



The Paddlewheel

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Tim Hiller
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Directors (2023) Chris Andreasen, Greg Johnson & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, & Ernie Simmons
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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
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 2

Markus Krueger is back this week! He'll be talking about Hardanger fiddles — both crafting them and playing them. Teresa Joppa is up as sergeant at arms.o

We'll meet back at our regular location, the Moorhead Schools Ops Center.

Rotarians meet and eat at HCSCC

Moorhead Rotarians gathered at the Hjemkomst Center on Tuesday, Aug. 26, to meet the new executive director of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, munch box lunches, and enjoy a guided tour of the society's new "Treasures of Norway" exhibit.

President Tim Hiller welcomed Fjorde and our tour guide, program director Markus Krueger, as well as our Rotary exchange student for the coming year, Ana Beatriz de Souza Prata. Ana was introduced to the group by Kay Parries, her host mother for her first days in Moorhead.

Fjorde, the new director, comes to HCSCC from the Heritage Center in Bismarck. Describing herself as a lifelong history buff, she taught social studies in Bismarck for 20 years before pivoting to museum management.

Members of the club remembered longtime Rotarian Russ Hanson, who passed away Aug. 18. His funeral was Thursday, Aug. 28.

District Rotary conference coming up in Duluth

Former district governor Kay Parries urged



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) Markus Krueger & "Treasures of Norway." (Above) President Tim Hiller. New HCSCC director Laura Forde & Markus Krueger. (Below) Sergeant at Arms Brandon Lunak. (Bottom) Kay Parries & Ana.



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Photos: (Top) Jean Hannig and Eric Wilkie.

Markus Krueger explains the significance of painted wooden trunks brought from Norway by 19th century immigrants.



members to plan to attend the annual District 5580 Conference Oct. 24 and 25. It will be held in Duluth. Among features of the event is a concert by Transit Authority, a St. Paul-based tribute band playing the classic hits of Chicago. Full conference registration is \$190, with rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn in downtown Duluth. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.rotary5580.org/page/2025-district-5580-conference-duluth>.

Sarge Brandon reflects on passage of time

Sergeant at Arms Brandon Lunak announced that his 28th year in education had begun the day before our meeting. Noting that staff had returned to prepare for the new year the week before, he reflected on how fast those years go by.

Issuing his call for “happy dollars,” he invited members to share happy memories of baseball games in days gone by. In addition to their reminiscences, Nancy Hanson pointed out that Rotarian John Andreasen is on the cover of the Fall 2025 edition of Extraordinary Living, which features the Fargo Sons of Norway — the lodge, one of the nation’s largest, over which he presides as president.

Several members spotlighted memories of Russ Hanson, who headed the club’s presentation of dictionaries to Clay County third graders for many years, as well as the service project that provided books on many cultures to elementary libraries. He was also on the founding committee of the Recital with a Cause. Violet Deilke assessed herself a fine — and paid it — for missing her turn



as sergeant several weeks ago. Finally, Kay expressed her happiness for hosting an exchange student who is a good cook.

Immigrant families brought treasures to USA

Markus led members through the displays on the first floor of the historical museum. He told of our community’s Norwegian heritage, focusing on the arrival of the first boat of immigrants from that nation that arrived in the New York City harbor 200 years ago.

“Treasures of Norway” includes a selection of traditional Norse bunads — woolen garments embroidered with curling patterns of flowers and fronds — and wooden artifacts. These new Americans came to the United States with little more than the clothes on their back and a few personal effects. Their personal items, tangible reminders of family they were leaving and the old country, will be displayed through June 22, 2026.

Looking Ahead

September 2

Sergeant at Arms.....Teresa Joppa
ProgramMarkus Krueger, Hardanger Fiddles

September 9

Sergeant at Arms.....Nancy Hanson
Program.....Brandon Lunak, Moorhead Schools Referendum

September 16

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson

Program.....Miquete McMahan,
Teach Haiti Update (video)

September 23

Sergeant at ArmsBill Woods
Program.....Dayna Del Val
“Discover Your Spark”

September 30

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