



THE COG



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September Programs

Erich Olson -- Program Coordinator for September

Sep 1...Sally Damm.....Long Term Care Planning
 Sep 8...Dan Wallace.....Broadband Trends for Business
 Sep 15...Rich Widman.....Brookings Wildlife Club
 Sep 22.. Steve Donovan.....Ducks Unlimited
 Sep 29...Brookings Rotarians.....Club Assembly

September Sergeant at Arms is the highly regarded, much sought after *Son of the South* Dr. Don Crowe.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Gregg Jongeling
 8 Pete Carteaux
 9 Ben Hauck
 17 Nancy Swanson
 24 Jim Klinker
 25 Michael Crinion
 26 Wes Tschetter
 27 David Gibson
 28 Brian Gatzke
 28 Kate Treiber

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Greetings Rotarians

Can you believe it is already September? It does not seem possible students have already been back in school for a full week and Labor Day is just around the corner. I am afraid to say that summer is officially over! Even though that is slightly depressing, it has been a big week for Rotarians in the Brookings Club. I am proud to announce we have been awarded two of the three District Community Grants we submitted. We will be receiving grants to support the Brookings Boys and Girls Club along with the First Tee of South Dakota programs. The ability to get more than \$2000 in grants to support our projects is a direct result of the generous contributions of our Rotarians to the Rotary Foundation.

It has also been an exciting past week because we have had interest from students on campus to revitalize the SDSU Rotaract Club. We will be holding an organizational meeting this week to kick off the year. If you have interest in helping with Rotaract please let me know.

In addition to the big things happening in Brookings, all members of our club (and your significant others) have been invited to the District Conference along with the 100th Anniversary of Sioux Falls Rotary. If you are new to Rotary or would like to learn more about what is going on at the district and national level, I would encourage you to take some time to attend these events. One of the featured speakers at this event is International Rotary Director Greg Podd. He spoke at the first district conference I attended. Not only did he teach me a ton about Rotary, he was truly inspirational. *(continued on back)*



September Anniversaries

04 Tom Manzer & Jeanne	10 LaDell & Phyllis Swiden
05 Randy & Stacey Hanson	11 Don & Sharon Larson
05 Richard & Judith Smith	13 Olga & Wilfried Reuvekamp
10 Nancy Swanson & Chuck Dupraz	14 Ron & Judy Waltz

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September Service Anniversaries

9-01-68 Lewayne Erickson 47 yrs	9-13-05 Victoria Blatchford 10 yrs	
9-12-95 Donald Larson 20 yrs	9-11-07 Michael Crinion 8 yrs	
9-01-98 Nancy Swanson 17 yrs	9-11-07 Al Heuton 8 yrs	
9-04-01 Kate Treiber 14 yrs	9-01-09 Curtis Osmanski 6 yrs	
9-23-03 Michael Bartley 12 yrs	9-14-10 Randy Hanson 5 yrs	
	9-03-13 Ron Waltz 2 yr	



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Brookings Rotary President Brad Blaha presented Paul Harris Fellow pins to a number of recipients who have earned their first to sixth Paul Harris recognition. A donation of \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation is the minimum requirement for recognition. Recognized were Richard Wahlstrom(+6), Barb Murra(+3), Al Rogers(+2), David Gilkerson(+1), Dan Little(+1), and Don Svobodny with his first Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Recognized recently but not pictured were Curt Osmanski(+1), Kate Treiber(+1), Van Fishback(+1), and David Jones with his first Paul Harris Fellow.



(President's message continued)

I would strongly encourage you to take part in the district conference Sept 25-26th. Your registration to this event is free.

Remember Rotarians, it is not just about coming to a meeting every Tuesday, our club is about helping our community be a wonderful place, teaching the youth the principles of Rotary and inspiring each other to do more. If we do these things, we can ensure that we truly will be a "Gift to the World."

Thanks!
Brad Blaha

P.S. Please consider attending the District 5610 conference in Sioux Falls, SD on September 25 and 26. The conference registration and meals are free to Rotary members. Check the website www.rotary5610.org for more details.

Seems an elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased you can hear again." To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will five times!"

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in August

Brad Blaha	Alan Gregg	David Odens
Don Crowe	Nadim Hassoun	Fred Rittershaus
Dan Carlson	Del Johnson	Alan Rogers
Lewayne Erickson	Reva Johnson	Richard Smith
Robert Fishback	Gregg Jongeling	Richard Wahlstrom
David Gilkerson	Mildred Juel	Rich Widman
Jim Gilkerson	Mary Kidwiler	

September Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Sept 1.....	Lasagna
Sept 8.....	BBQ Beef Sandwich
Sept 15.....	Turkey
Sept 22.....	Soup & Sandwich
Sept 29.....	Burgers & Brats