



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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The Moorhead Rotary board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month.

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Other F-M Rotary Clubs

Monday: FM/PM Rotary
 5:30 p.m., Lucky 13 Pub
 Monday: Fargo West Rotary
 Noon, Holiday Inn
 Wednesday: Fargo Rotary
 Noon, Radisson
 Thursday: FM/AM Rotary
 7 a.m., Ramada Plaza

If you attend meetings of any of these clubs, just check in. We have a reciprocal agreement.

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This week's meeting: Moorhead Police Officer Jeff Larson informs the club about changes in the area drug scene, including cooperative investigations by MPD and the Clay County Sheriff. Violet Deilke is sergeant at arms. Russ Hanson is Rotarian of the Day, and Stacy Ackerman and Steve Moore are greeters.

Program focuses on experiences of US veterans of color serving in World War II

President Lynne Kovash welcomed members and guests to the club's meeting at the Hjemkomst Center. A highlight of the day was distribution of the new club membership directory.

Past President Eric Wilkie reminded members to sign up for the club social coming up the next evening. Once again held at Junkyard Brewing, the happy hour event drew a total of 27 members and several spouses. They sampled Junkyard's line-up of hand-crafted beers and pizzas by Rhombus Guys, then



Photos/Russ Hanson: Pianist Sharon Fangsrud and song leader Chuck Hendrickson lead the club's rendition of "America." President Lynne Kovash. Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson. (Right) Historian and genealogist Les Bakke presented a program on veterans of color who served in World War II, drawn from the Library of Congress.



toured the local business's expanding brewing operation.

Sergeant at Arms shares weight loss tips

Well, not exactly ... but Sergeant at Arms Eric Johnson, who with his wife is on a 30-day diet regimen, did share some thoughts about what we eat. He said he'd done some research. Cavemen ate whatever they found (before what they found ate them). Much later, society has developed a First World problem with overeating. Thus, people have tried a long list of diet schemes, from "Reach for a Lucky Instead of a Sweet" to the vinegar diet, cabbage soup diet, Weight Watchers (began in 1963) and many more.

He quoted humorist Fran Lebowitz: "Food is not part of a balanced diet."

The Travel Raffle Committee began its deliberations Tuesday, laying out plans for next year's major fund-raiser. From front left: Nathan Johnson, Alma Cater, Pat Gulbrandson, chair Violet Deilke, Josh Frost and Lynne Kovash.



Twenty-seven members attended Wednesday's club social at Junkyard Brewing, enjoying handcrafted beers and Rhombus pizzas. Eric Wilkie and Corey Elmer organized the event.*



Guests Jan. 24

- Les Bakke, speaker
- Bev Lake, guest of club
- Ray Grefsheim & Joel Paulsen, guests of Corey Elmer
- Dorothy Suomala, guest of Paul
- FES Erhard Hochörtler

January Birthdays

- Dovre, Paul Jan 07
- Riewer, Jon Jan 14
- Filler, Doreen Jan 30
- Belcher, Barb Jan 31
- Stenerson, Dale Jan 31

Wedding Anniversaries

- Johnson, Gregory & Jan Kelley
Jan 05 2012 5 years
- Kovash, Lynne & Dennis
Jan 13 1971 46 years

Rotary Anniversaries

- Nellis, Troy 3 years
Jan 01 2014
- Fangsrud, Sharon 3 years
Jan 02 2014
- Schwandt, Bill 23 years
Jan 10 1994
- Fitzgerald, Heidi 1 Year
Jan 12 2016
- Gulbranson, Patrick 1 Year
Jan 12 2016
- Kolb, Ronald 42 years
Jan 14 1975
- Farwell, Randy 16 years
Jan 23 2001
- Beaton, Tim 6 years
Jan 25 2011
- Kovash, Lynne 15 years

Eric gathered happy dollars from members celebrating a variety of good news. Tracey Moorhead invited members to attend a lecture by the New York Times' columnist David Brooks Feb. 9. Others mentioned Gary Nolte's safe return from the service mission to Haiti; the disappearance, at last, of ice from streets and driveways, and our speaker's report that "the Dairy Queen diet" is working well for him. A loss was also noted — the death of Daphne Meyers, past district conference chair from Fargo.

Minority recruits served proudly in WWII

Rotarian of the Day Russ Hanson introduced historian, genealogist and community volunteer Les Bakke, who shared a program on military veterans of color originally developed for Moorhead teachers to honor Martin Luther King Day.

Les, the retired MSUM IT director who then served the city in the same capacity until two years ago, researched the experiences of African-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native Americans who served their country proudly in World War II and more recent conflicts. He drew on video interviews conducted and archived

by the Library of Congress.

He shared the story of Pearle Mack, a black man who was rebuffed by a racist recruiter when he initially tried to join the Army. He found a way, and went on to serve in three wars.

Medic Bobby Wallace spoke of how he and other black medics treated white soldiers who'd called them names ... before they were injured. "White soldiers had just one war to fight," he said on video. "We had two to fight."

Les retold the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, the black Air Force unit formed by FDR. They went on to serve with distinction, flying more than 15,000 combat sorties.

Warren Tsuneishi enlisted even after his Japanese-American parents were rounded up in California and shipped to an internment camp in Wyoming — a fate shared by 120,000 American citizens.

He told members about a local veterans oral history project that's now underway, along with other resources including Moorhead's Heritage Education Commission.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Sergeant at Arms Violet Deilke
 Rotarian of the Day: Russ Hanson
 Program: .Moorhead Police Officer Jeff Larson,
 "Changes in the Area Drug Scene:
 Investigation and cooperation with Clay
 County Sheriff's Office"
 Greeters: Stacy Ackerman & Steve Moore

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie

Program:....."Giving Hearts Day," Dakota
 Medical Foundation.
 Greeters:...John Andreasen & Tracey Moorhead

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Sergeant at Arms Jon Riewer
 Rotarian of the Day: Kay Parries
 Program: International Rotary Council
 Legislation & New Changes, PDG Tom Riley
 Greeters: Jill Baldwin & Adam Nordin