



The Cog

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MAY 2021

May Programs

Nicole Biever-----Program Coordinator for May

May 4:JD Ackman (in person).....Prairie Repertory Theater
 May 11:Tara Mills.....Women Without Limits Brookings
 May 18:Dr. Erica Moore, Director.....American Indian Student Center
 May 25: Samantha Turnquist.....Salvation Army

The May Sgt. at Arms will be the finally returned from AZ Gregg Jongeling.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Doug Malo
- 6 Mildred Juel
- 8 Kay Norton
- 8 Dan Nelson
- 9 Lewayne Erickson
- 20 Erich Olson
- 21 Jason Flaske
- 23 Lisa Hager
- 27 Peggy Miller

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MAY

Looking Around the Room

It is such an honor to stand at the lectern in front of the Rotary Club of Brookings. April 20th was the first time I've had that opportunity as your president. As I looked around the room, I noticed the scholars and educators, financial experts, non-profit managers, business owners, public servants, distinguished guests, and those retired from their magnificently accomplished and dedicated careers. And there were more equally impressive members on the big-screen TV Zooming in.

The women and men of our club are an accomplished and capable group. So many long-term members and so much dedication to Rotary!

In a broader sense, looking around our meeting room, I could see our potential to reach the fullness of our purpose. We've accomplished much this past year. We reimagined the traditional way of conducting our meetings. With respect to restrictions, we completed important service projects. With dedication to purpose, we fed the hungry and gave clothing to the needy. We have done so much in spite of these extraordinary circumstances, yet we really haven't fulfilled one of our more important purposes.

What is our purpose as Rotarians? The answer is to ensure that our club thrives for the future of our community, so that all may know Service Above Self and live out the principles of the Four-Way Test. We need to do even more to ensure that our club is sustainable.

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"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers—so many caring people in this world."

Mr. Rogers (you, as a Rotarian, are a helper)

The Brookings Marathon will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021. Rotary provides 10 volunteers to guide runners to and across Medary Ave. and thru the SDSU campus. Rotarians are in place at 6:45 AM to provide guidance and encouragement as the runners pass. We are done by 8 AM. Dr. Bruce Lushbough coordinates the volunteers for Rotary and Jim Gilkerson will be the on course group leader.



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May Service Anniversaries



5-18-60	Richard Wahlstrom	61 yrs	5-10-16	Nicole Rawden	5 yrs
5-05-87	Rod Schaefer	34 yrs	5-16-17	Mitch Steinhoff	4 yrs
5-05-92	Larry Fjeldos	29 yrs	5-08-18	Debra DeBates	3 yr
5-22-07	Gerard Moriarty	14 yrs	5-22-18	Dan Nelson	3 yr
			5-01-18	Teree Nesvold	3 yr

BROOKINGS ROTARY FOUNDATION UPDATE

By: Larry Fjeldos

May 2021

Brookings Rotary Club Foundation 2021 giving goal: \$8,000.00

Amount contributed to date: \$4,000.00

✦ **100 for 100 was the phrase for our Rotary Club Centennial Year Celebration.**

The reveal of the “rest of the story” took place on April 14th last year on a Zoom Club meeting. Brookings Rotary Club received the most honorable designation of a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Worldwide only 10% of the 35,000+ Clubs have achieved this honor.

Our current count is 189 PH Fellows, 54 Multiple PH Fellows & 2 Major Donors.

How this was accomplished is a story of ‘paying it forward’ by a committed group of Brookings Area residents realizing that the heart and soul of Rotary is the work done locally and globally by The Rotary Foundation (TRF). So now what can we do as individual Rotarians to ‘pay it forward’ as the Rotarians of the first 100 years showed us the way?

100% Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) designation.

For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 to the Annual Fund during the year.

The remaining would be made up by individual contributions to TRF for the annual raffle, annual Paul Harris Society members (when you elect to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant), matching dollars for future PHF and others. Your donations train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies.

Covid 19 Virus reminds us of the fragility of our lives and what a gift Rotary friendships are with the restart of hybrid club meetings both in person and zoom. Over the months of past club social meetings “foundation moments” asked about our giving to the TRF and poised the question:

What is your legacy?

Finally, we have a **Brookings Club Legacy Book**. In the past when a Rotarian left the club for any reason the foundation recognition points that one had accumulated were lost. We are going to ask Rotarians to sign a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Transfer Request Form to allow the Brookings Rotary Club to assign the points to a future Rotarian when they are available. This will allow the Club to continue the PHF matching program in perpetuity.

“Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give.” -William A. Ward

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in April

Darla Biel	Larry Fjeldos	Don Norton
Nicole Biever	Jim Gilkerson	Kay Norton
Brad Blaha	Ben Hauck	Dave Odens
Yvette Campbell	Larry Janssen	Erich Olson
Steve Carnes	Marcia Janssen	Rod Schaefer
Michael Crinion	Del Johnson	Steve Sewell
Darrell DeBoer	Gregg Jongeling	Jennifer Soma
Lewayne Erickson	Doug Miller	Della Tschetter
Calista Fjeldos		

Wedding Anniversaries for May

May 5.....	Dean & Kendra Kattelmann
May 19.....	Ann & Rick Volin
May 23.....	Gary & Sally Gramm
May 23.....	Jennifer & Randy Soma
May 26.....	James & Kysa Gilkerson
May 27.....	David & Rina Reynolds



GRATEFUL ROTARIANS ACCEPT GIFT FROM KARL'S

BROOKINGS – In order to resume in-person meetings while still offering a virtual option, the Brookings Rotary Club needed to purchase equipment that would enable the hybrid experience. Karl's TV, Appliance & Furniture in Brookings stepped up with a generous donation of a 70-inch television that will be used as part of the technology design. Pictured from left are: Rotarians Jim Gilkerson (Re-Start Committee), President Don Norton and President-elect Darla Biel; and Karl's store manager Brock Schmitz (masks removed for photo). The Brookings Rotary Club resumed in-person meetings at the Brookings Activity Center on Tuesday, April 20. Social distancing and other safety protocols are being observed.

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2020 taught us the importance of and the need for our club to change the way we meet and the way we engage our community. We can keep the camaraderie of our existing membership, but we also need to grow: in the number of members, in dedication to service projects, and in our commitment to our community and our world. Looking around the room and on the screen, I can see the people who can make this happen.

Leadership educator John Maxwell put it this way: "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." We certainly have changed. Let's make sure we continue to grow! **Don**



May Meal Schedule (bring your own)

- May 4.....;.....Subway
- May 11.....Jimmy Johns
- May 18.....Nicks Burgers
- May 25.....PB&J Sandwich

SCENES FROM THE FIRST BROOKINGS ROTARY HYBRID MEETING

Brookings Rotary Club held its first hybrid meeting April 20th with a very successful "Restart Welcome Back Celebration!" Nearly 40 persons attended in-person with precautions in place, and another 12 attended via Zoom. Thanks to District 5610 for the technology grant that helped make this opportunity possible for members and guests. A WEB cam allowed the "Zoomers" to see the action. Coffee and water is provided but members must bring their own meal if they choose to. When it came to cake decorating, we abided by the RI branding requirements for logo usage

