



The Paddlewheel

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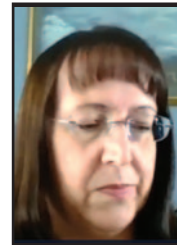
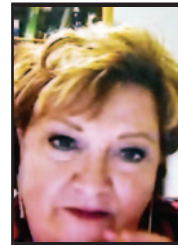
Moorhead Rotary Club 970 District 5580

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Bob Hanna
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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

District 5580 Governor Bob McLean joins us this week to talk about initiatives and challenges facing Rotary organizations. Eric Johnson is sergeant at arms, and Kay Parries is Rotarian of the Day. The governor will also meet with members of the board (virtually) at 10:45 a.m.

MSUM's Jered Pigeon discusses diversity, inclusion & talking about race

President Jerry Rogers welcomed 20 Rotarians to the club's Zoom meeting wearing one of his new Moorhead Rotary face masks. Members will each receive three, courtesy of the organization. They could be picked up that afternoon at Swing Barrel in downtown Moorhead.

Dale Hetland and Gina Monson announced that the next Drive-by Food Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15 ... so there will not be a regular meeting that noon. It will take place at the Moorhead Center Mall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Members are invited to sign up for 90-minute

(Top right) Jered Pigeon, senior diversity officer for Minnesota State University Moorhead, talked about issues surrounding diversity and inclusion, including awareness of history and microaggressions. (Below) President Jerry models one of the new Moorhead Rotary face coverings. Each member will be receiving three masks.

shifts. A Facebook page is being developed, along with posters advertising the event.

Violet Deilke told members they will be able to pick up their tickets for the upcoming Travel Raffle during the food drive.



Sergeant Chris collects happy bucks

Sergeant at Arms Chris Andreasen recounted the good the Rotary Foundation does in the world before turning his attention to Happy Dollars. Dave Tranby shared his pleasure at his grandsons' athletic prowess. Gina Monson, Anne Blackhurst and Jean Hannig saluted our speaker, a colleague at MSUM. Russ Hanson's contribution was in honor of physical therapists and the good work they do — a subject he now knows personally. Brent honored

Guest 8/25

Jered Pigeon, MSUM director of diversity, speaker

September Birthdays

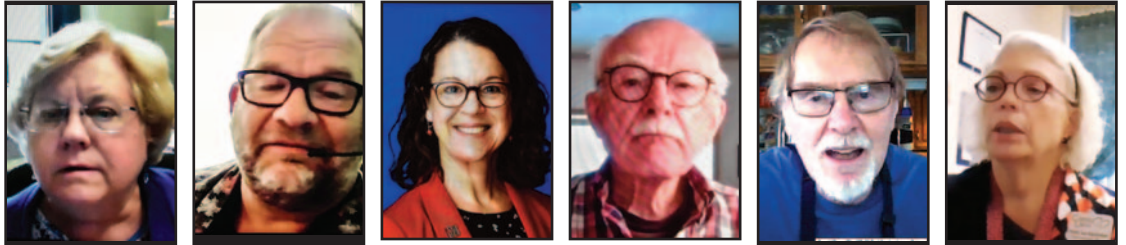
Lorenson, Pat	Sep 01
Schaefer, Steve	Sep 01
Hanna, Bob	Sep 13
Nolte, Cindy	Sep 15
Simmons, Ernest	Sep 19
Craft, William	Sep 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Hetland, Dale & Ruth	Sep 01 1990	30 years
Andreasen, John & CarolSue	Sep 02 1972	48 years
Kolb, Ronald & Judy	Sep 05 1959	61 years
Deilke, Violet & Karl	Sep 12 1975	45 years

Rotary Anniversaries

Nordin, Adam	5 years
Sep 08 2015	
Erbes, Roger	3 years
Sep 09 2017	
Craft, William	9 years
Sep 13 2011	
Hendrickson, Chuck	5 years
Sep 15 2015	
Remark, Rob	2 years
Sep 18 2018	
Shockley, John	5 years
Sep 21 2015	



our speaker as well as his dentist — Dave Tranby. Teresa’s dollars celebrated the joy that pets bring us, including resident house feline Danger Katt.

Chris wrapped up with a quote: “Sometimes overcoming a challenge is as simple as changing the way you think about it.”

Jered Pigeon: ‘Understand history with awareness of the bias then and now’

Rotarian of the Day Jean Hannig introduced MSUM’s senior diversity officer and director of the office of diversity and inclusion. In that capacity, he works across the campus with students, employees and community interests.

He asked Rotarians to understand history with awareness of the bias that existed then and still exists now. “Do we say ‘Columbus discovered America’?” he asked. “Or do we say ‘Columbus landed here in a land already inhabited by indigenous people’?”

“So many things affects where minorities live, where they are educated, and if they are able to vote and participate in our democracy,” he pointed out.

He urged his audience to be aware of the

language they use daily. “It is never acceptable to use discriminatory language,” he emphasized. Instead, choose inclusive terms.

Jered noted that understanding of history includes awareness of what has been taken for granted in the past — for example, our presidents and their backgrounds.

He talked about “microaggressions,” or indirect, subtle or unintentional discrimination against members of a marginalized group. “These are constant small daily put-downs and insults. They are moments of disrespect designed to marginalize a person or a group,” he explained. “They build up over time and compound. Sometimes they lead to an unanticipated reaction.”

He continued, “If you say or do something offensive, own it and apologize for it. Learn from it.” If it’s being said by a colleague, friend or family member, he encouraged the group to challenge the comment or misdeed.

The diversity director encouraged his audience to think about — when hiring — evaluating candidates with the goal of increasing diversity. “See people’s differences not as issues,” he told us, “but as assets.”

Looking Ahead

September 1 ... Zoom

Sergeant at ArmsEric Johnson
Rotarian of the DayKay Parries
ProgramDistrict Governor Bob McLean
Board meeting with McLean preceding meeting at 10:45 a.m.

September 8

Sergeant at ArmsRob Remark
Rotarian of the Day
Program.....Ahmed Shilil & Thomas Hill,
“Tap Ride Program for New Americans”

September 15 — Drive-By Food Drive #2

Moorhead Center Mall
No regular noon meeting

September 22

Dictionary Project work session

September 29 ... Zoom

Sergeant at Arms.....Steve Schaefer
Rotarian of the Day
ProgramAlena 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