



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

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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

September Birthdays

Schaefer, Steve September 1
Hanna, Bob September 13
Nolte, Cindy September 15
Simmons, Ernest September 19

Anniversaries

Andreasen, John & Carol 52 years
Sep. 02 1972
Deilke, Violet & Karl 49 years
Sep. 12 1975
Hetland, Dale & Ruth 34 years
Sep. 01 1990

Rotary Anniversaries

Nordin, Adam 9 years
Sep. 08 2015
Shockley, John 9 years
Sep. 21 2015
Erbes, Roger 7 years
Sep. 09 2017
Remark, Rob 6 years
Sep. 18 2018
Hiller, Tim 2 years
Sep. 21 2022



Coming Up Tuesday, September 17

Bruce Hanson of Heart of Clay talks about the Clay County jail ministry at our meeting Tuesday. Ernie Simmons is sergeant at arms.

MindShift rep explains nonprofit's mission to match autistic workers with local jobs

Past president Jerry Rogers filled in at the podium Tuesday, Sept. 10. He welcomed guest Ken Rosson of Fargo AM Rotary and Tim Hiller's guest Devlyn Brooks, new director of Churches United for the Homeless.

Gary Nolte announced that six cases of wild polio have been identified in Gaza, prompting Rotary and its partners to launch a crash campaign to vaccinate children. (Details on page 2.)

Dave Tranby invited members to sign up now for the annual FM Rotary Foundation Golf Scramble, to be held at Suite Shots in Fargo on Monday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$100 per person; both singles and foursomes are welcome to register. The fund-raiser begins with lunch at 12:30, followed by practice and play. A registration form is posted on ClubRunner and again attached to this newsletter.

Jean Hannig reported that a worldwide Rotary action group is participating in Saturday's Walk for Alzheimer's. While it's too late for a club project this year, she suggested it be considered as a service project in 2025.



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top right) Jennifer Olson of MindShift explained her work matching autistic workers to employers. Acting president Jerry Rogers. Sergeant at Arms Tim Hiller. Jean Hannig. Dave Tranby promotes Rotary Golf Scramble. (Below) Cindy Nolte and Jessica Bergum.





Polio Plus Update

Regional Polio Plus chair Gary Nolte reported bad news about Rotary's worldwide campaign to eliminate the disease.

The emergence of half a dozen cases of wild polio have been reported in the occupied Palestinian territory of Gaza. Rotary and its partners launched a vaccination campaign in central Gaza Sept. 1 during the first of three separate zoned three-day polio vaccination pauses agreed to by the militant group Hamas and the Israel Defense Force. A higher than expected total of 187,000 children were vaccinated in the first three days.

Rotary has donated \$500,000 to the effort, and the United Arab Emirate has pledged an additional \$5 million.

UNICEF is attempting to deliver more than 1.2 million doses of the Novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2 to Gaza, with more on the way. The goal is to protect more than 640,000 children under the age of 10.



Speaker Jennifer Olson



Rev. Devlyn Brooks

Acting prexy Jerry noted that District Governor Kay Parries will be back among us on Nov. 12. He also noted that, with Jerry Falwell's retirement and resignation, the club needs a new coordinator for RYLA. He asked volunteers to check in with Dave Sederquist or Steve Astrup.

Dale Hetland noted that it's once again time for the club's major fundraiser, the Travel Raffle. He said more information and tickets will be available by month's end. Since the first drawing is in November, we have a compressed sales period to make the project a success.

Sarge Tim gathers piles of happy \$\$

Sergeant at Arms Tim Hiller entertained the group with historical facts — some true, some perhaps otherwise. Then he turned to the high point of our weekly meetings, sharing good news and happy dollars.

Many members contributed their bucks in honor of Paul Dovre, who has been named the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Chamber of Commerce's Legacy Leader for 2024. Teresa Joppa updated the group on the big wedding she's planning for her younger daughter in St. Paul in just 11 days. Jean Hannig celebrated the arrival of four Rotary



exchange students hosted by FM clubs. John Andreasen asked members to reflect on their 9/11 memories, recalling he was speaking to the club that day ... on Rotary's goal of encouraging world peace.

MindShift matches employers with autistic individuals who can do the job

Jennifer Olson of MindShift introduced members to her agency, which since 2013 has been working with autistic individuals to find jobs that fit their abilities.

The nonprofit currently has 12 people working under contract for several Fargo businesses. "It has been a slow start," she acknowledged, "but our businesses need workers and our workers need jobs."

The pre-employment process, she said, is a critical part of the process. She meets with applicants to gather information about their strengths, weaknesses and learning styles. They receive 40 hours of training. Then they are matched with job needs at area organizations like Sanford Health, Aldevron, Eide Bailly and others, working in all kinds of areas suited to their abilities. Some of the successful placements have been in everything from IT and laundry to clerical tasks and software development.

Looking Ahead

September 17

Sergeant at ArmsErnie Simmons
ProgramBruce Hanson, Heart of Clay

September 24

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
ProgramErnie Simmons, "All in the Future"

October 1

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program

October 8

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
Program

October 15

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramJoan Windus, Change Is Good

October 22

Sergeant at ArmsChris Andreasen
Program