gather at Swing Barrel Brewing Company, 814 Center Avenue, at 5:30 for a club social.

He also announced that former member Brent Brandt is hosting two Silent Movie Nights at the Fargo Theatre on May 22 and 31. The first includes R rated shows. The second will feature a total of four movies in observance of his birthday.

Nolte gives background on Rotary funds

Gary Nolte did double duty: He served as sergeant at arms as well as presented the program with Cindy.

As sarge of the day, he talked about Rotary money. First, he noted the long-time matching of Polio Plus donations by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which donates two dollars for





Photos:
Cindy and Gary Nolte
John Andreasen
Kay Parries
Kirk Scott & Dave Sederquist
Jon Benson



every buck raised by Rotary International. He went on to explain the Paul Harris Fellowships to our newer members. The fellowship is awarded to members who contribute or raise \$1,000 or more, with jewels added to the lapel pin for each additional thousand.

The Harris funds go to Rotary International and are invested for three years. After that, the proceeds are distributed for club project. The money comes back to us in two ways: One-half is awarded in District-designated funding and grants, while the rest supports global grants. "These grants can be very large," Gary said, "as much as \$40 to \$50 million."

Disaster relief contributions are collected and distributed worldwide. Ten dollars of each Rotarian's dues is earmarked for the World Community Service fund, where it's used for brick-and-mortar projects including schools and clinics.

Then Gary called for the week's happy dollars. Nancy Hanson announced that not only is Brent Brandt hosting silent movie nights. Along with JJ and Amy of KFGO, he has put together a bus trip to Minneapolis for the final staging of the new, Broadway-bound musical based on Prince's "Purple Rain." Tickets for the Nov. 15 trip are available through the radio station.

Cindy Nolte reported that daughter Anie Schultz will play a role in MSUM's summer production of "The Sound of Music." Dave Sederquist won the big door prize at the Recital with a Cause.

Noltes tell of Hurricane Katrina recovery

Then Gary brought Cindy Nolte to the podium for a program on helping New Orleans to survive the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. It made landfall along the Gulf coast in 2005, causing severe damage and loss of life, particularly in the city.

The Noltes were among three vans full of volunteers from Trinity Lutheran Church that traveled south six months later, in 2006, to help residents recover from the damage. They brought a trailer full of donated supplies along on the two-day trip.

In New Orleans, the team stayed in the basement of a Lutheran church, sleeping on mattresses on the floor. "The first thing we did when we got there," Gary said, "was to clean the muck out of the place we were staying."

Then they went into the city. "We mostly helped gut damaged houses," Cindy said. That included clearing damaged appliances, helping residents find valuables lost in the wreckage, and removing nails from studs so that the areas could eventually be rebuilt. Lots and lots of nails! They wore protective gear to avoid infection and injury from the chaotic contents of homes, which they removed and piled in high banks along the roadways.

Steve thanked Gary and Cindy for their service — not only on the New Orleans trips, but on Rotary missions that have taken them to South America, Africa and Asia. "Thanks for living the mission and being great Rotarians," he said.

Looking Ahead

May 20

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program...Elizabeth Zimmerman, My Rotary Year

May 27 — Club Social

Swing Barrel Brewing.....5:30 p.m.

June 3

Sergeant at ArmsAlex Aldrich
ProgramEric Wilkie, FM Area Foundation

June 10

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramSam Schaefer, "Speak"

June 17

Sergeant at ArmsLaura Lobo
Program.....Emily Kaiser, Down Home

June 24 — Change of Gavel Social

5:30 p.m.Nolte Home, 117 38th Ave S Circle