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Anoka County Volunteer Drivers Honored

The contributions of 57 volunteer drivers were recognized recently at a luncheon held in their honor at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625. Volunteer drivers provide transportation for more than 1,500 regular passengers, all of whom are elderly, veterans, or county clients.

Volunteer drivers logged more than 148,790 miles on 6,153 trips in the past year. Most of the trips were to veterans' medical facilities in St. Cloud, Maplewood, and Minneapolis, as well as to Mercy and Unity Hospitals and other medical facilities.

“So many people depend on these dedicated volunteer drivers to get them to doctor visits and other necessary appointments,” said Anoka County Board Chair Dennis Berg. “They provide an invaluable service and make our community a better place to live.”

Several drivers were recognized for their long years of service with the volunteer driver program: Milt Banwart, Andover (25 years); Robert Netko, Coon Rapids (20 years); Muriel Littlejohn, St. Anthony (20 years); and Eugene Emerson, Fridley (20 years).

If you are in need of driving services, please call Jeannine Tyler, volunteer transportation program coordinator, at 763-422-7087.

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Milt Banwart, center, was honored recently for his 25 years of service to the Anoka County Volunteer Driver Program. Also pictured are Tim Kirchoff, left, supervisor of Transit Operations and Planning; and Anoka County Board Chair Dennis Berg.

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