



The Paddlewheel

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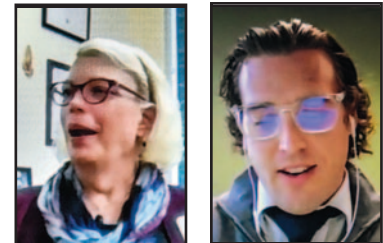
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2020 Committees

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

Our guest this week is Christian Harris, a former Rotary Peace Scholar in Libya, who will speak on "Community Peace-Building and Conflict Prevention." Jon Benson is sergeant at arms, and Bob Hanna is Rotarian of the Day.



Restorative Justice program seeks to heal all after crime

President Jerry Rogers launched the Dec. 1 meeting of Moorhead Rotary with several announcements by members. Eric Wilkie talked about Giving Tuesday, a public-spirited addition to the just-completed Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday shopping occasions. The day of focus on giving to nonprofits in the community dates back to 2012. He directed members to the Fargo-Moorhead Area Caring Catalog for inspiration.



Violet Deilke invited members to join in a challenge between the Clay and Cass County Sheriffs' Departments to collect warm new socks for the Golden Drive Homeless Kids. The collection is taking place all month. Donations can be dropped off during weekday hours at the Clay County Correctional Facility and Sheriff's department.

Jerry added several more items:

- There will be no Christmas party this year due to Covid.
- Violet Deilke's brother is hospitalized with Covid.

Member Pat Gulbranson has resigned.

- The club will conduct a survey of members on Jan. 12 prior to the annual Club Assembly Jan. 19.

Travel Raffle winners announced

Violet Deilke announced that member Brent Brandt sold the ticket to the winner of December's top prize in the travel raffle, Lisa Markert. She wins a March trip to Park City, Utah, or a \$2,000 travel credit.

Dale Hetland sold the second-place ticket to Deneen Axtman, who will receive \$200 in cash. Third place, the \$100 dining certificate for Rustica, was won by Ernie Simmons.

After Brent Brandt quizzed members on movie trivia related to the holiday movie "Elf," Sergeant at Arms Sue Koesterman called for happy dollars. Gina Monson's dollar was in honor of her 24th wedding anniversary. Jean Hannig donated \$5 to celebrate the Restorative Justice program. Bob Hanna gave thanks that an employee who was hospitalized for

Guest 12/01

Joel Friesz, LSS Restorative Justice program

December Birthdays

Lunak, Brandon	Dec 04
Andreasen, John	Dec 05
Deilke, Violet	Dec 20
Hanson, Nancy	Dec 24
Monson, Gina	Dec 30

Wedding Anniversary

Sederquist, David & Jane
Dec 08 1984 36 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Finney, Tammy	5 years
Dec 08 2015	
Baldwin, Jill	20 years
Dec 12 2000	
Nolte, Gary	32 years
Dec 13 1988	
Parries, Kay	32 years
Dec 13 1988	

45 days is back at work, while Dave Sederquist lauded the Vikings' win.

Steve Astrup applauded the creativity of Emily's daughter Rachel, who arranged a play date that allowed Noah to see her in person. Brent Brandt spoke up in appreciation of his sister's winning and those who have adopted through LSS. Ernie Simmons echoed his statement, saying both of their children were adopted through LSS. So did Gary Nolte, citing their foster Vietnamese child through the agency as well as his own 75th birthday.

Joel Friesz explains history and goals of LSS Restorative Justice program

Rotarian of the Day Steve Astrup introduced Joel Friesz, director of Lutheran Social Services' Restorative Justice program. Its mission is to restore those harmed by an offense, to encourage accountability from the person who committed the offense, and to promote safe, secure, and peaceful communities. The restorative processes are geared specifically for those referred by North Dakota Juvenile Court and Division of Juvenile Services.

He explained the concept of restorative conferencing, a process initiated by the victim of a crime who wants to communicate with the perpetrator. The program is entirely voluntary. Training is provided, and an agreement is signed. He noted other options are available.

According to the Restorative Justice website, the program creates safer communities statewide by bringing people together with trained facilitators in structured processes to resolve, reduce and prevent conflict. The program focuses on repairing the harm caused by crime, rather than just the legal violation of laws and rules.

Lutheran Social Services Restorative Justice encourages accountability, works to repair harm done to the victim and promotes safe and secure communities.

The process, Joel said, has seven steps. Both parties must want to participate. They're encouraged to have a support person with them. The facilitator is not an advocate for either party, and may follow up with both afterwards. A parent can be required for a child who has offended. Options are presented to the victim, who is free to choose.

The program is available to schools, with LSS offering training to elementary and middle school counselors. Its goal, Joel said, is to repair relationships.

"The U.S. has more people incarcerated than other countries — a disproportionate number," he told Rotarians.

The six top reasons for children as young as 10 to enter the justice system are creating disturbances at school, including fighting and bullying; shoplifting; theft; assault; disorderly conduct; and vandalism and criminal mischief.

Looking Ahead

December 8 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsJon Benson
Rotarian of the DayBob Hanna
ProgramCommunity Peace-Building and Conflict Prevention, Christian Harris, former Rotary Peace Scholar in Libya

December 15 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte

Rotarian of the DayErnie Simmons
ProgramPaul Dovre's annual Christmas message

December 22 — No meeting

December 29 — No meeting

He spoke of an event last week featuring crisis and trauma therapist Megan Price of Grand Forks, who spoke of her personal experience with restorative justice. After her brother was killed by a drunk driver in 2010, she wanted to meet with the offender, who was in the North Dakota Penitentiary. Joel was facilitator of that meeting. Afterwards, she went on to complete her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work at the University of North Dakota. She said that what she received through the restorative justice program was "the power of knowing."

For more information on volunteer opportunities and to connect with services, Joel suggested people contact him at 701-271-3241; his email is joelF@lssnd.org.