



THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

MAY 2020

May Programs

Nicole Bieber-----Program Coordinator

May 5:Dan Nelson & Erinn Thomas..... Teen Court
 May 12:Chelsea Lang..... Learning Loss
 May 19:Nicole Bieber & Caitlin Christy..... B&G Club Truck Raffle
 May 26: Cain LounsberyUS Military Academy Cadet

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

The May Sergeant at Arms program will be held in abeyance.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MAY

Hello May! How things have changed in the last 8 weeks. I never thought that I would work from home again, running the majority of my work through Zoom and conference calls. On top of that, add hours of teaching math to my youngest, keeping meals "on time", and the house in order. Am I behind, yes! I hate that I feel like I am always playing catch up.

We all have had to make adjustments in our "new" routine. Do we like it? Some I like, others I don't. I want to say thank you to all of you who have joined on our first month of us hosting our Rotary Meetings on Zoom. We are averaging over 30 members joining us each week. If any one of you have questions about how to join us, please reach out to me. I will walk you through it. You don't have to have a computer. You can call right from your phone.

We are working on submitting a grant to match the contribution of a Rotarian and our local club for meals to the area Nursing Homes. We have \$3,000 plus the additional \$1,500 from the District that we are applying for. Details will continue to unfold as we gather those details in how to coordinate this. Thank you to all who have contributed! Service about self....I love seeing how it shines in our Club!

We will all continue to be tested in the coming days, weeks, months, and even years. We will have a story to share saying, "remember that time we all had to stay home"? I hope my children won't say that I failed as their 4th, 7th or 9th grade teacher. However, I hope they remember all the family meals we had together, all the games we played together, and especially all the time we had together.

As an extrovert, this has been the hardest on me. I am thinking of all of you and miss not seeing all of you. Take care and if you need something, don't hesitate in asking! I will do my best to make it happen, whatever it may be.

Blessings, Jennifer

"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 has been postponed until Saturday, September 12, 2020. 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. Watch for the signup request in September.



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May Service Anniversaries

5-18-60	Richard Wahlstrom	60 yrs	5-10-16	Nicole Rawden	4 yrs
5-05-87	Rod Schaefer	33 yrs	5-16-17	Mitch Steinhoff	3 yrs
5-05-92	Larry Fjeldos	28 yrs	5-08-18	Debra DeBates	2 yr
5-22-07	Gerard Moriarty	13 yrs	5-22-18	Dan Nelson	2 yr
5-10-11	Brad Wermers	9 yrs	5-01-18	Teree Nesvold	2 yr



100 for 100 is the phrase for our Brookings Rotary Club Centennial Year Celebration.

The reveal of the “rest of the story” took place on the April 14th Zoom Club meeting. Most people had figured out that the second 100 would be for the 100-year Celebration. A lot of guessing surrounded what the first 100 would mean. District Governor Ina Winter joined the meeting from Hot Springs, SD to formally announce to the Club that Brookings Rotary Club will receive the most honorable designation of a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Worldwide only 10% of the 35,000+ Clubs have achieved this honor.

100% Paul Harris Fellows for 100 years!

How this was accomplished is a story of ‘paying it forward’ by a small group of members that realized 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?

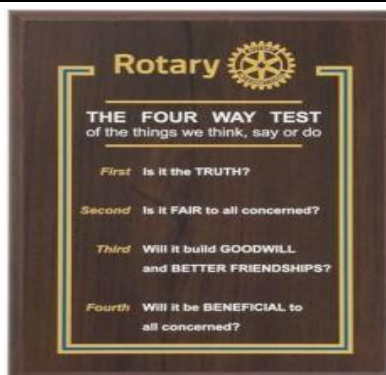
100% Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) designation.

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. We are a generous club.

Both of these honors have been an unfulfilled dream of every Brookings Club President over the years. Covid 19 Virus reminds us of the fragility of our lives and what a gift Rotary friendships are and over the months of past club meetings (remember those with lunch included?) foundation moment presentations talked about our giving to the foundation and asked the question: **What is your legacy?**

Finally, we are starting 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 Rotarian’s 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 the points are available. This will allow the Club to continue the PHF matching program in perpetuity. Brookings Rotary Club is also a group of over achievers. Instead of 100 Paul Harris Fellows we actually have One Hundred and One (101)...

Article written and much of the work done by: Larry Fjeldos



Brookings Rotary Club 4-way Test Essay Winners

1st—Shae Lefers – Mickelson Middle School
 2nd --- 3 way tie
 Clare Strong, Alex Kidangathuzke, and Clara Delbridge all from Mickelson Middle School



May 5.....Dean & Kendra Kattelmann
 May 23.....Gary & Sally Gramm
 May 23.....Jennifer & Randy Soma
 May 26.....James & Kysa Gilkerson
 May 27.....David & Rina Reynolds
 May 30.....Delmar & Judy Johnson

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in April (shall we call them Zoomers)

Nicole Bieber	Lisa Hager	Kay Norton
Steve Carnes	Del Johnson	Dave Odens
Lewayne Erickson	Gregg Jongeling	Nicole Rawden
Don Evenson	Bruce Lushbough	Jennifer Soma
Jim Gilkerson	Don Norton	Della Tschetter

May Meal Schedule (your kitchen)

May 5.....lettuce salad
 May 12.....cold meat sandwich
 May 19.....soup
 May 26.....toast and jam