



The Paddlewheel

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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	



Coming Up May 7

Rotary exchange student Elisa Melis reports on her year in Fargo-Moorhead at this week's meeting. Dave Sederquist is sergeant at arms

Don't forget to bring **toothpaste, shampoo or deodorant** for our service project for the young adults at Fraser Ltd.!

Exchange student Ansgar shares highlights of his year here in Moorhead

Jean Hannig welcomed members and guests, standing in for President Steve Astrup. Helping fill out Tuesday's (April 30) full house were three of the parents who have hosted Ansgar Disselbeck during his nine months in Moorhead, including Trent and Sarah Gerad. Fellow exchange student Elisa Melis of Belgium and Ken Rosson of Fargo Rotary filled out the crowd.

Celebrate Gov. Kay on June 25

Kay Parries invited her fellow Rotarians to join her and District 5580 brass for dinner Tuesday, June 25, when she will be installed as the district's governor for 2024-25. The event begins at 5:30 at the River Haven Events Center, with dinner served at 6:30 and the ceremony following. Tickets are \$40. She asked for RSVPs by June 19. To make your reservation, talk to her face to face, or email her at kkraftsmn@gmail.com.

Fargo Rotarian asks for volunteers

Ken Rosson of Fargo Rotary joined us to ask for volunteers to help with the club's 59th annual track meet for boys and girls. It takes place at Fargo South High School on Saturday.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Ansgar Disselbeck reports on his exchange year to a full house of Rotarians and guests. (Below) Jean Hannig stands in for President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson. Laura Lobo videos Ansgar's talk. In background are Greg Johnson and Dave Sederquist. Gov.-Elect Kay Parries invites members to her installation.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:
Ansgar Disselbeck and three of his host
parents during his exchange year in
Moorhead.

Sarge Nancy cites power of cursive writing

Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson, who herself writes cursive as fast as the wind (and often as tricky to decipher), explores the power of old-fashioned handwriting — a skill that is no longer taught in Moorhead schools, nor in most across the state and the nation. The cursive technique that the older generation learned in school has several advantages over printing, including greater speed and style. She said research has shown that handwritten notes are better remembered than those collected on digital devices ... yet fined members who still write with those flourishes

Bill Woods observed his 91st birthday by offering the first happy dollar of the day. Teresa reported her daughter Lydia has passed the Lakewood, Colo., Police Department's field training and has her own badge and squad car. ("Say a prayer," Mom requested.) Laura Lobo told a story of how her hand-written application earned her a job from an impressed interviewer. Jean expressed gratitude to the host parents who stepped up during Ansgar's stay, and that her husband is rehabilitating at home after his recent stay in the hospital.

Ansgar shares highlights of his year

Ansgar stepped to the podium to tell club members about the most memorable moments of his year as a Rotary exchange student.

The 17-year-old high school junior from Leipzig, Germany, has two brothers. His passion, he said, is playing soccer, along with Olympic weight-lifting and track. Singing in choir — an activity Jean signed him up for before his arrival — is not his favorite way to spend his time, and he has no intention to keep singing after he gets home.

He will repeat his junior year back in Germany next year, he said, since the schooling that occupied him here does not count toward graduation. "It's much harder there," he claimed.

During his year in the U.S., Ansgar participated in many memorable experiences, from attending a Vikings football game soon after his arrival to a Rotary meeting at the Concordia Language Villages. He played soccer with the Spuds throughout the season and competed in the Tri-City weight-lifting competition. He also enjoyed a road trip to Colorado and other special moments.

Looking Ahead

May 7

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
Program.....Elisa Melis, "My Exchange Year"

May 14

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Program.....Stephanie Manesis,
World War II documentary

May 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
ProgramConcorida Pres. Colin Irvine

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
Program

June 20 — Rotary Play Hill

Grand Opening10 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