



# THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

**DECEMBER 2015**

## December Programs

**Dr. David Reynolds -- Program Coordinator for Dec**

Dec 1—Lynn Verschoor.....South Dakota Art Museum  
 Dec 8—Kate Treiber.....Childrens Museum of South Dakota  
 Dec 15—Gwen McCausland.....South Dakota Ag Heritage Museum  
 Dec 22—Sara Reed.....Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter  
 Dec 29—Rotary Officers / Committees.....Rotary Club Information

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Jan Fjeldos  
 15 David Reynolds  
 21 Bradley Blaha  
 25 Richard Lee  
 29 Don Crowe

December Sergeant at Arms is former Club President Extraordinaire Mary Kidwiler.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

Christmas greetings to one and all!

Finally, some snow! We can now officially get into the holiday spirit. Whether you spent the day after Thanksgiving searching for the perfect "Black Friday" deals at your favorite store or spent a few hours surfing the web for "Cyber Monday" specials, December is usually the month we think about giving gifts to others. Many of us not only think about giving physical gifts to friends and families, but we also donate to charitable organizations throughout the community. If we think about the non-profit groups Rotary works with it is pretty amazing to say the least. Here are just a few: The Food Pantry, Feeding Brookings, Harvest Table, Brookings County Youth Mentorship, Brookings Backpack Project, The Brookings Marathon, The First Tee of South Dakota, The Boys and Girls Club and, of course, the Rotary Foundation.

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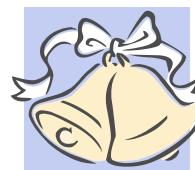


## MIDORI ISHIBASHI

Brookings Rotary's Incoming Exchange Student presented an interesting synopsis of her exchange so far. She is from Paraguay and has a twin sister. Midori has been living with Larry and Marcia Janssen since she arrived but moves to a new host family in December.

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brad & Julie Wermers Dec 19  
 Robert & Pat Fishback Dec 26  
 Brian & Carla Gatzke Dec 27  
 Keith & Susan Mahlum Dec 28  
 Heidi & Jeff Gullickson Dec 30  
 David & Jo Gibson Dec 31



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December Service Anniversaries

12-19-95 Brian Gatzke	20 yrs	12-16-10 Jan Fjeldos	5 yrs
12-15-09 Jennifer Olson	6 yrs	12-21-10 Gary Gramm	5 yrs



**November perfect attendance**

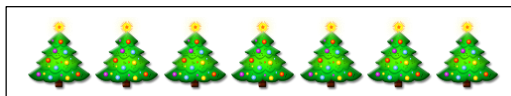
Michael Bartley	Alan Gregg	Jennifer Olson
Bradley Blaha	Larry Janssen	Fred Rittershaus
Robyn Buterbaugh	Reva Johnson	Rod Schaefer
Dan Carlson	Gregg Jongeling	Richard Smith
Don Crowe	Richard Lee	Vernon Voelzke
David Gilkerson	Daniel Little	Jeff Weldon
James Gilkerson	David Odens	Rich Widman

*(President's message continued)*

I would encourage you to give a couple extra dollars this month each week at Rotary whether it is a couple extra scholar dollars or to Harvest Table or Food Pantry. If you aren't already, come talk to me about how you can donate to the Rotary Foundation and become a Paul Harris Fellow.

Brookings Rotary is a real gift to the Brookings community and our job as Rotarians is to be a "Gift to the World".

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Brad

**District 5610 Grants Report**

Club	Award	Project Description
Brookings	\$1,000	Safety Mats for Boys and Girls Club of Brookings.
Brookings	\$1,000	Junior golf clubs for First Tee Life Skills.
Canton	\$5,000	Park playground equipment.
Centerville	\$1,000	Broadway Street landscaping.
Le Mars	\$1,000	Water disinfection units.
Luverne	\$2,500	Luverne Rotary Park improvements.
Mapleton	\$ 988	Fan for the new fire truck.
Marshall	\$4,000	Camden Trail Arch with enhancements.
Marshall Sunrise	\$3,500	Food for Kidz meal packaging.
Rapid City Evening	\$1,000	Children's dental health initiative.
Sibley	\$ 475	Bicycle safety project with helmets.
Sioux City	\$1,000	Improvements to local warming shelter.
Sioux City	\$1,000	Peru - Wheels of Hope.
Sioux Falls Downtown	\$5,000	Computers and lockers for Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.
Sioux Falls South	\$2,500	Food packages for overseas and local backpack program.
District 5610	\$2,127	District Foundation Day Grant Training.
District 5610	<u>\$ 300</u>	Administration costs.
<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$33,400</b>	



President Blaha exchanged club banners with a member of the Kawano, Japan Rotary Club who was visiting Daktronic.



**December Meal Schedule (HyVee)**

Dec 1.....Burgers & Brats  
 Dec 8.....Chinese  
 Dec 15.....Taco Bar  
 Dec 22.....Lasagna  
 Dec 29.....Fried Chicken

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**