



THE COG



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March Programs

Wes Tschetter & Lewayne Erickson - Program Coordinators for March/April

Mar 1.....Steve Sikorski.....District 5610 Governor
 Mar 8.....Dr. Jane Hennings.....SDSU Veterinary Laboratory
 Mar 15.....Dan Hansen..... Proposed Brookings Recreation Facility
 Mar 22.....Mark and Rebecca Ekeland.....Live organ transplantation
 Mar 29.....Club Assembly

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nadim Hassoun
- 4 Tim Harvey
- 8 Cathrene Voelzke
- 18 Curt Osanski
- 20 Olga Reuvekamp
- 22 Larry Fjeldos
- 23 Gary Gramm
- 28 Rod Schaeffer

March Sergeant at Arms is newly semi-retired Dr. Daniel Carlson.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

Welcome to March!

As I put together my president's message for this month, it is 61 degrees and beautiful outside. It definitely makes me think that springtime is just around the corner. Let's hope that March comes in and out like a lamb. March not only marks the time we start thinking about gardening, boating or whatever you like to do when the weather gets nice, it marks the last quarter of the Rotary year. I want to congratulate you because during the past month we added three new members to our club. If we can continue to add members at this same pace we would finish the Rotary year with 109 members. I encourage you to continue to look within your professional and personal connection networks to find people you believe would be great members of Rotary. Many of the leaders at the district level have made it very clear that although they have been members of Rotary for 20-30 years they have only considered themselves Rotarians more recently. The difference between the two (a Rotary member and a Rotarian) is when you start living the Rotarian life. Whether it means giving monthly to the Rotary Foundation or actively participating in Rotary community service projects.

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Training for New Rotary Officers Scheduled April 15-16, 2016 at Highland Event Center, Mitchell, SD

All in-coming club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and other officers are invited to attend training in Mitchell April 15-16. Training will start Friday morning and extend through 12:15 p.m. Saturday. A special recognition for all presidents-elect will be held at the Friday evening dinner, as well as a District Assembly (business meeting). Register by clicking on the event listing of PETS, after you have logged onto the District 5610 website:

Rotary5610.org



If we can't afford to give our President a car for their term maybe we should at least get them a magnetic sign for their car!!

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March Service Anniversaries

3-28-61	Robert Fishback	54 yrs	3-04-08	Jesse Ronning	7 yrs
3-23-77	Fred Rittershaus	38 yrs	3-03-09	David Jones	6 yrs
3-13-84	Richard Lee	31 yrs	3-19-13	Heidi Gullickson	2 yrs
3-13-84	Vern Voelzke	31 yrs	3-19-13	Erich Olson	2 yrs
3-09-93	Duane Sander	22 yrs	3-25-14	Roger DeGroot	1 yr
3-28-05	Jackie Lanning	10 yrs			



We welcome new members to Brookings Rotary

Kent White – Realtor with Century 21 Gustafson, Krogman & Associates in Brookings

(Steve Carnes was spotlighted in last month's COG)



Lisa Bretsch-
Executive Director

Outdoor Adventure
Center of SD



(President's message continued)

I first learned about this difference while attending the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in Sioux Falls a couple years ago. This was just one of the many things I learned over my time going through RLI. We will be holding an institute here in Brookings on March 11-12. The club will pay the registration fee because we know this investment in you as a member will pay huge dividends for our club. If you have a desire to learn more about Rotary or strive to have a great impact on others, I encourage you to take advantage of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

This month I would encourage you to ask yourself, am I a Rotary member or am I a Rotarian? If you consider yourself a member of Rotary, I would encourage you to make the leap to a Rotarian. Imagine if all 100 current members of our club had the mentality of a Rotarian. Just think of the great impact we could have on our local community and the world as a whole. If we all lived our lives as true Rotarians, we could be a true "Gift to the World."

Brad



Wedding Anniversaries for March

Mar 6	Jeff & Tracie Weldon
Mar 8	David & Marcia Chicoine
Mar 15	Barb & Gene Murra
Mar 17	Doug & Mary Malo
Mar 17	Jason & Kati Merkley
Mar 19	Dan & Pat Little
Mar 22	Alan & Carol Gregg
Mar 23	Carey & Lisa Bretsch

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in February

Brad Blaha	Jim Klinker	Fred Rittershaus
Don Crowe	Richard Lee	Rod Schaefer
David Gilkerson	Doug Malo	Richard Smith
Alan Gregg	David Merhib	Ginger Thomson
Randy Hanson	David Odens	Richard Wahlstrom
Craig Johnson	Erich Olson	Jeff Weldon
Del Johnson	Carol Peterson	Kent White
Reva Johnson	Steve Pohl	Rich Widman

March Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Mar 1	Lasagna
Mar 8	BBQ Beef Sandwich
Mar 15	Turkey
Mar 22	Soup & Sandwich
Mar 29	Chinese