



The Paddlewheel

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October Birthdays

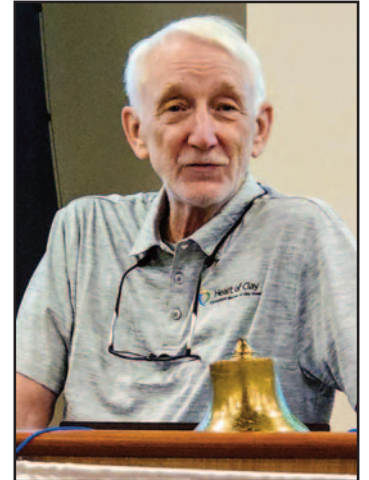
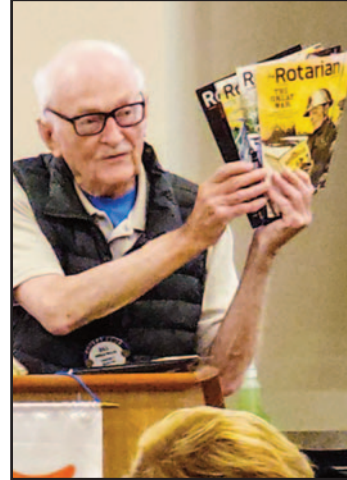
Wai, Sam October 3
Johnson, Gregory October 28

Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean & Jeff 52 years
Oct. 24 1972
Elmer, Corey & Brenda 28 years
Oct. 05 1996

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John 32 years
Oct. 01 1992
Benson, Jon 17 years
Oct. 09 2007
Andreasen, Christopher 6 years
Oct. 23 2018
Simmons, Ernest 6 years
Oct. 30 2018
Lobo, Laura 4 years
Oct. 14 2020



Coming Up Tuesday, October 1

Supt. Brandon Lunak takes the podium this week to update us on plans for Moorhead's public schools. John Andreasen is sergeant of arms.

Bruce Hanson updates Rotarians on Moorhead's Heart of Clay Jail Ministry

President Steve Astrup welcomed Rotarians to their regular meeting Sept. 26. Laura Lobo introduced her guest and prospective member, Jody Brown, while Violet Deilke introduced our speaker, Bruce Hanson of Heart of Clay.

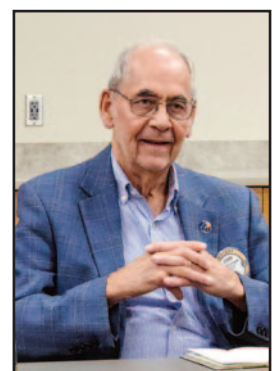
Members shared a variety of announcements:

Jerry Rogers noted that registration for the annual Rotary Golf Scramble open unit Oct. 4. More golfers are needed to make up our foursome! He noted that the Oct. 14 event at Suite Shots has several advantages, including no walking and "we won't get rained out."

Bill Woods invited members to get a discount on Saturday's Sausage Fest by buying advance tickets, preferably from him.

Steve noted that the FM Chamber of Commerce is honoring Paul Dove with its annual Legacy Leader award on Oct. 10.

Photos/Nancy Hanson: (Top row) President Steve Astrup. Sergeant at Arms Bill Woods. Bruce Hanson, Heart of Clay. Alex Aldrich takes notes beside Paul Dove. Violet Deilke. Dale Hetland updates on Travel Giveaway tickets. Jerry Rogers. John Andreasen.





Photos/Nancy Hanson:
Paul Dovre.
Ernie Simmons.
Gary and Cindy Nolte.
Jon Benson.

Ernie Simmons is managing the club's annual Four-Way Test high school essay contest. Former member Randy Farwell had handled it for many years.

Travel Raffle tickets coming next week

Dale Hetland, who chairs the committee planning the annual Travel Raffle, announced that the sale of tickets begins Friday. Winners can choose from a selection of 10 trips or win second and third monthly prizes of \$200 or a \$100 dining certificate to Rustica. He invited members to join him Friday to label postcards to be sent to past purchasers.

Sarge Bill collects bounty of happy bucks

Sergeant at Arms Bill Woods' request for happy dollars was met with a bounty. Several members saluted Paul Dovre on his Legacy Leader award. Jerry Rogers celebrated the inclusion of an MHS football player in statewide news. Ernie's "apology dollar" was for his early departure the previous week to meet Furniture Mission of the RRV at home. Cindy Nolte told of her and Gary's Vietnamese foster children, who flew in to visit and to see her mother. John told of a friend he'd seen last week who was rejected as an astronaut at the last minute when he wasn't selected to crew the next space flight — the Challenger. Alex Aldrich told of the progress of a friend who was badly injured in a mountain biking incident.

Heart of Clay helps ex-cons rebuild lives

Violet Deilke, one of the founders of Clay County's 10-year-old jail ministry, introduced Bruce Hanson, a retired teacher who has been part of its

programming for seven years.

"Heart of Clay meets people where they're at," he told the club. "We offer to walk beside them, share the love of Christ, and help transition them to a different way of living their lives — making a 180-degree turn toward jobs, housing and social relationships."

The volunteer ministry's members spend 10 to 15 hours a week at the Clay County Correctional Center, where they offer classes ranging from 12-step recovery and building relationships to personal finance, art and music. Among their activities is writing and sending personal messages to the incarcerated men and women; that's often their only contact with the outside world.

Heart of Clay operates two transitional homes for men and one for women under the banner of Crossing Home. They have served more than 150 people over the years. "The homes provide accountability for growth," Hanson explained. Residents are expected to remain alcohol- and drug-free and work or attend school 40 hours a week. They must make a commitment of six months to be accepted, though many stay longer. Hanson noted, "None of our Crossing Home Moorhead residents who have remained with us 12 months or more have returned to incarceration."

The nonprofit is hosting a fundraiser on Oct. 1 called "Sweet Freedom." The dessert social, to be held at the Delta by Marriott, features men and women who will tell their stories of building new lives with the support of Heart of Clay volunteers.

Looking Ahead

October 1

Sergeant at ArmsJohn Andreasen
Program.....Brandon Lunak, Moorhead Schools

October 8

Sergeant at ArmsEric Wilkie
ProgramSarah Matthews, Red River
Child Advocacy Center

October 15

Sergeant at ArmsJean Hannig
ProgramJoan Windus, Change Is Good

October 22

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen
Program.....Pattie Sean, Soul Solutions

October 29

Sergeant at Arms.....Cindy Nolte
ProgramExchange student Ellie Zimmern

November 5

Sergeant at Arms
ProgramDevlyn Brooks, Churches United