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District 6220 Club 2656

September 15th Program:

Appleton Public Library Birth to Five Program

Join us for an overview of early childhood programming at the Appleton Public Library including a brief description of why this programming is essential as well as information about how early childhood programming, as well as library services in general, are being delivered to the community during the pandemic.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85868002361?pwd=ZWRQaDM3bEkySndLZDN2eWs3Ujc1QT09>

Or by phone: 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 858 6800 2361 Passcode: 907924

September 15th Program

APL Birth to Five Program

Thought of the Day

Alan Blake

September 22nd Program

District Gov. Scott Knaffla

Thought of the Day

To Be Determined

September 29th Program

Children with Disabilities Awards

Thought of the Day

Tom Boldt

Club Meeting Information

Tues. 12:15 via Zoom (no 1st Tues.)

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Dr. Kimberly Barrett currently serves as the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Associate Dean of the Faculty at Lawrence University. This position provides the leadership for creating a more inclusive campus which supports each student, faculty, and staff member to help them reach their unique potential. Dr. Barrett has more than 30 years of experience working with faculty, students, governing boards, and community members to promote learning, student development, social justice and diversity.

Today Dr. Kimberly Barrett presented on the Belongingness Initiative of Imagine Fox Cities. We are at a point in our nation of identify crisis—what do we want to be? Thus this work is even more timely then when it started in February. The website for this initiative: <https://imaginefoxcities.com/belonging/>. Kimberly provided an overview of what it means to belong and to matter.

The Belonging Group’s objectives are to (1) educate the community about what it means to belong and strategies to promote a sense of belonging, (2) provide opportunities for active engagement in activities on the part of individuals, groups and institutions that facilitate greater empathy, trust, mutual understanding and cooperation among community members and 3) monitor and share our progress by identifying measures of belonging for the community as a whole and across various segments on a regular basis.

The Belonging Group started in February, in March COVID hit and the convening converted to Zoom. The discussions focused on anti-racism and belonging, and how to actively engage in an anti-racism daily practice to bring about positive change.

“Conversations on Race” is a resource with host guides, hoping these resources will act as a catalyst within your sphere of influence. Anti-racism work has been going on for decades, identifying challenges, beliefs, practices and policies that enable racism to continue and developing solutions to end systematic racism. Some racism is intentional, some is not. Dr. Barrett sees that structural racism is difficult to change, however the most insidious is implicit bias which we all have. We want to do the right thing but because of our blind spots, we continue to act on our beliefs without thinking about it.

Over 8000 registered to participate in conversations, individuals of all races and ethnicities. The conversation was robust, which leads us to believe we are primed to increase belongingness in the Fox Cities.

Imagine Fox Cities: Conversations on Race
<https://imaginefoxcities.com/conversations-on-race/>



Announcements

- **Virtual meetings will continue for remainder of 2020.**
- **We have invested in our own Zoom account! Contact Kathy Dreyer for Zoom meeting info for your committee meetings.**

Membership Corner **Zoom Coffee Meetings* Thursday at 9am

Coffees will be held via Zoom
 Email Alan Blake at alanblake628@gmail.com
 for Zoom meeting details.

Club Membership = 102

Invite a guest to join our Zoom meeting!



Send President Tony and Kathy their name and email address. We'll be sure to let them into the meeting as our guest!