



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
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Directors (2026) Nancy Hanson & Tim Hiller
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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
Lobo, Laura	May 13
Tranby, Dave	May 14
Moorhead, Tracey	May 27

Anniversaries

Matthees, Charles & Barbara	
45 years	May 26 1979
Hanna, Bob & Zue Zan	
42 years	May 22 1982
Joppa, Teresa & Richard Norwig	
34 years	May 05 1990
Schaefer, Steve & Terese	
32 years	May 30 1992

Rotary Anniversaries

Sederquist, Dave	32 years
Apr. 01 1992	
Riley, Tom	3 years
Apr. 06 2021	
Johnson, Gregory	12 years
Apr. 10 2012	
Matthees, Charles	31 years
Apr. 13 1993	
Hetland, Dale	22 years
Apr. 16 2002	
Astrup, Steve	6 years
Apr. 16 2018	



No Meeting on May 28

Concordia President Irvine describes campus's challenges and innovations

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to their last meeting before the Memorial Day holiday, reminding them of the board's vote to cancel the regular meeting on May 28. He noted that the club's donations of personal care supplies will be delivered to Fraser Ltd. later in the week.

He also reported that the club's board of directors approved a total of \$10,000 to be awarded to community groups selected by the club's grants committee. A grant of \$5,000 will be allocated to the club's upcoming Global Scholar for her studies in Barcelona.

Governor's investiture coming up June 25

All Rotarians and their guests are urged to attend Moorhead Rotarian Kay Parries' investiture as District 5580 next governor on June 25 at the River Haven Events Center. The evening starts with a social hour and dinner before the ceremony inducting her as the head of the district for the



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Concordia President Colin Irvine, at podium and with former president and Rotarian Paul Dovre. (Above) President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen. (Below) Jean Hannig, Alex Aldrich, and Gary and Cindy Nolte. (Bottom) Alex Aldrich. Steve Schaefer.



Volunteers Needed :Fargo Marathon

Concordia College is looking for volunteers to set up the course through the campus **Saturday, June 1**, and to help co-host a second aid station near Olivet Lutheran. Volunteers are needed to help line the course with pennants, monitor the course, and clean up after the run. They will also provide runners with water and PowerAde at the church. For more information and to sign up, go to <https://cobberadmissions.wufoo.com/forms/2024-fargomoorhead-marathon/>





(From left) Jon Benson and Eric Wilkie. John Andreasen, speaker Colin Irvine and Kay Parries. Jon Benson. District Governor-Elect Kay Parries.



upcoming year. RSVPs are requested by June 19. To purchase tickets (\$40 per person), send a check for \$40 directly to Kay at 3912 Fifth St S. in Moorhead.

Sarge Chris delivers dandy comments

Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen brought a bouquet to the podium — a blooming handful of bright yellow dandelions. He detailed ways in which the flowers, widely regarded as a weed and a nuisance, have nutritional and restorative value for both bees and humans.

Opening the floor for happy dollars, Kay — who was about to board a plane for Singapore — reported how a Rotarian and his family were injured in the Singapore Airlines incident involving unexpected turbulence. That prompted donations accompanying wishes for her own safe travel. Jean Hannig encouraged everyone to attend Kay's investiture June 25.

Alex Aldrich, who changed careers one year ago to become a senior Thrivent advisor, announced his move to a new office. Steve Schaefer gave a "happy I.O.U." in honor of his parents' 60th anniversary, and also invited members to volunteer with Concordia's Aid Station and preparations for the 20th annual Fargo Marathon Saturday, June 1. Chris himself offered a dollar to celebrate the start of training with the women's college soccer team whom he coaches.

Colin Irvine: 'It's been an amazing year'

Alex introduced Dr. Colin Irvine. Before his inauguration as Concordia College's eighth president last July, Irvine spent five years as a high school teacher and coach before going on to complete his Ph.D. and enter college leadership. He and his wife have a 22-year-old son and 18-year-old daughter, along with a dog named Jack.

"It has been an amazing year," he said. He cited three books as preparation for the job: *The Great Upheaval*, *Reengineering the University*, and *Start, Stop or Grow?* — preparation for the challenging times Concordia and all colleges face.

College attendance is dropping, he said. Today 68% of high school graduates go on to higher education. At the same time, the state of Minnesota's North Star Challenge has been announced, offering free tuition to public college students from Minnesota whose parents make less than \$80,000 per year. "We needed to meet that challenge," he pointed out. The college is offering its own tuition waiver — available for students from all states, and to those whose families make \$90,000.

Twenty-two new programs are being added for the 2024-25 school year. "We're leaning into health care," he emphasized, citing the Heimarck School of Health Professions. The fastest growing field of study on the campus, he added, is the cyber security major.

Looking Ahead

May 28 — No Meeting

June 4

Sergeant at ArmsKatie Fredricksen
ProgramGary Nolte

June 11

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramMSUM President Tim Downs

June 18

Sergeant at ArmsLaura Lobo
ProgramKarla Hernandez, CASA

June 20 — Rotary Play Hill

Grand Opening Ceremony10 a.m.

June 25

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
ProgramGooseberry Park Players

June 25 — Installation of Gov. Kay Parries

River Haven Event Center5:30 p.m.
RSVP by June 19kkraftsmn@gmail.com