



THE COG



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November Programs

Erich Olson -- Program Coordinator for November

Nov 3...Lt. Col. Corey Norris.....SDSU Army ROTC
 Nov 10...SSG. Richardt and SGT. Keller.....SDNG Army Recruiters
 Nov 17...Dean Papini and Rina Reynolds.....SDSU PAC Center
 Nov 24...Midori Ishibashi.....Brookings Rotary Exchange Student
 From Paraguay

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kenneth Knudtson
 5 Dean Kattelmann
 9 Van Fishback
 13 Tara Mills
 26 Stewart Olson
 30 Justin Fjeldos

November Sergeant at Arms is the lovely, lively Jen Olson!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER

As we start the month of November, we kick off the official holiday season. If you have been out at any store in the past couple weeks you already know what I am talking about. This is the first year I have noticed Halloween décor displayed right next to Christmas lights. In between these two commercial holidays is Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time that we connect with family and reflect on the things we are thankful for. The programs this month have made me think about some of the things I am thankful for and I have included them below.

I am thankful I live in a country with a strong military to protect the freedoms we hold dear as Americans. I look forward to learning more about both the ROTC and National Guard during this month as we have two excellent speakers to cover these topics.

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Open House Reception for Midori Ishibashi (Brookings Rotary Exchange Student) at Janssen Home, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2 – 4 pm

Fellow Rotarians and spouse / guest:

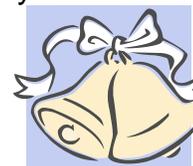
You are invited to a celebration of Midori Ishibashi's (Brookings Rotary Exchange Student) 18th birthday at the home of Marcia and Larry Janssen. The open house reception is on Sunday Nov. 8th from 2-4pm. Join us for birthday cake and ice cream. The address is 1919 Windermere Way in Brookings. (One block west of 17th Avenue South and one block north of 20th Street South). Our home is the second house north on the east side of Windermere Street). Phone: 605-695-1474 if you have any questions. We and Midori are looking forward to your visit.



Hannah Eng and Aurelie Stampfli meet in Austria. The reach of a local Rotary Club can be international. Brookings Rotary's involvement with the international student exchange program has had a profound effect on countless lives

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Reva & Jerome Johnson Nov 8
 Craig & Dee Johnson Nov 14
 Duane & Phyllis Sander Nov 25



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November Service Anniversaries



11-02-71 Alan Rogers	44 yrs	11-21-06 Dr. Dan Carlson	9 yrs
11-01-82 Wes Tschetter	33 yrs	11-06-06 David Gibson	9 yrs
11-19-02 James Johnson	13 yrs	11-24-09 Roger Bierstedt	6 yrs
11-11-03 Stephen Pohl	12 yrs	11-24-09 Rich Widman	6 yrs
		11-18-14 Jane Hennings	1 yr



Twenty-one Rotarians and guests had an informative and festive outing at Wooden Legs Brewery. Co-founder Seth Koch passionately led us in an investigation of South Dakota brewed BEER!!



(President's message continued)

I am thankful I live in a great community. Brookings is unique because it hosts a thriving local economy, a great school system and a well-respected university. Many towns can brag about one or two of these areas but not many have all three. This month we will learn more about the current progress of the Performing Arts Center, which will only further strengthen the community.

Last but certainly not least, I am thankful for my Rotary family. Rotary is a powerful organization at both the local and international level. Even in a small town like ours we are able to both host and send students on international student exchanges. We will have the opportunity to learn more about our current exchange student Midori and her home country of Paraguay.

As we get into the full swing of the holiday season I hope you are able to take a few minutes to reflect on what you are thankful for and how we as Rotarians can continue to be a "Gift to the World".

Yours in Rotary, President Brad

KUDOS TO BROOKINGS ROTARY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Brookings Rotarians are delivering backpacks for the Brookings Backpack Project on Thur. and Fri. mornings. In cooperation with Rapid City Rushmore we sponsored a student and teacher at the School of St. Jude, Tanzania.

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in October

Brad Blaha	Nadim Hassoun	Jim Klinker
Lewayne Erickson	Larry Janssen	Bruce Lushbough
Heidi Fields	Craig Johnson	David Merhib
Robert Fishback	Delmar Johnson	Stephen Pohl
David Gilkerson	Reva Johnson	David Reynolds
James Gilkerson	Gregg Jongeling	Jesse Ronning
Alan Gregg	Mildred Juel	Vern Voelzke
Randy Hanson	Mary Kidwiler	Jeff Weldon

November Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Nov 3.....	Chicken Dinner
Nov 10.....	BBQ Beef Sandwich
Nov 17.....	Turkey
Nov 24.....	Soup and Sandwich

HAPPY THANKSGIVING