



The Paddlewheel

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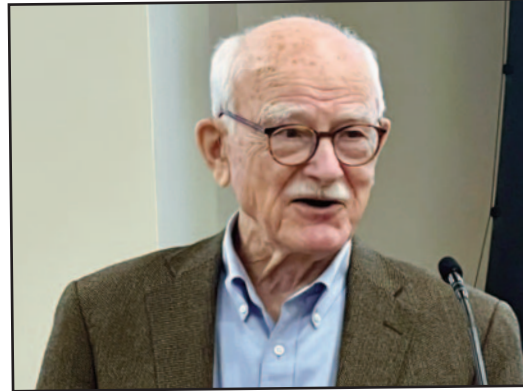
January Birthdays

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

Anniversary

Johnson, Gregory & Kelley 13 years
Jan. 05 2012

Rotary Anniversaries



Tuesday, January 7

Ernie Simmons will present an overview of artificial intelligence and its potential impact on our future at our first meeting of 2025.

Paul Dovre's holiday message focuses on finding and maintaining hope

President Steve Astrup welcomed Moorhead Rotarians to our final meeting of 2024 on Dec. 7. Joining us were three special guests: honorary member Jane Capistran, who has helped produce the annual Recitals with a Cause; former member Ron Kolb; and prospective member Janelle Leiseth.

Grant for Legacy Education Foundation

Steve announced a special year-end project: A challenge campaign to raise funds for the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation, which awards funding to educators to purchase basic needs in their classrooms. Steve announced a local business has pledged to match all donated funds up to \$500; a second match is also in the works.

Checks should be made out to Moorhead Rotary and given to Steve or Dave Sederquist.

Sarge Cindy talks travel, collects happy \$\$

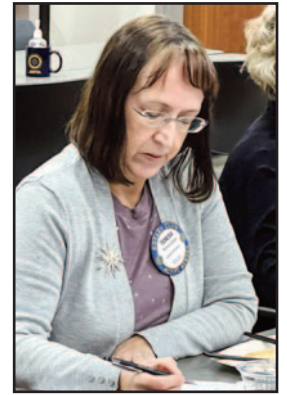
Sergeant at Arms Cindy Nolte shared suggestions for less crowded winter travel destinations, gleaned from the current issue of the Rotary magazine. She pointed out that Rotarians can visit clubs in any locale they choose.

She then opened the floor for happy dollars, and there were many. Several members saluted



Photos/Nancy Hanson: Dr. Paul Dovre shared a message of hope. President Steve Astrup. (Above) Cindy Nolte & Kay Parries. Kirk Scott & Tim Hiller. (Below) John Andreasen and Chuck Matthees.





Steve Schaefer's son Sam, who is featured in a documentary film on high school speech and debate that will be premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. As Jerry Rogers said, "Recognition by a national film is a big deal!" Gary Nolte's happy dollar was for guest Janelle, who participated in one of his mission trips to Haiti. Jean Hannig applauded the Schaefer's support of the Rotary exchange program.

Dovre describes looking forward with hope

In his annual Christmas message — long a club tradition — Paul Dovre focused on sustaining hope in the face of difficult times. He took listeners on a "historical tour" of fraught moments, from Jeremiah's assurance to the Jews that "hope will return" to German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who publicly opposed Hitler, saying, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

He said the same spirit can be found in America's darkest days. In a personal note, he mentioned that he has lost three close friends in the past year, as well as his two older sisters, and his wife has moved into memory care. "She still smiles and brings joy," assured us. "And a new great-granddaughter was born recently, whom I will meet in person in two weeks.

"We share, and claim, hope through good and honest deeds," he said. "We do our best. We help one another. We can be kind ... we can be generous. May you carry the hope that Jesus inspires into this holiday season."



Looking Ahead

January 7

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramErnie Simmons, AI in the Future

January 14

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January 21

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