



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Tim Hiller
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Treasurer Dave Sederquist
Secretary Teresa Joppa
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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
RYLA Coordinator Jon Riewer
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Paddlewheel Photographer/Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

October Birthday

Johnson, Gregory October 28

Wedding Anniversary

Hannig, Jean and Jeff 53 years
Oct. 24 1972

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John 33 years
Oct. 01 1992
Benson, Jon 18 years
Oct. 09 2007
Andreasen, Christopher 7 years
Oct. 23 2018
Simmons, Ernest 7 years
Oct. 30 2018



Coming Up Tuesday, October 14

Instead of meeting at noon, we're getting together for a social at the home of Gary and Cindy Nolte, 117 38th Circle South. It's not just for members — bring your spouse and friends!

Author Ruth Hetland talks about process of writing her book 'Invisible to Invincible'

President Tim Hiller welcomed Moorhead Rotarians and one guest to the club's Oct. 7 meeting — Dr. Tim Downs, president of Minnesota State University and a prospective member.

The president reminded members that our meeting on Oct. 14 will not take place at noon. Instead, we're invited to Gary and Cindy Nolte's home at 117 38th Ave. Circle S. for a social. It's not just for members ... spouses, family members and friends are also welcome. The occasion is an opportunity to say farewell to Teresa Joppa, a past president who has served as club secretary (and Paddlewheel note-taker) since time immemorial. She is moving to South Dakota in January.

Kay Parries reminded members that registrations for the District 5580 Conference in Duluth are due. They can be made online at www.rotary5580.org/page/2025-district-5580-conference-duluth

Sell those travel raffle tickets!

Travel Raffle chair Dale Hetland reminded members that all Travel Raffle tickets must be sold by Nov. 1. He noted that the challenge has grown as our membership struggles to regain the ground



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Ruth Hetland talks about her book, "Invisible to Invincible." President Tim Hiller with Paul Harris honorees Chris Andreasen (at left) and Jon Riewer. (Above) Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. (Below) Jerry Rogers. Violet Deilke. (Bottom) Jean Hannig.





Photos: Dale Hetland listens to Tuesday's speaker — his wife Ruth.

Jon Riewer.

Dr. Tim Downs, president of MSUM.

Gary Nolte draws the (wrong) card in our weekly raffle. Only three to go!



we lost during the pandemic. He said that 140 tickets must be sold to pay the costs associated with the prizes — trips for two, cash prizes and dinner certificates to Rustica. The first winners will be announced at our first meeting next month, Nov. 4.

Know any outbound exchange prospects?

Jean Hannig announced that applications for outbound Rotary exchange students are due soon. She asked members to recommend prospects for the international program.

Members honored for Paul Harris support

President Tim awarded two more Paul Harris Fellowship pins to members supporting the program — Chris Andreasen and Jon Riewer. Five others were honored in September, including Kirk Scott, Tim Hiller, Steve Schaefer, Dale Hetland and Kay Parries.

Sarge Eric collects 'happy dollars'

After conducting a round of trivia based on Halloween and horror movies, Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie opened the floor for happy dollars.

Dale Hetland led off with a dollar honoring the speaker, who told him "yes" 35 years ago. Bill Woods applauded the distribution of the club's

final cache of dictionaries to a program for English learners. Jean Hannig reported her youngest granddaughter is 1 year old, and already climbing things. Steve Schaefer was happy to be back after two weeks on the road. Finally, Jon Riewer pointed out that two college presidents were in attendance: Paul Dovre, retired after decades at Concordia, and Tim Downs, who's served at MSUM since 2023. Tim has completed an application to join the club.

Speaker found her passion as a writer

Eric introduced our speaker, Ruth Hetland, an author whose second book was recently published. Ruth (the wife of member Dale) started college intending to teach math. After several years in bookkeeping, she moved into software development and then project management at Microsoft.

"It wasn't my passion," she told the group. Instead, she found that passion in a workshop led by author Jessica Buchanan. That led to her participation in an anthology published in 2023 titled *Deserts to Mountains*.

She was coached to find her purpose during a workshop with the author. That led to her current book, *Invisible to Invincible*, focusing on creating a supportive and positive work environment. She is now looking for writers to contribute to an anthology of her own called *Why We Run*. More information: www.thestrongalliance.com

Looking Ahead

October 14 — Evening Social

Social at home of Gary & Cindy Nolte.
117 38th Ave. Circle S.5 p.m.

October 21

Sergeant at ArmsChris Andreasen
ProgramLaetitia Mizero Hellerud
"At Home in the World"

October 28 — Rotary Service Day

November 4

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
ProgramAmy Longtin, Tech4Kids

November 11—Tour of Heather House

HIA Hospice

November 18

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramDayna Del Val,
"Discover Your Spark"

November 25

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramAndreasen Family