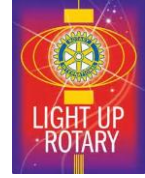




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February Programs

Erich Olson -- Program Coordinator for February

Feb 3...Jason Ramsdell.....Dakota Layers near Flandreau
 Feb 10...Gabriel Ascariz.....Rotary Exchange Student from Brazil
 Feb 17...Solar Oven Update by Brookings Rotarians involved over the years
 Feb 24....Betsy Debertin.....Joy Ranch near Watertown

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
 25 Gerard Moriarty
 26 Terry Spitzenberger

February Sergeant at Arms is the highly energetic Randy Hanson.

Never take a pill that has more side effects than you have symptoms.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

Brookings Rotarians

The month of February – a month when our hearts and minds turn to those that we love. The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar as well since it is designated as **World Understanding Month**.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, encourage and foster: **First**: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; **Second**: high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; **Third**: the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; And **Fourth**, the one we celebrate in the month of February, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary's "Four-Way-Test" is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and it is recited at club meetings: "Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the *truth*? Is it *fair* to all concerned? Will it build *goodwill* and *better friendships*? Will it be *beneficial* to all concerned?"

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Service opportunities in Rotary: Feb 9 Harvest Table will be served by Brookings Rotary – for information or to sign up contact Mary Kidwiler at 605-690-6850

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to leave the world a better place, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this is to have succeeded.

- [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

February Service Anniversaries

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|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|
| 2-01-76 | Douglas Miller | 39 yrs | 2-25-03 | Tom Jones | 12 yrs |
| 2-14-84 | David Odens | 31 yrs | 2-17-09 | Suzanne Hegg | 6 yrs |
| 2-17-87 | Gregg Jongeling | 28 yrs | 2-22-11 | Don Evenson | 4 yrs |



Brookings Rotary recognizes BHS students
Isabel Kees – parents Bill & Mary Kees
Katy Young – parents Sue & Alan Young
Jessica Erion – parents Saila & R.L. Erion
Taylor Mileham – parents Andrea & Russell Mileham

(President's message continued)

This month we will be celebrating and recognizing those individuals who organized and contributed to the Solar Oven Project. I must admit that when I joined Rotary, I was in awe of this project. I was so busy in my own life, that I didn't give a thought to the fact that there are people in this world who did not have a basic need to sustain life, the ability to cook their own food. What a project to promote peace and good will. I salute each and every one of you for your contributions to this amazing project.

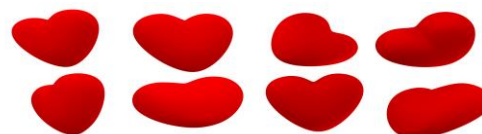
Please sign up and participate in upcoming Rotary club projects. Serving at the Harvest Table on Monday evening, Feb. 9, is our next project.

Also take time this month to tell those near and dear to you how much they mean to you. Happy Valentine's Day to you and yours!

Mary Kidwiler

Thoughtful Valentine's Day Gift

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day. 'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag. 'That was very kind of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.' Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'



Wedding Anniversaries for February

Feb 10.....Suzanne & Jim Hegg
 Feb 12Jim & Gayle Klinker
 Feb 26Kate & Craig Treiber
 Feb 28.....Tim & Mary Harvey

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in January

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| Michael Bartley | Robert Fishback | Richard Lee |
| Brad Blaha | David Gilkerson | Mary Kidwiler |
| Victoria Blatchford | James Gilkerson | Fred Rittershaus |
| Don Crowe | Mylo Hellickson | Rod Schaefer |
| Darrell DeBoer | Larry Janssen | Richard Wahlstrom |
| Greg Fargen | Del Johnson | Jeff Weldon |
| | Reva Johnson | |

February Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Feb 3.....Soup and Sandwich
 Feb 10.....BBQ Beef Sandwich
 Feb 17.....Roast Turkey
 Feb 24.....Chinese