



# THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

**JANUARY 2018**

### January Programs

**Darla Biel -- Program Coordinator for January**

- Jan 2....Craig Pahl.....Brookings Empowerment Project
- Jan 9.... McKinley Lane .....Jackrabbit Youth Mentoring Club
- Jan 16... Anna Schleper..... Engineers W/O Borders
- Jan 23....Lauren Kinter & Jennifer Wingate..... SDSU English Language & Cultural Institute
- Jan 30....Club Assembly.....Presentation of revised Constitution & By-laws

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jim Gilkerson
- 3 David Odens
- 3 Fred Rittershaus
- 6 Brad Wermers
- 8 Rich Widman
- 9 Greg Fargen
- 12 Ronold Tesch
- 18 Carol Peterson
- 26 Jeff Weldon

January Sgt. at Arms is Randy Hanson, entrepreneur extraordinaire!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

Happy New Year Rotarians!

#### Rotary's Official Motto=Our Motto

'Service Above Self' and 'One Profits Most Who Serves Best' both trace back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911 'He Profits Most Who Serves Best' was approved as the Rotary motto. It was adapted from a speech made at the first Rotary convention. The speaker declared that 'Only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serve his fellows best.'

At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottos of Rotary: 'He Profits Most Who Serves Best' and 'Service Above Self.' The 1989 Council on Legislation established 'Service Above Self' as the principal motto of Rotary.

As members of Rotary we have opportunities to work on international projects that address today's most pressing humanitarian challenges, but we also have opportunities to change lives locally and our Club is well known in our community to have made a difference.

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The Rotary Foundation recognizes members who have donated \$1000 to the Foundation by giving them the designation of Paul Harris Fellow. Members may donate in a number of ways; directly to the Foundation through the Rotary International website or our club treasurer; by purchasing raffle tickets for the district raffle; or by choosing to have the donation amount added to your quarterly bill. If you're not sure how much you've donated to the Foundation, you can find out by asking Del, or by checking your balance on the Rotary website. If you haven't already signed up for an account, you can register under the My Rotary tab, follow the instructions, and then see your donor history by checking your Profile, then Donor History Report. If you have any questions, either Del or I can help you with this process. And don't forget, the Brookings Rotary Club makes it even easier by matching 50% of all donations for your first two Paul Harris Fellows!

Robin Buterbaugh, Foundation Committee Chair

### January Service Anniversaries

1-03-72	Mylo Hellickson	46 yrs	1-10-06	Robin Buterbaugh	12 yrs
1-01-75	Ronold Tesch	43 yrs	1-22-08	Jeff Weldon	10yrs
1-01-94	Don Norton	24 yrs	1-22-08	Mary Kidwiler	10 yrs
1-24-96	Don Crowe	22 yrs	1-27-09	Kenneth Knudtson	9 yrs
1-01-98	Carey Bretsch	20 yrs	1-12-10	Brad Blaha	8 yrs
			1-26-16	Steve Carnes	2 yrs



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## Brookings Rotary Loses Member

Roger Bierstedt, 57, of Brookings, SD, passed away Friday, December 22, 2017 at the Brookings Hospital. Memorial services were held on Friday, December 29, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Brookings, SD. Roger was born on July 17, 1960 to George and June (Johnson) Fothergill in Estherville, Iowa. George passed away a few weeks later from a farming accident. June was married to Clarence Bierstedt on November 12, 1961 and Clarence was excited to adopt Roger on July 17, 1962.

Roger most recently was employed as the VP/Insurance Manager for First Bank & Trust/ Fishback Insurance Agency in Brookings & Sioux Falls. Roger married Teri Erdahl in Huron, SD on March 20, 1993. He was very proud to adopt the joy of his life, Teri's son Anthony, on July 16, 1993. They were blessed with a son, Tanner, on July 19, 1994 but he passed away on May 13, 1995. Roger is survived by his wife Teri and his son Anthony of St. Paul, MN.

Roger joined Brookings Rotary on November 24, 2009 and continued as a member in good standing for 8 years and one month.



### *(President's message continued)*

Just recently Ginger shared with me a clip from December 23, 2017 'Memories from Brookings Past' in the Register. 50 years ago, 1967: 'By a vote of 456-10, Brookings Rotarians give a committee within the club the green light to continue its study leading toward eventual establishment of federal housing for the elderly in Brookings.' (Editor's note: this resulted in construction of the United Retirement Center) We were chuckling about the obvious typo of 456 members, but it did remind me that our club has been benefiting the community for many years . . . 98 to be exact as in two years we have our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up.

I looked back through the history of the club and was impressed by the many projects sponsored by the club ranging from starting the Community Fund Drives which evolved into the United Way to donating the clock at the Children's Museum to recently volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club and BCYMP (Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program). This list could really cover our entire two pages of the COG but let's continue to put 'Service Above Self' in Brookings with our monthly service projects as well as putting our heads together and coming up with a worthy project for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020!

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Maria Fernanda Rendon was our Rotary Exchange Student from Bolivia in 2011/2012. She returned to visit us in early December. Fernanda has completed medical school. The Jim Gilkerson family hosted her then and now. What a joy it was to have her return! This is Rotary at its best. Feliz Año Nuevo.



### Wedding Anniversaries for January

Jan 2..... Dick & Mary Jo Lee  
 Jan 10 .....Victoria & John Blatchford  
 Jan 23.....Michael & Bobbe Bartley

### The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in December

Brad Blaha	Larry Janssen	Dave Odens
Robin Buterbaugh	Marcia Janssen	Erich Olson
Steve Carnes	Del Johnson	Nicole Rawden
Lewayne Erickson	Reva Johnson	Fred Rittershaus
Jason Flaskey	Gregg Jongeling	Rod Schaefer
David Gikerson	Millie Juel	Dick Smith
Jim Gilkerson	Jim Klinker	Toby Uecker
Gary Gramm	Bruce Lushbough	Rick Wahlstrom
Alan Gregg	Tom Manzer	Jeff Weldon

### January Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Jan 2.....Chicken Dinner  
 Jan 9.....Lasagna  
 Jan 16.....Roast Turkey  
 Jan 23.....Baked Potato Bar  
 Jan 30.....Taco Bar