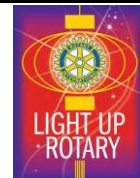




THE COG



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March Programs

Lewayne Erickson & Wes Tschetter - Program Coordinators for March/April

Mar 3...Aaron Johnston.....SDSU Womens Basketball Coach
 Mar 10...Lindsie Bartley.....SD Education Campus in Brookings
 Mar 17...Laura Mokrzycki..... SDSU Senior ----- Engineers Without Borders
 Mar 24...Mike Adelaine.....SDSU VP for Technology and Security
 Mar 31.....Club Assembly

March Sergeant at Arms is former Rotary president Larry Janssen.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nadim Hassoun
- 4 Tim Harvey
- 8 Cathrene Voelzke
- 18 Curt Osmani
- 20 Olga Reuvekamp
- 22 Larry Fjeldos
- 23 Gary Gramm
- 28 Rod Schaeffer

SPOCK: LIVE LONG AND PROSPER....RIP Leonard Nimoy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

Brookings Rotarians

Do you ever give a second thought to reading? We talk about our enjoyment of reading books as a pastime, we read the newspaper, we read articles on the computer, we read our mail. To me, not being able to read is just about incomprehensible. But in this world, as well as in this country, there are those who cannot read. **March is Literacy Month.** A few years ago at a Rotary meeting, the program was given by a local resident and author, Phyllis Cole-Dai. She had spent 6 weeks living homeless in Columbus, Ohio. She related how important a newspaper is to homeless people because it was a lifeline for them to the rest of the world. Amazing – to think that the written word is something that these people yearn for and spend their days finding – and the written word is something that we so take for granted.

There are an estimated 800 million people worldwide who lack literacy skills needed to complete a job application, understand a child's report card, or read a prescription. Over 60% of adults in the US prison system are non-readers; 85% of US juveniles appearing before the court are functionally illiterate.

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*******Calling All Hosts/Hostesses*******

Do you enjoy entertaining? The Publicity Committee is looking for volunteer hosts/hostesses to put on a "Mystery Dinner" for 3 other couples as a fundraiser for our Brazilian Exchange Student, Gabriel.

We need **4 volunteers to host a dinner in your home on Friday, April 10.** You will prepare a dinner for 3 other Rotary couples, who will donate \$25/person to Gabriel to help fund his Rotary summer tour. Gabriel would like to come by, play his guitar and sing at each home.

Interested? **Call Reva Johnson, Public Relations Chairperson by Friday, March 13 to volunteer or for more information.** (H) [605.691.0729](tel:605.691.0729) (C) [562.201.3059](tel:562.201.3059) (W) [605.692.5441](tel:605.692.5441) (The UPS Store)

Reva and Jerome Johnson will host a meet and greet at their home before the event where all participants will receive the invitation to their Mystery Dinner.

To provide content for the COG please contact
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March Service Anniversaries

3-28-61	Robert Fishback	54 yrs	3-04-08	Jesse Ronning	7 yrs
3-23-77	Fred Rittershaus	38 yrs	3-03-09	David Jones	6 yrs
3-13-84	Richard Lee	31 yrs	3-19-13	Heidi Gullickson	2 yrs
3-13-84	Vern Voelzke	31 yrs	3-19-13	Erich Olson	2 yrs
3-09-93	Duane Sander	22 yrs	3-25-14	Roger DeGroot	1 yr
3-28-05	Jackie Lanning	10 yrs			



BROOKINGS ROTARY MEETING ATTENDANCE (compiled by Del Johnson for the Board)

Meeting attendance is between 40-50 percent of dues paying members.
 With a membership of 106 we had 17 members who never attended a meeting. (six of these were exempt).
 Thirteen attended four times or less (one of which was exempt from attendance).
 Nine attended six to twelve times (two exempt).
 In summary, 37% of the club attends once a month or less, on average.
 Del's comment to the Board *"This may give some insight for the benefit of a Satellite Club. Or not... I would guess that a few (14?) of these 39 people might show up occasionally for an early evening club meeting."*

(President's message continued)

Rotary knows that literacy is an essential ingredient for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Since 2002, Rotarians have provided resources and skills to advance in communities worldwide by:

- Providing books and educational materials
- Building and supporting schools
- Mentoring students
- Training teachers
- Establishing literacy programs for children and adults

Whether through volunteering your time and expertise, providing financial support, or building awareness, you can empower people and communities through literacy.

Thanks to those who helped serve Harvest Table on February 9. Approximately 150 people were served a meal with over 17 Rotary members helping.

Happy Spring and Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all Irish (and as you know everyone is Irish on St. Pats Day)!

Mary



Wedding Anniversaries for March

Mar 6	.....	Jeff & Tracie Weldon
Mar 8	.....	David & Marcia Chicoine
Mar 15	.....	Barb & Gene Murra
Mar 17	.....	Doug & Mary Malo
Mar 17	.....	Jason & Kati Merkley
Mar 19	.....	Dan & Pat Little
Mar 22	.....	Alan & Carol Gregg
Mar 23	.....	Carey & Lisa Bretsch

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in February

Brad Blaha	Mylo Hellickson	Stewart Olson
Victoria Blatchford	Larry Janssen	Alan Rogers
Robin Buterbaugh	Craig Johnson	Jesse Ronning
Dan Carlson	Del Johnson	Rod Schaefer
Lewayne Erickson	Mary Kidwiler	Richard Smith
Robert Fishback	Jim Klinker	Richard Wahlstrom
David Gilkerson	Erich Olson	Rich Widman
Randy Hanson		

March Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Mar 3	.....	Chicken
Mar 10	.....	Soup & Sandwich
Mar 17	.....	Baked Potato Bar
Mar 24	.....	Lasagna
Mar 31	.....	Taco Bar