



# The Paddlewheel

## Moorhead Rotary Club

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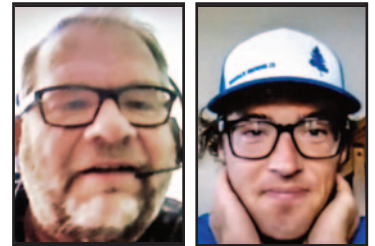
### Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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and Tracey Moorhead  
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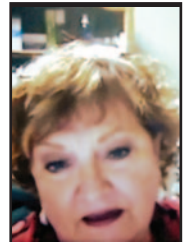
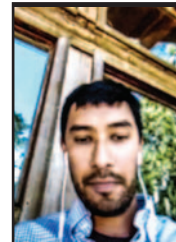
### Other F-M Rotary Meetings

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



### Coming Up Tuesday — via Zoom

Jered Pigeon, MSUM's director of diversity, talks about confronting racism and "The Meaning of George Floyd." Chris Andreasen is our sergeant at arms, and Gina Monson is Rotarian of the Day.



### New American Consortium aims to empower immigrants & black residents

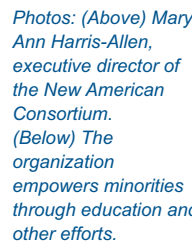
President Jerry Rogers welcomed 19 members of Moorhead Rotary and our guest speaker, Marann Harris-Allen.

Violet Deilke updated members on progress in planning this year's travel raffle fund-raiser. She said that all past customers will receive a postcard reminding them about another chance to win trips, cash or Moorhead dining certificates.

The club will again conduct a drive-by food drive on Sept. 15 — the second of what's expected to be a quarterly service project, Gina Monson announced. This time, the collection will take place in the parking lot of the Moorhead Center Mall.

### Dictionaries on the way for 3rd graders

Area third graders will again receive personalized dictionaries from the club this fall. Russ Hanson, who chairs the longstanding annual project, said the books have been ordered and arrangements are being made with area schools to distribute them. The dictionaries have become a much-



Photos: (Above) Mary Ann Harris-Allen, executive director of the New American Consortium. (Below) The organization empowers minorities through education and other efforts.



### A Note about Your Rotary Billing

Please note that the amount earmarked for your meals (under normal circumstances) will be considered a donation. If you'd like to reduce your cost, please let Emily Gess know. All members will be receiving three Moorhead Rotary face masks courtesy of the club.

## Guest 8/18

Maryann Allen, New American Consortium executive director, speaker

## August Birthday

Cater, Alma Aug 01

## Wedding Anniversaries

Nolte, Cindy & Gary Aug 01 1969

51 years

Baldwin, Jill & Jerry Aug 02 1969

51 years

Hendrickson, Chuck & Renae

Aug 13 1994 26 years

Moorhead, Tracey & Richard

Aug 14 1964 56 years

Belcher, Barb & David Aug 17 2013

7 years

Johnson, Eric & Kirsten Aug 21 2012

8 years

Riewer, Jon & Kristine Aug 24 1996

24 years

Schwandt, Bill & Cheryl Aug 29 1981

39 years

## Rotary Anniversaries

Hannig, Jean 24 years

Aug 06 1996

Lorenson, Pat 3 years

Aug 12 2017

Blackhurst, Anne 8 years

Aug 14 2012

Nolte, Cindy 20 years

Aug 15 2000

Qualey, Neil 28 years

Jul 21 1992

anticipated tradition among Moorhead and neighboring elementary children.

Promotions committee chair Tammy Finney reported that navy blue face masks with the Rotary logo and club name in gold have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly. Each member will receive three masks, courtesy of the club.

Movie trivia maven Brent Brandt shared the good news that local movie theaters are about to reopen. He quizzed members on top movies, going back to 1975's "Jaws."

## Sergeant Steve gathers happy dollars

Sergeant at Arms Steve Astrup opened the floor for happy-dollar declarations. Jean kicked it off with gratitude for our speaker. Dale Hetland fined himself \$2 because of having to leave early. Dave Sederquist's dollars were in thanks for Steve Schaefer's message. Bill Woods applauded getting the dictionary project rolling for another year.

## Maryann Allen explains efforts to help New American neighbors

Rotarian of the Day Brent Brandt introduced our speaker, Maryann Allen, the executive director of Fargo-Moorhead's New American Consortium. Begun in 2013, the consortium was formed to address a shared problem: assisting immigrant

and African students in area high schools. Their goal was linking them with volunteer mentors from the community.

Eight people met for the first meeting at the home of Mary Ann's parents, pledging to each meet with a student for an hour each week. As more volunteers were recruited at local colleges, the program grew, with Lutheran Social Services providing assistance. They encouraged collaboration with other, similar ethnic organizations. The African Initiative for Progress, Djibouti Community, Giving + Learning and Chira Global Development Organization are now represented on the consortium's board.

Today the consortium has grown to three staff members: Maryann; Darci Asche, the volunteer director of development; and Wambo Kimba, health disparities program office administrator. It encourages education, civic engagement and social bonding. Classes are provided for New Americans studying for their citizenship exams, which also requires improving English language skills and literacy. Classes are open to all ages, especially senior citizens.

The organization, which has an office in Fargo, operates a wellness and empowerment location that they call the WE Center. Volunteers are always needed for tutoring and mentoring, as well as other programs. Maryann noted that donations of school supplies are always needed and always welcome.

## Looking Ahead

### August 25 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Chris Andreasen  
Rotarian of the Day.....Gina Monson  
Program....Jered Pigeon, MSUM, "The Meaning of George Floyd: Confronting Racism"

### September 1 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms .....Eric Johnson  
Rotarian of the Day .....Kay Parries  
Program .....District Governor Bob McLean

### September 8

Sergeant at Arms .....Rob Remark  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program .....

### September 15 — Drive-By Food Drive #2 Moorhead Center Mall

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Sergeant at Arms.....Gina Monson  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Ahmed Shiil & Thomas Hill,  
"Tap Ride Program for New Americans"

### September 22

Dictionary Project work session

### September 29 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program .....Alena Pringle, "Engineers Without Borders: Improving Access to Water & Sanitation Around the World"

### October 6 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms .....  
Rotarian of the Day .....  
Program.....Alicia Belay, Rotary International  
Microloan Program in Ethiopia