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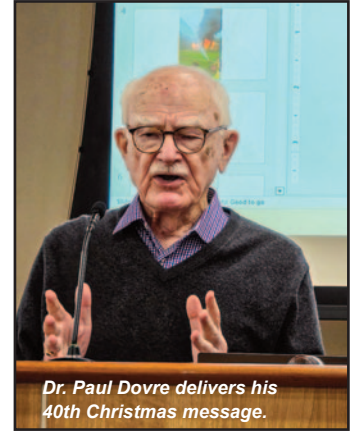
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January Birthdays

Dovre, Paul January 7
Astrup, Steve January 10
Riewer, Jon January 14
Finney, Tammy January 29



Dr. Paul Dovre delivers his 40th Christmas message.

Coming Up January 6

Travis Peltier of the new Sanford Peltier Lodge is our guest speaker for the first meeting of the new year.

Dr. Dovre delivers 40th Christmas message at last meeting of 2025

President Tim Hiller welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to the final meeting of 2025 on Dec. 16, with a good crowd on hand for the traditional message from Dr. Paul Dovre. Two guests joined us: Mark Juven and our Brazilian exchange student, Ana Beatriz Prata.

Sarge Cindy talks about happiness

Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte focused her remarks on the theme of the December issue of Rotarian Magazine, "What Makes Us Happy?" She spoke of two factors — the friendship and fun of being involved in Rotary. "We come together as friends to share our sadness and joy," she pointed out.

She went on to launch the day's collection of happy dollars with one of her own: having family, including her and Gary's Vietnamese children, together for Christmas. Other good news was shared by Steve Schaefer, Dave Tranby, Tom Riley and Jean Hannig. Gary Nolte noted that the meeting marked the 37th anniversary of his and Kay Parries' induction as members.



Photos/Nancy Hanson. (Above) Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte. (Below) Jon Riewer and Dave Tranby. Jon Benson. (Bottom) Chris Andreasen. Steve Astrup & guest Mark Juven.

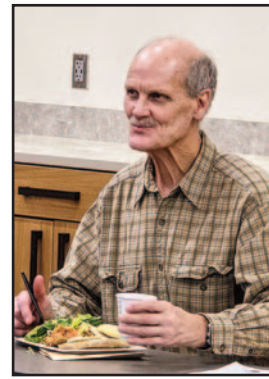




Photos/Nancy Hanson:

(Above, from left)
Chris Andreasen.
Chuck Matthees
Jean Hannig & Kirk Scott.
Dave Sederquist.
Tom Riley

President Tim Hiller presents
Rotary exchange student Ana
Beatriz Prata with a Christmas
gift from Moorhead Rotary.



Dr. Dovre takes the podium

Cindy went on to introduce the man who has delivered the club's holiday message since 1985, Dr. Paul Dovre. She offered an overview of his career and contributions to Moorhead, Concordia College and the club from a profile written by Nancy Hanson and published in the FM Extra.

Paul noted the final Sunday of Advent would be marked by the winter solstice, the day that darkness temporarily overcomes light. He spoke of how Christ's birth symbolized the triumph of light over the dark.

He observed that both political parties have failed to mend the divisions in our society. The darkness portrays so many people's opposition to people of other colors, races and religion.

Yet there is hope in the good that so many are doing in our troubled world.: He offered examples, including the gifts for the incarcerated contributed by Hearts of Clay and Rotary International's four-decade campaign to eradicate polio.



Instead of sitting back and saying, "I told you so," he said, he offered a contrasting message of hope. "Look to the light!"

Looking Ahead

January 6

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramTravis Christopher,
Sanford Peltier Lodge

January 27 — Rotary Service Day

February 10

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramAna Beatriz Prata,
Rotary Youth Exchange

February 24 — Rotary Service Day