



The Cog



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APRIL 2022

April Programs

Erich Olson --- Program Coordinator--- April

April 5...Ali Teesdale.....Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program

April 12...Meet at 2nd floor of Children's Museum.....Kate Treiber Program

April 19...State Rep. John Mills.....2022 Legislative Session Update

April 26...Dr. Michael Gonda, Cara Tiegum and Zoey Schentzel.....Trip to South Africa

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Ron Peterson
- 15 Alan Rogers
- 18 Tom Manzer
- 26 Rebecca Herman
- 26 Richard Smith
- 30 Bruce Lushbough
- 30 Paul Moriarty

April Sergeant at Arms will be the vivacious and effervescent Jen Olson!!!!

APRIL 12 is the Brookings City and School Board Election
Be sure to vote at any voting center
Therefore, Rotary will meet in the second floor meeting room of the Children's Museum-Program will be about the Museum



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL

Back in the Swing of Things

It's a funny phrase – “back in the swing of things.” Merriam-Webster defines it as “fully involved and comfortable with (a regular activity).” The idiom originates in the 19th Century, and some sources have linked it to the idea that, like a pendulum, there is a natural rhythm of a person's life. When we are “off” for a bit, we can get back into the swing of things. It has a positive connotation, as in getting back to something you enjoy.

Each week, it seems I have this conversation with someone I encounter – are we back in the swing of things following the pandemic? The answer is a unanimous “no.”

There are some positive signs. You've probably read about the Great Resignation. Millions of Americans quit their jobs during the pandemic, saying they're tired of low pay and long hours. But now, the unemployment rate is down to around 4%, people are returning to sporting events and concerts, and a large majority of kids are back for in-person instruction in school.

While this is good news, one survey in March noted that only a third of Americans have returned to pre-pandemic routines. I have noticed that people are slow to sign up for activities. I'm not sure it's related to a fear of COVID, as studies show that fewer and fewer people are as concerned about the pandemic as they once were. I think people became comfortable with slowing down and clearing a few events off their calendars.

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John Travolta was hospitalized for a suspected Coronavirus. But doctors soon realized that it was only a Saturday Night Fever, and he will be Staying Alive.

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April Service Anniversaries

4-01-85	Nadim Hassoun	37 yrs	4-05-11	Reva Johnson	11 yrs
4-01-87	Tom Manzer	35 yrs	4-25-17	Chuck Stangohr	5 yrs
4-11-89	Ginger Thomson	33 yrs			
4-01-07	Zeno Wicks	15 yrs			



(President's message continued)

Our biggest challenge as Rotarians in April of 2022 is this: how can we get our clubs **back in the swing of things**? How can we rededicate ourselves to working hard to better our community and our world with Service Above Self?

We're looking forward to exciting events ahead – great Tuesday noon meetings, Thirsty Thursdays with built-in service projects, and work in the community including the very fun Brookings Marathon! And on May 31 we will have a very special celebration of our club's "100% Paul Harris Fellows" designation. Let's be sure to put Rotary back on our calendars and get **back in the swing of things!** President Don



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BRAVER
 → THAN YOU BELIEVE →
STRONGER
 → THAN YOU SEEM →
SMARTER
 → THAN YOU THINK →
AND LOVED
 MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW



**READ ABOUT
 THE SUCCESS
 OF MEALS
 RETURNING TO
 BROOKINGS
 ROTARY CLUB
 MEETINGS
 ON PAGE 3**

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS ARE NOW PART OF THE
 "Back in the Swing of Things" per President Don!**

A quote from Winnie
 The Pooh

APRIL 7 is the next opportunity for Rotarians, friends of Rotarians, guests, etc. to gather.

PINTS AND QUARTS IS THE SITE AT 5pm



Thirsty Thursday!



The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in March

Lewayne Erickson	Dave Odens
Jim Gilkerson	Ginger Thomson
Del Johnson	Della Tschetter
Gregg Jongeling	Toby Uecker
Jackie Lanning	Chad Vilhauer

Wedding Anniversaries for April

Apr 1Erich & Lauren Olson
Apr 4Michael & Patricia Crinion
Apr 15Rod & Deb Schaefer
Apr 27Jane & Brad Hennings

April Meal Schedule (new quarter)

Apr 5	...Hy-Vee....Soup/Sandwich
Apr 12	...Café Coteau @ Children's Museum
Apr 19	...Hy_Vee.....Taco Bar
Apr 26	...Pizza Ranch.....Pizza

(coffee and water will be provided free at the Activity Center --- sodas for \$1)

AS PART OF THIRSTY THURSDAYS ROTARIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE MONTHLY THEME OF THE RESPECTIVE THIRSTY THURSDAYS



The theme for Thirsty Thursday April 7 at Pints and Quarts will be support for the Child Protection Team/Services. They are in need of **soft, fleecy couch throws (blankets)** to give to children that they are moving to foster care. For older children, hygiene products are needed.

Donations of non-perishables were collected at Thirsty Thursday March 3 and delivered to Jack's Cupboard at SDSU.



MEALS ARE BACK AT ROTARY FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO SIGN UP



Brookings Rotary has brought back meals on a voluntary



basis. **Thirty-three** members committed to paying for a meal each week for the first quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar). For the second quarter (April-May-June) the count is up to **thirty-seven**. The meals on site are catered by a number of local vendors and the reviews have been overwhelmingly positive. The Board of Directors has set the meal price at \$10 per meal for 2022.

Even if a member is not able to attend every meeting their “donation” of a meal goes a long way toward providing extra meals for the speaker and guests. Rotary appreciates these donations!

The Board has decided that if a member brings a guest to a meeting, both the member and the guest may partake in the meal that day.

Rotary offers sodas to any member for \$1 donation. Coffee and water are also available for any member in attendance.



Any questions about food, meal billing or comments and/or suggestions should be directed to Gregg Jongeling at 605-691-4015 or gjongeling@gmail.com

Your ideas can make our meal plan even more successful.





ROTARIANS CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP OF BROOKINGS LIBRARY'S "TEEN CAREER CORNER"

Guest speaker Realtor Shane Andersen from the Brookings Home Team powered by Century 21 spoke to teens at February's "Teen Career Corner" hosted by the Brookings Public Library and sponsored by the Brookings Rotary Club. Andersen discussed the use of social media technology in marketing a business and to support community growth. Each month, a volunteer speaker representing a different career field addresses the teens, supported by books and other materials related to the topic. Rotary's support also included the purchase of material display racks for the Teen Career Corner on the first floor of the Library. Other speakers have discussed the use of reliable web sites for career information (Kay Norton), and careers in the fine arts (Chuck Bennis) and the military/National Guard (Adam Holtquist). On March 28, Else Munsterteiger spoke to the young people about careers in the mental health field. April's presentation will focus on how to get a summer job. Before each presentation, the teens are treated to pizza and soda.



The picture on the left is a flashback to 2013 when the Brookings Rotary Club's annual donation to the Rotary Foundation reached \$12,000. Last year our club members donated a total of

\$21,380