



# The Cog



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

**JANUARY 2023**

### January Programs

**Darla Biel -- Program Coordinator for January**

- Jan 3 State Senator Tim Reed..... Pre-Legislative Update
- Jan 10 VJ Smith.....Summer Study on Juvenile Justice
- Jan 17 Sara Kettwig & Dana Martens.....Handle With Care Program
- Jan 24 Chuck Bennis..... recent Murals he has done in South Dakota
- Jan 31 Mary Kidwiler.....Feeding Brookings Program

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jim Gilkerson
- 3 David Odens
- 8 Rich Widman
- 12 Ronold Tesch
- 18 Carol Peterson

January Sergeant at Arms (and Greeter) will be the exceptional and astounding Brad Blaha.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

Happy new year!

In hindsight I think many of us would just assume say good riddance to 2022! A major war in Europe, the highest inflation in 40 years, significant losses in both the stock and bond markets (while stock market declines are routine, to see both stocks and bonds down significantly at the same time is a very rare occurrence that had only happened twice before - in 1931 and 1969), another polarizing election cycle, and a devastating storm last spring that did damage to many of our homes and properties.

But there were bright spots in 2022 as well, and one of them was your Brookings Rotary Club. Thanks to Don's leadership in the first half of the year, combined with Gregg's hard work, we have been having regular in-person meetings with both speakers and food, just like in the pre-pandemic days. Furthermore, the amount of service projects we have been involved in as a club has been amazing, thank you to Michael Gonda for your leadership! The Hope & Healing fundraiser for Ukraine was a success with a \$50,000 impact made to support the refugee situation, but also the resources and compassion of Rotary were demonstrated to many in our community. Thanks to all the many volunteers from our club who pitched in and made this something much bigger than our routine service projects. Lastly, we as a club received the Rotary Citation award! *(continued on back)*



**THIRSTY THURSDAY IS SET FOR JANUARY 5**  
**5:00 - 6:30 PM**

**EPONYMOUS BREW PUB**  
**126 MAIN AVENUE SOUTH**

OFTEN REFERED TO AS  
"HIPPOPOTAMUS" BY SOME  
UN-NAMED ROTARIANS

### January Service Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1-03-72 Mylo Hellickson | 51 yrs | 1-01-06 Steve Carnes  | 17 yrs |
| 1-01-75 Ronold Tesch    | 48 yrs | 1-22-08 Mary Kidwiler | 15 yrs |
| 1-01-94 Don Norton      | 29 yrs | 1-12-10 Brad Blaha    | 13 yrs |
| 1-24-96 Don Crowe       | 27 yrs |                       |        |



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The Rotary celebrators at Pints and Quarts

### Successful Thirsty Thursday

Twenty Rotarians, Guests and family members gathered at Pints and Quarts for the December Thirsty Thursday.

Donations of over \$200 were received to be given to the Salvation Army for their Ring the Bell campaign.



**Brookings Rotary Plans to continue the Zoom Meeting option. Nicole Rawden will send the invite each week so if you wish please log on!!!!**

*(President's message continued)*

Looking ahead to 2023 we will certainly have another great year; because regardless of economic conditions, the weather, or politics we are the Brookings Rotary Club, and we will find new ways to make an impact and help others.

Darla has lined up a great set of speakers for January, please invite your friends to one or more of these meetings and expose them to Brookings Rotary. Thank you, Erich Olson

A couple of weeks of isolation with the family. What can go wrong?



MEALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO COMMIT TO THE ROTARY MEAL PLAN

**Rotarians, Speaker and Guests:** Meals will be available for **those who signed up** for each quarter (3 months) and for the **speaker and guests, including the Rotarian who brings the guest.** **Others** may still bring your lunch of choice. Coffee and water will be provided, and sodas will be available for a \$1 donation.

*(In order to know how many meals to plan for each week, and for billing purposes, the Board has decided to require members to agree to be charged for all meals within each billing quarter of the year. You may stop after each quarter and others may add for each quarter)*

#### The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in December

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|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Brad Blaha       | Larry Janssen   | Kay Norton    |
| Steve Carnes     | Marcia Janssen  | David Odens   |
| Darrell DeBoer   | Del Johnson     | Erich Olson   |
| Lewayne Erickson | Gregg Jongeling | Jenn Olson    |
| Jim Gilkerson    | Millie Juel     | Chad Vilhauer |
| Michael Gonda    | Brian Lueders   | Ann Volin     |
| Mylo Hellickson  | Don Norton      |               |

#### Wedding Anniversaries for January

Jan 10 .....Victoria & John Blatchford

#### January Meal Schedule

- Jan 3.....Qdoba..... hot bar
- Jan 10.....Soup and Sub Sandwiches
- Jan 17.....Broasted Chicken
- Jan 24.....Pizza and ice cream
- Jan 31.....HyVee.....sandwich bar.

# Thoughts For 2023



American Friends of  
**The School  
of St Jude**

Dear Brookings Rotarians,

On behalf of everyone here at American Friends and The School of St Jude, I wanted to thank you for renewing your sponsorship of Lidia Mzumbwe in conjunction with Gregg Jongeling.

Your donation continues to provide a world of endless possibilities for your sponsor student. YOU are making our mission of fighting poverty through education and developing future leaders possible.

Your sponsorship truly changes Lidia's life as well as the life of her family and the future of her community.

Thank you for changing lives,

Pat Sutliff  
Secretary  
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## What we do

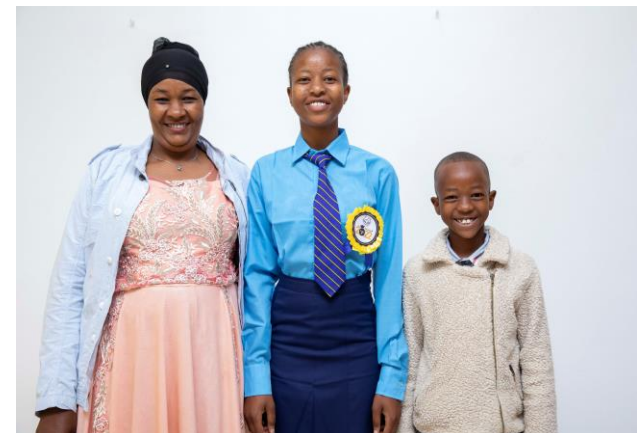
Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 46,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

## Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

**Vision statement....Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.**



### **Brkgs. Rotary Sponsors Student in Africa**

In the middle is Lidia Elias Mzumbwe, the student that Brookings Rotary helps support at The School of St. Jude in Arusha, Tanzania. She is doing well at school. This photo includes her Mother and Brother.



Ukrainian Fundraiser

**It was a very busy year for Brookings Rotary in 2022. Let's continue our efforts for 2023**



Brookings Rotary coat drive at a Thirsty Thursday at Cubbys



DG John Schneider playing on the musical instruments in the park.



Planting Rotary Garden at McCrory Gardens



Celebrating Brookings Rotary 100% Paul Harris Fellows