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DIFFERENCE

A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

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December Programs

Erich Olson -- Program Coordinator for December

Dec 5.....	SDSU Madrigal Singers.....	
Dec 12.....	LeAnn Juel.....	Training Service Dogs
Dec 19.....	Joel West.....	Valero Energy
Dec 26.....	NO MEETING.....	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Jan Fjeldos
15	Jason Croat
15	David Reynolds
21	Bradley Blaha
21	Isaiah Crevier
25	Richard Lee
29	Don Crowe



December Sergeant at Arms is a former Santa Claus in an earlier life, Alan Gregg.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

About **"The Rotarian"**

It amused me when in October, Terry Spitzenberger gave the Rotary Magazine Moment and acknowledged that perhaps the magazine moment was not his favorite Rotary meeting minute in the month . . . and there have been times when I look through the magazine and breathe a sigh of relief that it is not my month to have to find something I consider interesting enough to report to our club. But thankfully not all of us find the same information compelling and since I have started reading **"The Rotarian"** regularly there is always something that enriches my interest in and knowledge of Rotary.

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brad & Julie Wermers	Dec 19
Robert & Pat Fishback	Dec 26
Brian & Carla Gatzke	Dec 27



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December Service Anniversaries

12-19-95	Brian Gatzke	22 yrs	12-16-10	Jan Fjeldos	7 yrs
12-15-09	Jennifer Olson	8 yrs	12-21-10	Gary Gramm	7 yrs
			12-13-16	Jason Flaskey	1 yr



November perfect attendance

Darla Biel	Gary Gramm	Gregg Jongeling	Nicole Rawden
Brad Blaha	Alan Gregg	Millie Juel	Fred Rittershaus
Steve Carnes	Larry Janssen	Jim Klinker	Rod Schaefer
Darrell DeBoer	Craig Johnson	Carol Peterson	Richard Smith
David Gilkerson	Del Johnson	Ron Peterson	Rick Wahlstrom
Jim Gilkerson	Reva Johnson	Steve Pohl	Jeff Weldon

(President's message continued)

This month's magazine features a project a little closer to home than many, the resurrection of the forgotten Great Western Trail, a major cattle trail that ranged from Mexico to Canada with major trailheads to move cattle to Eastern markets. South Dakota has dedicated six markers with nine more ready to be placed!

I always check out the monthly 'Up Front, News, Studies and Recent Research', four interesting snippets which take but a moment to read. And if nothing else, open the back page for the 'last look' which pictorially highlights a major project and how to find more information about it.

Don't miss out, check out your **"The Rotarian"** monthly! REVA

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF EVENING ROTARY STARTUP

December 5, 2016, saw the first organizational get-together of the Evening Rotary Meeting. The concept is to provide the Rotary opportunity to individuals unable to attend noon meetings. These members are Brookings Rotary Club members but will not have the requirement to pay for meals unless they attend Tuesday noon meetings which they are encouraged to do. Their mentors are a Committee of Rotary and the committee chair is to lead their meetings and coordinate with the Rotary Board of Directors.



Marsha Janssen is one of our newest members. She is married to Larry and together they have made several Rotary International trips including Portugal and Australia. Also, Rotarian Michael Gonda is her son-in-law. Please welcome Marsha when you see her at Rotary!!

Why was the ornament addicted to Christmas?
 He was hooked on trees his whole life.
 What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a new job the next day.
 What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate clauses.



December Meal Schedule (HyVee)

- Dec 5.....Baked Potato Bar
- Dec 12.....Chinese
- Dec 19.....Soup and Sandwich
- Dec 26.....NO MEETING

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!