



# THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

**APRIL 2019**

## April Programs

### Paul Briseno --- Program Coordinator--- April

April 2.....Police Chief Dave Erickson.....Police Foundation  
**April 9.....meet at McCrory Gardens for lunch and program.....**  
 April 16 ..... Jackie Lanning.....Brookings City Engineer  
 April 23..... Erik Rangel.....Brookings CFO  
 April 30.....Club Assembly.....

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8 Ron Peterson  
 9 Karla Eidem  
 15 Alan Rogers  
 18 Tom Manzer  
 26 Richard Smith  
 30 Bruce Lushbough  
 30 Paul Moriarty

April Sergeant at Arms will be School Board Member Debra DeBates.

**Due to the City election our April 9 Rotary Meeting will move to McCrory Gardens.**

**Staff from McCrory Gardens will provide the program.  
Lunch will be provided by ARAMARK Catering.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL

Our area of focus for April is the area of Maternal and Child Health. As I think about this area, I am drawn to our own "local" project of providing "The Brain Game" books to new mothers and babies in conjunction with the Brookings Health System hospital. This book is designed to help educate new mothers/parents on the developmental needs of their child. It will help them recognize and foster the development of their baby and what is considered "normal" at various stages of development for the child. This project was developed from the trip to the International Rotary Convention by Larry and Marcia Janssen and a visit to a booth at the convention where Marcia recognized the opportunity that this project would provide locally to help new parents enhance and understand the development of their new babies. Thus the project idea was born. With the help of a District Grant, funds were obtained, and we have provided the first 120 books to be distributed for 2019. As Larry reported at our meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, the book has been well received by the hospital and the new parents as well.

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### Brookings Rotary Quiz (answers on back)

1. First Brookings Rotary Club female president \_\_\_\_\_ 1999-2000
2. Member with most seniority \_\_\_\_\_ 63 yrs
3. Two newest members of Brookings Rotary \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current member who served two consecutive terms as President \_\_\_\_\_ 1995-1997
5. Brookings Rotary was chartered in 1920 and was sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club
6. There were \_\_\_\_ charter members. One of them was named Van Fishback!
7. In 1996 \_\_\_\_\_ received a Brookings Rotary Club scholarship and is now a member of the club.

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### April Service Anniversaries

4-01-85	Nadim Hassoun	34 yrs	4-05-11	Reva Johnson	8 yrs
4-01-87	Tom Manzer	32 yrs	4-17-12	Alan Gregg	7 yrs
4-11-89	Ginger Thomson	30 yrs	4-25-17	Chuck Stangoehr	2 yr
4-01-07	Zeno Wicks	12 yrs			



***(President's message continued)***

The book is being distributed at the newborn's first "well baby" check-up and is then reviewed with the parents to help them understand the various stages of development that their new baby will go through. This method of distribution is beneficial to the parents as it is the only material they are receiving and is one of the areas of focus for this visit. In this way the hospital staff can emphasize the concepts shared in "The Brain Game" and help educate the new parents on how their new baby will progress. One other thing that has developed is the need for the book to be available in Spanish to help Hispanic families to be able to access the information. Consequently, our second order of books will include 20 copies of the book in Spanish. Our expectation is that we will see nearly 400 newborns and their families receive this valuable resource in 2019.

Sometimes I hear about all of the "big" things that Rotary does throughout the world and I wonder how we as a local club contribute to the overall Rotary effort. This project is an illustration of how we can contribute to the local health and well-being of children, but in many ways contributes to the future through the children that we impact. I know it sounds cliché, but none of us know how something positive that we do today may impact the future of a single child, a family, a community or the world. The positive impact we foster today may produce the person who has a profound impact on society as a whole through some new discovery or other dramatic achievement. No good effort is ever wasted and the positive impact on the smallest of us can produce the biggest impact at some future moment. This should be our goal as Rotarians as we work to leave the world a better place than it is today.

Yours in Rotary, Steve



A well dressed Rotarian Don Norton handles registration while the Janssens hawk their wares.



**Answers to Quiz**

1. Ginger Thomson
2. Ron Peterson
3. Lisa Hager  
Jolane Tomhave
4. Van Fishback
5. Watertown
6. 21
7. Jason Flaskey

**Willie Mac BB 2019 --** A happy group of Rotarians (and associates) assisted with the Willie Mac basketball tourney at the Boys and Girls Club in Brookings. Thanks to Erich Olson, Steve and Kim Carnes, Bruce Lushbough, Jen Olson, Ethan Olson, Terri Nesvold, Del Johnson, Lewayne Erickson, Katie Siltanen, Larry and Marcia Janssen, Reva Johnson, Roger and Diane Degroot, Jim Gilkerson, Melody Gilkerson, Cynthia Strande and Don Norton.

**Wedding Anniversaries for April**

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

**The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in March**

Steve Carnes	Craig Johnson	Dick Smith
David Gilkerson	Del Johnson	Jennifer Soma
Jim Gilkerson	Reva Johnson	Ginger Thomson
Gary Gramm	Millie Juel	Toby Uecker
Alan Gregg	Don Norton	Rick Wahlstrom
Lisa Hager	Erich Olson	Zeno Wicks
Nadim Hassoun	Ron Peterson	

**April Meal Schedule (HyVee)**

- Apr 2.....BBQ Beef Sandwich
- Apr 9...(at McCrory Gardens) Aramark
- Apr 16.....Fried Chicken
- Apr 23.....Baked Potato Bar
- Apr 30 .....Soup and Sandwich