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February Programs

Dr. Jason Flaskey -- Program Coordinator for February

Feb 6.....	Heidi Gullickson	Brookings United Way
Feb 13.....	Dr. Carla Dieter	Team Based Healthcare
Feb 20.....	David Erickson.....	Brookings Chief of Police
Feb 27.....	Ryan Krogman	Affordable Housing Task Force

February Sergeant at Arms will be the delightful Jennifer Olson!

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

Before you open your mouth to speak, make sure it's an improvement upon the silence. 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

Exchange of Club Banners

Every Rotary Club and District event uses flags and banners. In the United States an American Flag is always present, and most often a "Rotary Four Way Test" banner as well.

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events. The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs that participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs that portray the territorial area of the club. Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

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Service opportunities in Rotary:

Rotary Board meets on Feb 20 at 5:15 in the Conference Room of the Innovation Campus. All members are welcome.

February 26 is when the Harvest Table will be served by Brookings Rotary-- for information or to sign up contact Brad Blaha at 507-456-2482

Willie Mac Basketball at Boys and Girls Cub March 24. Rotary will help provide staff so we need you to volunteer. Save the date!!

Presidents-Elect Training (PET) is April 12 in Mitchell. All club officers are invited to attend. Contact President-Elect Steve Carnes or go to the District 5610 website for more information. (605-996-3509)

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February Service Anniversaries

2-01-76 Douglas Miller	42 yrs	2-17-09 Suzanne Hegg	9 yrs
2-14-84 David Odens	34 yrs	2-22-11 Don Evenson	7 yrs
2-17-87 Gregg Jongeling	31 yrs		



(President's message continued)

Have you ever taken a close look, or even a look, at the club banners we have on display at every Brookings Rotary Club meeting? In preparation for this article I actually took some time to observe our many banners which have been exchanged with other clubs. We have an impressive array of international pennants, as well as those from locations within the United States.

On display we have 188 banners. 148 of them are from clubs outside of the United States, so interestingly we have very global members and visitors. Only 40 are from within the US.

Next time you visit or make-up a meeting at another club think about requesting an exchange of flags. I can only remember 1 such exchange (outside of international friendship exchanges) at our meetings since I have been a member. That was from a Rotarian visiting at least 1 club in each state. We all travel a lot and it would be great to increase our collection of flags from within the 50 states and it looks to me like a great many of the flags have been around a while, so a few new ones would update our presentation.

Reva

On Tuesday, January 30th our regular Rotary Meeting will be a Club Assembly. President-Elect Steve Carnes and Board Member Jeff Weldon will provide an update on the Revised Constitution and Bylaws for our club and a vote on accepting the changes will be taken. A copy was emailed to you and copies were available at the January 23rd noon meeting. There will also be a review of what club committees have accomplished in the past year. See you all there!!

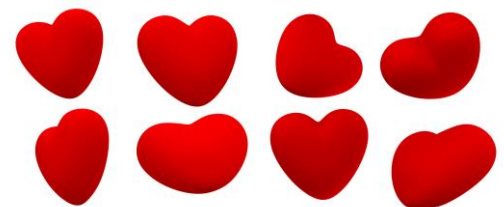
Student News

Brookings Rotary Club's December Student of the Month was Cain Lounsbery, son of Matt and Nicole Lounsbery of Brookings. Cain has been involved in FCCLA, SADD, Varsity Swimming, Intramural Sports, Debate, Boys State, and Club Lacrosse. He is also a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador and a member of National Honor Society. After graduation, he plans to attend one of the nation's military service academies and study systems engineering.



Wedding Anniversaries for February

Feb 10.....Suzanne & Jim Hegg
 Feb 12Jim & Gayle Klinker
 Feb 28.....Tim & Mary Harvey



The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in January

Brad Blaha	Millie Juel	Fred Rittershaus
Steve Carnes	Mary Kidwiler	Rod Schaeffer
Lewayne Erickson	Richard Lee	Dick Smith
Gary Gramm	Dan Little	Jennifer Soma
Del Johnson	Bruce Lushbough	Rick Wahlstrom
Reva Johnson	Carol Peterson	Jeff Weldon
Gregg Jongeling	Nicole Rawden	

February Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Feb 6.....Chinese
 Feb 13.....Soup and Sandwich
 Feb 20.....BBQ Beef Sandwich
 Feb 27.....2 pc Chicken Dinner