



The Paddlewheel

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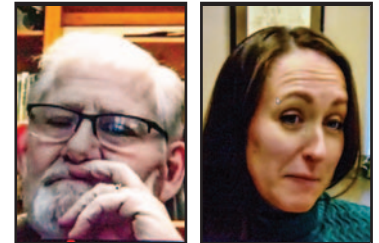
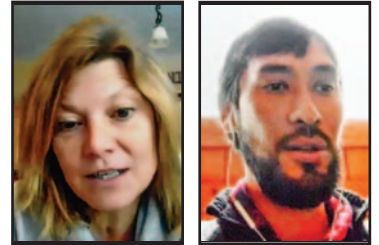
Other F-M Rotary Meetings

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

Megan and Gloria Mink talk about youth protection at this week's Zoom meeting. Emily Gess is sergeant at arms, and Bob Hanna is Rotarian of the day.



Justin Kristan (above)



Bicycling enthusiast Justin Kristan says alliance teaches kids to bike safely

President Jerry Rogers welcomed 16 Moorhead Rotarians to the club's regular meeting in cyberspace. Travel raffle committee chair Violet Deilke shared the good news that all but nine of this year's 300 tickets have been sold, and drawings will begin next month. "If you have any other sales, let me know right away," she urged members.

Drive-By Drive #3 is Tuesday, Nov. 3

The third of the club's quarterly Drive-By Food Drives for Churches United for the Homeless is coming up on Nov. 3 — Election Day. It will take place in the shelter of the Center Mall parking ramp. Sign up now! Promote it to your friends! Bring a stool or lawn chair to sit on! And most of all ... wear warm clothes.

Sarge Jean gives overview of RI exchanges

After trivia master Brent Brandt tossed out questions on the most popular fast foods, Sergeant at Arms Jean Hannig shared an overview of Rotary International's student exchange program, with which she's been involved for many years. In normal years (unlike 2020), the organization sponsors more than 9,000

youth worldwide. Our club is one of the longest-serving host clubs, with students spending 10 to 11 months exchanges here for more than 30 years.

Exchange students must be between 15 and 18 years old. After they have applied, they're interviewed by a screening committee. The next possible exchange year begins in August 2021, but the pandemic, visa issues and border problems need to be solved before students can be assigned.

Jean started the collection of happy dollars herself with the good news that John Andreasen — whose email account was hacked last week — is *not* sick and thus does *not* need gift cards. John put in \$5 himself for his son-in-law's assistance in solving the hacking problem. Dale Hetland's happy dollar was in honor of haircuts by professionals, while Jerry saluted the late Sid Hartman. Dave Tranby noted that Gopher football would be on TV Saturday, even though no spectators were allowed. Emily Gess's contribution was in honor of her learning who Peter Frampton is.

Speaker explains new organization's goal of making bike transportation safe for all

We were joined by Justin Kristan, a board member of the new Active Transportation Alliance, whose

Guest 10/20

Justin Kristan, speaker

October Birthdays

Wai, Sam	Oct 03
Hanson, Russ	Oct 23
Johnson, Gregory	Oct 28
Kolb, Ronald	Oct 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Gess, Emily & David	Oct 04 2008
12 years	
Elmer, Corey & Brenda	Oct 05 1996
24 years	
Hannig, Jean & Jeff	Oct 24 1972
48 years	

Rotary Anniversaries

Andreasen, John	28 years
Oct 01 1992	
Johnson, Eric	8 years
Oct 02 2012	
McLarnan, Rod	38 years
Oct 05 1982	
Benson, Jon	13 years
Oct 09 2007	
Donabauer, Brad	7 years
Oct 22 2013	
Wiesneski, Megan	1 year
Oct 22 2019	
Andreasen, Christopher	2 years
Oct 23 2018	
Simmons, Ernest	2 years
Oct 30 2018	

goal is making active transportation an easy and safe choice for all who live in or visit North Dakota through the implementation of educational, encouragement and evaluation activities. Justin has professional experience in outdoor education, youth ministry, elementary education, and bicycle and pedestrian safety education, as well as bicycle and pedestrian planning. An avid cyclist since childhood, he has biked extensively around the U.S. as well as Copenhagen and Amsterdam. He grew up on the East Coast and has lived in Fargo-Moorhead since 2006.

Justin founded the alliance, which he said has grown from an "I idea" to a "we organization." He wanted to develop a statewide non-profit that would promote bicycling, walking, running and transit use in the mid-2000s. Justin's vision is coming to life with the help of many skilled and passionate North Dakotans.

He described how bicycle use is up both locally and nationwide. He credited the increase to the Metropolitan Council of Governments' promotion of biking and walking, as well as keeping count of

their current numbers. The development of many new and improved trails in the area has encouraged riding, along with the designation of bike lanes on streets.

"I am not anti-car," he said, explaining he owns an SUV. "I do drive, but I enjoy cycling and other modes of transportation."

The Alliance is working with the North Dakota Department of Transportation to insure zero traffic deaths of cyclists and pedestrians. They are currently surveying bicyclists and pedestrians about their needs; the survey can be found at <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5495244/NDATA-survey>.

He discussed bicycle travel designs around the country and in the Netherlands, as well as resources available to communities to make the practice much safer.

He reminded Rotarians that distracted driving is a huge risk for everyone on the road, including bicyclists: "If you're using your phone in the car, please do it hands-free!"

Looking Ahead

October 27 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsEmily Gess
Rotarian of the DayBob Hanna
Program.....Megan & Gloria Mink,
Youth Protection

November 3 ... Third Drive-By Food Drive

November 5 ... Dictionary presentation

Zoom ceremony for St. Joseph's School 3rd graders

November 10 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramKeith Brokke, Rotary
Foundation grants

November 17 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsPaul Dovre
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramJen Burgard & Karla Sorum,
Hopeful Hearts

November 24 — No meeting

December 1 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsSue Koesterman
Rotarian of the Day
Program....Joel Friesz, LSS Restorative Justice

December 8 ... Zoom

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

December 15 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramPaul Dovre's annual
Christmas message

December 22 — No meeting

December 29 — No meeting