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June Programs

Darla Biel and Erich Olson - Program Coordinators

Jun 2 Dr. Cody Wright....Friends of Baseball & Bob Sheldon Field Renovation
 Jun 9 Dusty Rodiek & Darla Biel.....Public Arts Commission
 Jun 16 Joe Berninger.....Guatemala Literacy Project
 Jun 23 Tom Peterson.....Exec Director of the South Dakota Dairy Producers
 Jun 30 Jenn and Don.....Club Assembly.....

June Sergeant at Arms will be Gregg Jongeling.

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Brookings Rotary Club has formed a committee for starting physical Rotary meetings. The Brookings City Ordinance puts a limit on meeting group size until mid-July, although they could reconsider. Everything is on the table for discussion so please contact a committee member with your thoughts and concerns so they can share it with the Committee. They are looking into location, food quality and cost, etc.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Robin Buterbaugh
 12 Toby Uecker
 13 Alan Gregg
 13 Jane Hennings
 14 Craig Johnson
 16 Reva Johnson
 17 Steve Carnes
 17 LaDell Swiden
 19 Harry Jones
 22 Mary Kidwiler
 23 Ginger Thomson
 23 Vern Voelzke
 24 Jackie Lanning
 24 Daniel Little
 27 Michael Gonda



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE

How do 365 days go by so fast? This last year has been one for the memory books. Did we ever think we would be where we are as a world, country, state, or city? It started off with a bang by having eight of us travel to Hamburg, Germany, for the Rotary International Conference. **Larry and Marcia Janssen, Michael and Tiffani Gonda, Brad and Michelle Blaha**, and my daughter **Grace** and I joined over 25,000 Rotarians from 175 countries who came together during the first week of June. We were able to meet new friends and learn how we can help one another; therefore following the 2019-2020 Rotary Motto: Making a Difference.

We Rotarians are a group that keeps on giving and always finds a way to help our community. To help celebrate our 100th Anniversary, we fund raised to purchase a Rotary Clock to be placed downtown. Our last meeting in January we celebrated with cake, proclamations from our Mayor Corbett, Governor Noem, District Governor Ina Winters, and also heard memories from some of the previous Rotarian Presidents. Another highlight to the year was being able to sponsor a Rotaract Club at SDSU. One of our grants that we applied for through our District 5610 was approved which allowed us to help fund the "The Born Learning Trails".

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June Service Anniversaries

6-21-66	Harry Jones	54 yrs	6-24-14	Toby Uecker	6 yrs
6-07-76	Paul Moriarty	44 yrs	6-13-17	Isaiah Crevier	3 yrs
6-01-87	LaDell Swiden	33 yrs	6-26-18	Sarah Wilson	2 yr
6-15-99	Richard Smith	21 yrs			



(President's message continued)

Considering what has happened during the last couple of months, many things have changed. We went from meeting on Tuesdays with lunch at the Brookings Activity Center to meeting via Zoom. Many of us hadn't even heard of Zoom. Covid 19 (Corona Virus) changed everything. Nearly everything came to a standstill and it is likely that our world as we knew it, won't be the same in the future.

Yes, we are moving ahead as best as we can! The dream of making all our members Paul Harris Fellows, was completed in April by the gifting of points from a number of our local Rotarians. I was told this has been a dream of many of our past presidents, so I am so happy it became a reality! We came together quickly and raised money for a "Covid Relief Meal and Thank You" for our Skilled Nursing Home staff which was funded by local Rotarians and a District Grant. There are things for us to look forward to! Our clock is slated to be delivered near the end of June and installed during July. Our 100th Celebration is scheduled for November 5th in conjunction with our District Conference which will be led by our very own District Governor Dan Little.

Thank you to all of you! I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you as your President. You are all awesome and I appreciate each of you! Time goes fast, so enjoy it while you can. In a blink of an eye, life can change.

Blessings my friends, Jennifer

From Maya Angelou: "I've learned that People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did,
but people will never forget..... **how you made them feel.**"

Zoom meetings are a BLAST!!!!!!

If you receive the COG online you should also be getting an invitation from Nicole Rawden on the day of the meeting inviting you to join the regular meeting of the Brookings Rotary Club to be held on ZOOM. All you have to do is click on the link on your computer at noon on Tuesday and you will be directed to the meeting. The speakers have been excellent, and the meeting only takes about 45 minutes because we start at noon instead of 12:15. If you have questions or need guidance **contact Nicole Rawden (605-690-4829)** and she will walk you through the steps.

Wedding Anniversaries for June

Jun 1.....Mylo & Lillian Hellickson	
Jun 4.....Nicole & Joshua Biever	Jun 20.....Vern & Cathrene Voelzke
Jun 5.....Alan & Jerri Rogers	Jun 21.....Dan & Deborah Carlson
Jun 6.....Michael & Tiffany Gonda	Jun 22.....Don & Carol Evenson
Jun 6.....Jennifer & Craig Olson	Jun 22.....Larry & Jan Fjeldos
Jun 11.....Rebecca & Matt Herman	Jun 23.....Ginger Thomson & Jay VanDuch
Jun 12.....Brad & Michelle Blaha	Jun 28.....Paul & Doris Moriarty
Jun 14.....Paul & Heidi Briseno	Jun 30.....Larry & Marcia Janssen
Jun 16.....Don & Linda Crowe	Jun 30.....Gregg & Vi Jongeling

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in May

Darla Beil	Michael Gonda	Kay Norton
Nicole Biever	Marcia Janssen	Erich Olson
Steve Carnes	Larry Janssen	Nicole Rawden
Lewayne Erickson	Del Johnson	Steve Sewell
Robert Fishback	Gregg Jongeling	Jennifer Soma
Larry Fjeldos	Bruce Lushbough	Ginger Thomson
Jim Gilkerson	Don Norton	Della Tschetter

June Meal Schedule (your house)

Jun 2.....	Same old stuff
Jun 9.....	Same old stuff
Jun 16.....	Same old stuff
Jun 23.....	Same old stuff
Jun 30.....	Some new stuff

Rotarians honor health care workers during National Skilled Nursing Care Week

BROOKINGS – Members of the Brookings Rotary Club recognized the contributions of local skilled nursing home workers during National Skilled Nursing Care Week with gift cards to local restaurants.

Every staff person at United Living Community received a gift card to Wooden Legs Brewing Company, and every staff person at The Neighborhoods at Brookview received a gift card to Cubby's.

"We are so grateful for these workers' selfless contributions to our community's seniors," said Jennifer Soma, president of the Brookings Rotary Club. "It was a privilege to gift them with small tokens of our appreciation, while supporting two of our wonderful local restaurants."

The funding for the project came from an anonymous gift from within the Rotary Club, a match from the club, and a grant from Rotary District 5610. The total project funding came in at \$5,000, and about 250 gifts were presented.

Each gift card was accompanied by a personal thank-you note hand-written by one of the local Rotarians. The project was coordinated by Michael Gonda, the club's Community Service Committee Chair.

Administrators Kaleb Hight at ULC and Jason Hamilton at The Neighborhoods expressed appreciation for the gifts, noting that staff members have been working especially hard to engage residents in creative, safe activities during restrictive COVID-19 lockdowns.

The Brookings Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, a 115-year-old service organization with 35,000 clubs and more than 1.2 million members around the globe.

The local club, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, meets at 12 p.m. each Tuesday, currently via Zoom, and guests and prospective members are welcome. For more information contact President Jenn at



Staff members at United Living Community (top) and The Neighborhoods (bottom) accepted thank-you notes and gift cards to local restaurants from representatives of the Brookings Rotary Club. Every staff person received a gift during National Skilled Nursing Care Week.

Rotary photos

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– From the Brookings
Rotary Club

Thanks to all the ESSENTIAL

Workers that kept us going!!!!!!

2020 Brookings Rotary Club Scholarship Winners

Sioux Valley High School: Rylee Honomichl Volga, SD Major: Human Biology	
Elkton High School Emily Miller Lake Benton, MN Major: Biology	
Brookings High School: Anna Bishop Brookings, SD Major: Pharmacy	
Brookings High School: Emily Rystrom Brookings, SD Major: Exercise Science	

Deubrook High School Caitlin Kor White, SD Major: Human Biology	
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Brookings High School: Acadia Folkerts Brookings, SD 57006 Major: Civil Engineering	
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Each of these young ladies will be attending SDSU in the Fall of 2020. The Brookings Rotary Club awards six one-thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships each year to three Brookings High School Students and one each to a student in Elkton High School, Deubrook High School and Volga High School. **Steve Pohl** has been the coordinator for this project. He has the schools choose the winners and he reviews the applications. In a normal year, Brookings Rotarians present the award at the respective school's scholarship awards night. With a goal of \$6000 per year it is imperative that we raise a significant amount of money each week through SCHOLAR DOLLARS. We do assess our members approximately a dollar per month that is dedicated to scholarships. This raises nearly \$1200 for the year. Brookings Rotarians have been very generous in their giving for Scholar Dollars over the past years and this has enabled us to award six scholarships to students who will attend SDSU. Thank you to all! During the ZOOM meetings some members have pledged scholar dollars and have asked to have the amount added to their quarterly statement. This is available to all Rotarians so if you wish to donate send an email to **Del Johnson, Jennifer Soma, Don Norton** or **Nicole Rawden** and they will get it added to your statement. If you wish you may send a check for scholarships along with your payment each quarter or add it to your payment check. Just be sure to clearly note what the extra funds are for so that our accountant may place it into the proper fund. Thanks again to all of you who have been so very generous.