



The Paddlewheel

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June Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul and Mardy 68 years
Jun. 03 1958
Tranby, Dave and Sharon 52 years
Jun. 22 1974

Rotary Anniversary

Deilke, Violet 30 years
Jun. 04 1996



Coming Up June 30

Lead attorney Anne Hoefgen joins us to talk about Justice North, formerly Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota. Violet Deilke is sergeant at arms..

Historian Markus Krueger tells tragic tale of the daredevil Batman of Potato Fest

Three guests joined Moorhead Rotarians at our meeting June 16. Rotary exchange student Ana Beatriz de Souza Prata of Campos dos Gaytacazes in the Brazilian province of Rio de Janeiro; Pastor Philip Blom; and Violet Deilke's guest, Leslie Aune, the new executive director of Heart of Clay.

Ana presented President Tim Hiller with a banner from her home Rotary, Club de Campos Guaros. After finishing the school year in Moorhead, she's leaving for a tour of the U.S. before returning home.

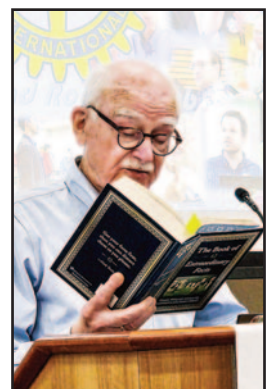
Tim reminded members that he'll be passing the gavel to incoming president Chris Andreasen at our first meeting in July. He conducted his final meeting of the board of directors on June 24.

Batmen, movies, plurals and presidents

Trivia master Brent Brandt conducted a quick round of trivia focusing on highly diverse topics. Along with questions about various movie Batmen — in honor of the day's program — he threw out queries about plurals that don't end in S, three-letter words and **Democratic presidents who served two full terms/**

Sarge Paul carries on random-facts theme

Sergeant at arms Paul Dovre continued the torrent



Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top) President Tim Hiller. Program director Markus Krueger of HCSSC. (Above) Tim and Ana. Sergeant at Arms Paul Dovre. (Below) Trivia master Brent Brandt. President-elect Chris Andreasen. (Bottom) Guest Philip Blom, Kar Parries and Cindy Nolte. Jon Benson.





Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Above) Members of the club's board of directors met last week. (Top) President Tim Hiller (chairing his last meeting), secretary Alex Aldrich and Jean Hannig. (Below) Kay Parries, Ernie Simmons and Chris Andreasen.

(Right column) Violet Deilke introduced her guest, Leslie Aune, executive director of Heart of Clay.



of random information with interesting points from his copy of *The Book of Extraordinary Facts*. He quoted Mark Twain: "Get your facts first. Then you can distort them as you wish."

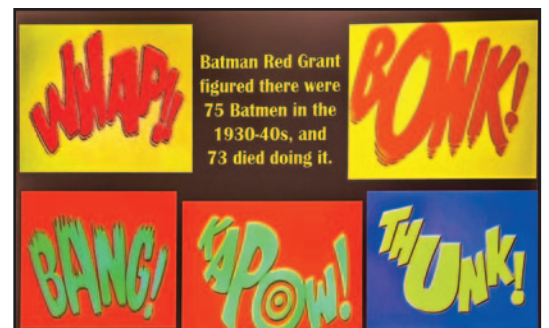
His call for happy dollars generated plenty of good thoughts, from Kay Parries' farewell to Ana to Violet's thanks to Brent for bringing Stephen Tobolowsky as a guest. Jerry Rogers mentioned his grandson's successful soccer game. Jean Hannig mentioned that she's still laughing as she remembers Tobolowsky's performance at the Fargo Theatre. John Andreasen welcomed Phil Blom, who's still looking for families to host the Ethiopian college students coming to Concordia in August.

Krueger tells tragic tale of 'Batman' killed in Fargo during daring stunt

Historian Markus Krueger of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County chose the story of



the aerial daredevil booked as an attraction for Barnesville's Potato Day in 1938. Jimmy Caraway was one of some 75 men who performed aerial stunts, jumping out of a plane in an airsuit designed to enable him to glide to the ground. Arriving at Hector Airport a few days before Barnesville's big event, he booked a plunge as part of the Red River Valley Fair. But the parachute that should have slowed his descent failed to open. He crashed in north Fargo.



Looking Ahead

June 30V

Sergeant at ArmsViolet Deilke
ProgramAnne Hoefgen, Justice North

July 7

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramPassing of the Gavel

July 14

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
ProgramSpecial program

July 21

Sergeant at ArmsDale Hetland
Program

July 28 — Rotary Service Day

August 4

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
ProgramThomas Hill, Youthworks

August 11

Sergeant at ArmsBrandon Lunak
ProgramSue Baron, Golden Drive for Kids

August 18

Sergeant at ArmsJon Riewer
Program.....Steve Smith, YMCA