



Birthdays

Richard Bruce Abernethy
February 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

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Years of Service

John R. Cloninger
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27 Years

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President's Message - February 10, 2025

Monday, February 10, 2025



Greetings!

I am incredibly proud of each of you for your dedication to both service and fellowship last week. At a moment's notice, many of you stepped up to make a large batch of peanut butter sandwiches, which were delivered to the homeless by Gateway Gaston—your generosity did not go unnoticed. Additionally, our club was well represented in the "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" event. While we didn't advance far in the competition, we can proudly say we answered every question correctly—and we left feeling pretty smart!

YIRS,

Luke

This Week's Program - February 13th: Bill Sevy - Sioux City Plane Crash Survivor

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This week, we welcome Bill Sevy to tell his story of the Sioux City Plane Crash, and his miraculous survival.

Stricken Jet Misses Sioux City Runway

DC-10 Crashes in Flames

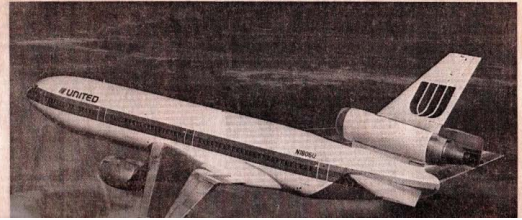
By Sharon Rosse
World-Herald Staff Writer

Sioux City, Iowa — As many as 150 people may have survived the crash Wednesday of a United Airlines DC-10 carrying 288 people when it crashed and exploded while trying to make an emergency landing at the Sioux Gateway Airport.

Flight 232 from Denver to Chicago carried 292 passengers and 11 crew members, said Deborah Jones, a United spokeswoman.

Witnesses said some survivors appeared to have been thrown from the plane when it cartwheeled into the ground and burst into flames. Others walked away, witnesses said.

The plane experienced "complete hydraulic failure" before the crash last night at 4:30 p.m., Federal Aviation



The meeting begins at 12:40pm and is offered in-person and by Zoom.

If you are attending in-person, join us at noon for the lunch service.

The Zoom link will open at 12:15pm.

You can join the meeting here:

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This Week's Birthdays: February 10 - February 16



Richard Abernethy - February 11



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This Week's Years of Service Anniversaries: February 10 - February 16

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John R. Cloninger - February 12 (27 Years)



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Next Week's Program - February 20th: Dale Melton - Covenant Village Update

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Next Week, Dale Melton, the Chief Executive Officer of Covenant Village, will give us an update about the organization.



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Service Project Opportunity - Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry

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The Service Projects Committee is happy to announce a wonderful new service project opportunity! A few years

ago, our club had the pleasure of inviting Dr. Rodney B. Freeman to talk about the amazing work that he and his congregation, along with an army of community volunteers, do through the Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry. Anyone in need of a meal can stop by each Thursday, no ID required. Dr. Freeman has built an incredible ministry that serves so many people in Gaston County in need. The Rotary Club of Gastonia is committed to volunteering the fourth Thursday of every other month through the spring to support Dr. Freeman's mission. The dates are:

February 27th
March 27th
April 24th
May 22nd

All volunteers arrive around 7:30 a.m. After a prayer, Dr. Freeman's team will assign volunteer positions. They usually finish around 10:30 a.m. The project takes place at Dr. Freeman's church, Mt. Zion Restoration Church. For parking, it is best to park in the lot at the front of the church, located at:

2310 Crescent Lane
Gastonia, NC 28052

Contact Information: 704-864-8616 or bbfoodpantry@yahoo.com

2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) Scholarship and Volunteer Information

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To Sign up to Volunteer: Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders will once again be held at **Gardner-Webb University, July 17-20, 2025, (Volunteers arrive on July 16)**. We need a few Volunteers to help with Communications, and Recruiting beforehand, but mostly to be **onsite Mentors**. Mentors need to be energetic (able to keep up with teenagers), enthusiastic, leaders by example, committed to the program and open to the new realities our youth encounter. As a Mentor, you will impact the lives of your Students. Please complete the **2025 SFTL Volunteer Application** at <https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/App/?ID=166>.

For Interested Students: Send the the flyer below, and send them the link: <https://rotary7680.org/sftl>

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