



The Paddlewheel

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District 5580

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September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve September 1
Nolte, Cindy September 15
Simmons, Ernest September 19

Wedding Anniversaries

Andreasen, John & Carol Sue
53 years Sep. 02 1972
Deilke, Violet & Karl
50 years Sep. 12 1975
Hetland, Dale & Ruth
35 years Sep. 01 1990

Rotary Anniversaries

Nordin, Adam 10 years
Sep. 08 2015
Shockley, John 10 years
Sep. 21 2015
Remark, Rob 7 years
Sep. 18 2018
Hiller, Tim 3 years
Sep. 21 2022
Capistran, Jane 1 year
Sep. 17 2024

FM Rotary
Golf Scramble
Sept. 15 — Suite Shots

Register now!
Form is available
on ClubRunner.



Tuesday, September 16

Miquette McMahan's video, "Teach Haiti," will be featured at this week's meeting.
Jon Benson is sergeant at arms.

Remember — no meeting on Sept. 23. Instead, our volunteers will work at Churches United.

Rotarian Brandon Lunak explains basis of operating & capital projects levy votes

Moorhead Rotarians heard one of their own, Supt. Brandon Lunak, explain reasons for the two levies on November's ballot. He was joined by a member of the Vote Yes committee, the volunteer group that's campaigning for their passage.

President Tim Hiller updated members on several upcoming dates.

- Rotary Foundation Golf Scramble, Sept. 15.
- Deadline for ordering vests, Sept. 16.
- Concordia A.I. symposium, Sept. 16.
- First noon service session at Churches United, Sept. 23. (No regular meeting that day.)
- District 5580 Conference in Duluth, Oct. 24-25.
- Service opportunity: Pangea, "Cultivate Our Cultures," Saturday, Nov. 15.

Order Your 5580 Vests!

Have you ordered your District 5580 Rotary vest? Today's the last day! The quilted Rotary blue vests come sized from XS-XL through 4XL at costs from \$49 to \$58. Order yours from Kay Parries.



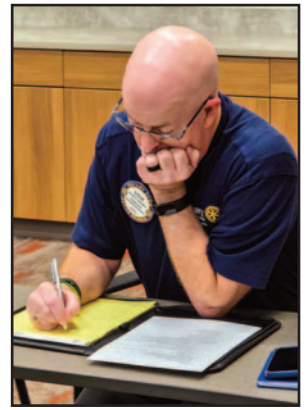
Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) President Tim Hiller. Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson. (Below) Supt. Brandon Lunak. (Bottom) John Andreasen, Ernie Simmang & Steve Astrup.



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Photos:

Secretary Teresa Joppa.

Kirk Scott.

Dale Hetland — 2025 Travel Raffle.

Steve Schaefer.

District Conference Memorial Service

Please send names of Rotarians who have passed away since the April 2024 conference for inclusion in the memorial service at the District Conference coming up Oct. 24-26 in Duluth. Send a photo along with their name, date of birth, and date of death to gloriad5580@outlook.com before Oct. 1.

Travel Raffle kicks off this week

Dale Hetland, chair of the Travel Raffle committee, reported that, with the help of Kirk Scott, the database of past ticket buyers has been updated. Postcards will be mailed to those customers in coming days. Sales will begin with ticket distribution at this week's meeting. The first winners will be drawn on Nov. 4. Prizes, as always, include a third-prize \$100 dining certificate to Rustica; \$200 in cash; and the winner's choice of a trip for two to an exciting destination. This year's sales goal is 300.

Sarge Nancy details start of Greater Mhd Days

The theme of this year's Greater Moorhead Days was the city's 150th birthday. It also marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the popular local event. Sergeant at Arms Nancy Hanson told the story of its founding in 1950 as a way to spur sales on the Moorhead side of the river. It lagged in later years until Mayor Mark Voxland revived it during his term 20 years ago.

Happy (and not-so-happy) dollars were offered by Teresa Joppa, who reported her house had sold in three days ... but the sale fell through, and it's on the market again. Steve Schaefer reported he was happy to be back home, and because exchange student Ana is settling in at their house. Gary Nolte's good news was finding a \$100 bill at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, where he is

groundskeeper — but it turned out to be fake.

Operating & capital project levies will, if passed, ease Moorhead schools' budget

Brandon Lunak, the superintendent who's celebrating his 28th year with Moorhead schools, took to the podium to explain why the district has two separate levies on the Nov. 4 election ballot.

One, the operating levy, would cover day-to-day school costs, such as teacher and staff salaries, classroom supplies, program costs, utilities and routine maintenance. It would generate \$4.37 million annually, or \$575 per pupil. It would impact the owner of a \$250,000 home \$18.91 per month.

The smaller of the two, the capital improvements levy, would support costs of rapidly changing technology, transportation and capital need. It would generate \$1.5 million annually, impacting the same homeowners \$4.83 per month. Together, the two would raise \$5.87 million per year, impacting the owner of a median-value home by \$23.75 per month.

MAPS' last proposed levy was voted down in 2024. It would have raised \$43 million over 10 years, funding enhancements to curriculum, facilities, technology, and transportation over a 10-year period. Its loss resulted in \$5 million in cuts to the district budget. Without a win in 2025, drastic further cuts will affect class sizes and programs.

Looking Ahead

September 16

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Program.....Miquete McMahan,
Teach Haiti Update (video)

September 23 — Service Project

Volunteers meet at Churches United at 11:45 a.m.
NO REGULAR NOON MEETING!

September 30

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
ProgramKevin Wallevand, WDAY-TV,
"Telling the Story"

October 7

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
ProgramRuth Hetland, author,
"Invisible to Invincible"

October 14 — Evening Social

Social at home of Gary & Cindy Nolte

October 21

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
ProgramLaetitia Mizero Hellerud
"At Home in the World"