



The Paddlewheel

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



Exchange student Elie Zimerman told of her year in Moorhead and her love of Dairy Queen Blizzards.



Tuesday, May 27

We won't be meeting at noon this week. Instead, join your fellow Rotarians and spouses at **Swing Barrel Brewing Company** at 5 p.m.

Exchange student Elie Zimerman shares highlights of her year in Moorhead

President Steve Astrup welcome Moorhead Rotarians and four guests to the meeting Tuesday, May 20. Joining us were our 2024-25 Rotary exchange student Elie Zimerman and members of the three host families with whom she has lived since her arrival last August.

Steve opened the meeting with the official induction of Kirk Scott into Moorhead Rotary at last after a nearly one-year delay.

Final numbers for Recital with a Cause

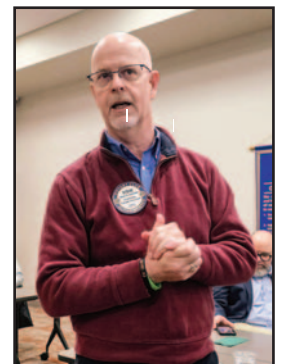
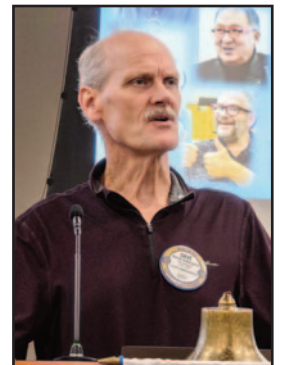
Committee chair John Andreasen shared the final results of the annual Recital with a Cause, which took place May 1. Sponsored by the five FM Rotary clubs, the 14th fund-raiser generated a total of \$47,605, according to the final accounting. According to the report, 168 people attended the concert, believed to be the largest audience since its inception in 2010.

Eighty-nine tickets were sold for the dinner that preceded the concert, held for the first time at the Sons of Norway.

After \$6,000 in expenses, \$41,500 was distributed to three recipients. The two local youth symphonies shared \$2,500, while Polio Plus will receive \$39,000.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Steve Astrup inducts Kirk Scott. (Below) John Andreasen. Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist. (Bottom) District Governor Kay Parries. Steve Schaefer.





Photos: Dale Hetland & Jerry Rogers.

Exchange student Elizabeth Zimmerman with her host parents. Exchange chair Jean Hannig is at the left, and President Steve Astrup at the right.

Exchange student Elie with her date for the Moorhead High School prom.



Club social coming up May 27

President Steve reminded members that, instead of our regular meeting next week (May 27), members and spouses are invited to take part in a club social at Swing Barrel Brewing Company in downtown Moorhead. The event begins at 5 p.m.

Sarge Dave highlights pope's election

Sergeant at Arms Dave Sederquist focused his comments on Cardinal Robert Prevost's election as the next pope, known as Pope Leo XIV. He is the first pope from the U.S., following the death of Pope Francis, the first elected from South America.

Dave called for the week's happy dollars. Jean Hannig was first to answer, donating in honor of Elie's host parents. Dave himself announced the Spud Speech Team had just won the national speech tourney for the third team, with our student Elie a member. Kay honored her host parents, remembering her own hosting



experience. Gary's happy dollars saluted John Andreasen for all his work in the recital. Teresa told of sending a clipping about a Colorado arsonist to her daughter, a police officer in the area; her daughter replied, "Yes, I caught him."

Elie shares highlights of her exchange year

Dave called Elie Zimmerman to the podium. She had just returned from a trip to New York, one of the many adventures she shared with other students and her host families during her busy year in America.

A native of Austria, Elie arrived here on Aug. 14, just in time for her first hosts Trent and Sarah Gerad to take her to the Minnesota State Fair. After meeting other exchange students at orientation at the Concordia Language Camp, she set out on a busy year — joining cross country and the band, enjoying classic high school moments like playing in pep band at the state hockey tournament, taking part in speech tournaments, and falling in love with her favorite U.S. delicacy, Dairy Queen Blizzards.



Looking Ahead

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

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Program

July 1 — Change of Gavel Social

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