



THE COG



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February Programs

Dr. Isaiah Crevier -- Program Coordinator for February

Feb 5.....	Dr. Axton Betz-Hamilton.....	Research on Identity Theft
Feb 12.....	Michael Gilmartin.....	Teen Challenge of the Dakotas
Feb 19.....	Dr. Richard Holm.....	<u>Life's Final Season</u> and other health issues
Feb 26.....	Jessica Herrboldt.....	Bum's Bike and Brew of Brookings

February Sergeant at Arms will be the incomparable Dr. Isaiah Crevier!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9	David Gilkerson
10	Carey Bretsch
12	Victoria Blatchford
13	Richard Wahlstrom
14	Duane Sander
15	Stephen Pohl
21	Larry Janssen
22	Michael Bartley
22	Robert Fishback
23	Keith Bartels
25	Gerard Moriarty

Learn from yesterday, live for today and have hope for tomorrow. Excellent motto for Rotarians to embrace!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

In my continuing "theme" from last month utilizing the Rotary International areas of emphasis for my COG articles, this month is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month. Many times I believe we are so insulated from the concept of conflict/war that we don't realize the extent or impact the issue has on many parts of our world. A few statistics that were available from RI are as follows: 20,000 people are maimed or killed by land mines each year, 51,000,000 are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution, 300,000 child soldiers (boys and girls under age 18) are believed to be involved in conflicts around the world, and 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians with at least half of those being children. As I read this information I was astounded at my ignorance to the impact that conflict and violence has on our world.

As Rotarians, we are called to not only help those that are impacted by these events but also to be the force to prevent and resolve these conflicts. We may or may not know the reasons behind the conflicts, but the goal of Rotary is to respond to the conflicts and those impacted by the conflict and to prevent conflict and build peace throughout the globe. We accomplish this through "taking action" and being part of the solution in these conflicts and areas. Our response to conflict is accomplished by offering support to marginalized groups, helping to identify triggering or accelerating factors in the conflicts and working to mitigate those factors, we help children who have been impacted by conflict and we provide relief to those who have fled or are fleeing conflict. In the area of preventing conflict and building peace, the action steps are to incorporate conflict resolution and mediation strategies into our service projects, to address the underlying causes of conflict, like poverty, inequality, ethnic tensions, lack of education and unequal distribution of resources, *(continued on back)*

Service opportunities in Rotary:

"Do you have a mentor who has made a positive, lasting impact in your life? If the answer is "yes", then the Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program (BCYMP) needs you to share your story! The BCYMP is filming short, 30 second videos of Rotarians describing the impact a mentor has made in their life. If you're interested in participating, please contact Darla Biel or Michael Gonda."

Ginger Thomson will be providing "Rides to Rotary" for the month of February. Anyone needing a ride should contact Ginger at 605-951-1417.

To provide content for the COG please contact
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February Service Anniversaries

2-01-76	Douglas Miller	43 yrs	2-17-87	Gregg Jongeling	32 yrs
2-14-84	David Odens	35 yrs	2-22-11	Don Evenson	8 yrs



(President's message continued)

to recruit candidates for the Rotary Peace Fellowship program and to participate in fellowship and service opportunities with Rotary clubs in other parts of the world to promote understanding and peace.

As I look at all of these steps that Rotary takes and we have the opportunity to participate in, it helps me to understand the vast reach and mission that we each have as Rotarians. We also have the ability and responsibility to not only help our local communities through our "Service Above Self" attitude, but to look outside our local area and understand and impact what is happening in other parts the world. Whether we actually go and be a "peace-maker" in another part of the world, sponsor a participant in the Rotary Peace Fellowship program or support these and other efforts through the Rotary Foundation, we all can leave our imprint on the world both individually, if we choose, but especially as a Rotarian and as part of what Rotary does throughout the efforts we support. Thank you all for being part of the effort to make the world a better and more peaceful place through being a Rotarian.

Yours in Rotary, Steve

July 17 – 21, 2019

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership training program sponsored by Rotary International that promotes, encourages and rewards outstanding young people who want to become better leaders. RYLA consists of an all-expense paid five-day conference that brings together a group of young men and women from Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa to share ideas about becoming better leaders. Action-packed activities like problem solving games, challenge courses, group discussions and teambuilding activities help participants build confidence and leadership skills.

Eligibility: Students who are currently high school sophomores or juniors.

Location: Nebraska State 4-H Campgrounds near Halsey, Nebraska

Cost: No cost to participating students. Transportation to and from RYLA is included.

Deadline to apply:

March 24: All student [applications](#) for RYLA must be submitted online*

March 31: All RYLA Senior Counselor applications are due

April 15: Complete [student interviews](#) and submit the [Participant Selection Form Submitted](#)*

For further information please contact your local Rotary club president(s) or contact the following individual:

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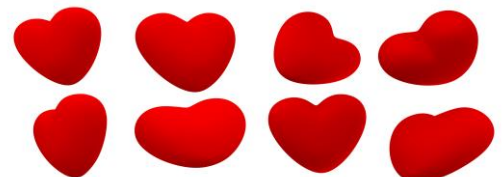
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Wedding Anniversaries for February

Feb 12Jim & Gayle Klinker



The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in January

Keith Bartels	Jim Gilkerson	Erich Olson
Darla Biel	Alan Gregg	Nicole Rawden
Brad Blaha	Bruce Lushbough	Jennifer Soma
Steve Carnes	Don Norton	Toby Uecker
Lewayne Erickson	Ben Hauck	Mary Kidwiler

February Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Feb 5.....BBQ Beef Sandwich
 Feb 12.....Turkey
 Feb 19.....Chinese
 Feb 26.....Baked Potato Bar