



The Cog



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

JUNE 2021

June Programs

Erich Olson - Program Coordinator for June

- Jun 1 Miss SD Amber Hulse..... accompanied by Ray Peterson
- Jun 8 Julia Yoder, Brookings Health System.....Covid 19 Update
- Jun 15 Lucas Silverberg.....Eco Sun Prairie Farms
- Jun 22 Chris Maxwell, husband of Molly Weisgram who wrote The Other Side
- Jun 29 Club President Don Norton.....State of the Club Of Us

June Sgt. at Arms will be Jim Klinker (1st & 8th), Larry Janssen (15,22,29)

ROTARY MEETING RESTART COMMITTEE 2021 MEMBERS

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Brookings Rotary Club has a committee that was charged with starting the physical in person Rotary meetings. We are currently experimenting with the best methods for holding Hybrid meetings that include in person and Zoom participants. We need your feedback on how the meetings are working for you as a Zoom participant or in person attendee. **Everything is on the table for discussion so please contact a committee member with your thoughts and concerns so they can share it with the Committee.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Robin Buterbaugh
- 12 Toby Uecker
- 13 Jane Hennings
- 14 Craig Johnson
- 16 Reva Johnson
- 17 Steve Carnes
- 19 Harry Jones
- 22 Mary Kidwiler
- 23 Ginger Thomson
- 23 Vern Voelzke
- 24 Jackie Lanning
- 24 Daniel Little
- 27 Michael Gonda
- 29 Ann Volin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE

The Regeneration that is Spring

When Rotarians gathered to help with the Brookings Marathon in May (thanks to Bruce Lushbough and Jim Gilkerson), the trees along the running route were in bloom, the weather was cool and crisp, and we helped guide the way of 550 marathon runners through the beautiful and visually stunning streets amid blue skies and cheering sideliners. Brookings showed itself off in Spring splendor.



What made that beautiful morning of May 2021 more than just a running event was the spirit of regeneration. We were outside, mostly without masks, fully vaccinated. It was a convergence of the regeneration of the trees, the flowers... and our lives. You could feel that we were slowly emerging on the other side of COVID.

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June Service Anniversaries

6-21-66	Harry Jones	55 yrs	6-24-14	Toby Uecker	7 yrs
6-07-76	Paul Moriarty	45 yrs	6-13-17	Isaiah Crevier	4 yrs
6-15-99	Richard Smith	22 yrs	6-16-20	Lynn Sargeant	1 yr
			6-16-20	Ann Volin	1 yr



(President’s message continued)

We made it, but more importantly, Rotary helped others make it through. Rotary was the group to call. People would say, “you can always count on Rotary. Let’s see if they can help us build musical instruments in the parks, and paint designs on the Born Learning Trails, and ring the Salvation Army bell. Perhaps Rotary members will collect winter coats again this year, help out at Garden Glow at McCrory, and help stock Jack’s Pantry and the Brookings Food Pantry.” Perhaps Rotary’s most important job this past year was to remind people that spring will come again.

And so Spring has arrived with a brand new gift of positivity for us. As I prepare to turn the gavel over to Darla Biel, after a year filled with 41 weeks of Zoom-only meetings, I’m looking at the bright side of a fantastic year ahead! Let’s enjoy!

President Don

A year ago, outgoing President Jennifer Soma shared the following quotation which still resonates:

From Maya Angelou: “ I’ve learned that..... People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did,.....but people will never forget.....how you made them feel.”

Zoom meetings are a BLAST!!!!!! And now you can attend “in person” also!!!

You are getting an invitation from Nicole Rawden on the day of the meeting inviting you to join the Hybrid meeting of the Brookings Rotary Club to be held both on ZOOM and in person at the Activity Center. All you have to do is click on the link on your computer around noon on Tuesday and you will be directed to the Zoom meeting **OR just show up at the Activity Center bringing whatever lunch you may wish to partake of.** (coffee and water furnished) If you have questions or need guidance on Zoom **contact Nicole Rawden (605-690-4829)** and she will walk you through the steps. We hope to see you on Zoom or in person every Tuesday to **SHARE ROTARY.**

Wedding Anniversaries for June

Jun 1.....Mylo & Lillian Hellickson	Jun 20.....Jim & Krista Ducker
Jun 4.....Nicole & Joshua Biever	Jun 20.....Vern & Cathrene Voelzke
Jun 5.....Alan & Jerri Rogers	Jun 21.....Dan & Deborah Carlson
Jun 6.....Michael & Tiffany Gonda	Jun 22.....Don & Carol Evenson
Jun 6.....Jennifer & Craig Olson	Jun 22.....Larry & Jan Fjeldos
Jun 11.....Rebecca & Matt Herman	Jun 23.....Ginger Thomson & Jay VanDuch
Jun 12.....Brad & Michelle Blaha	Jun 28.....Paul & Doris Moriarty
Jun 14.....Paul & Heidi Briseno	Jun 30..... Larry & Marcia Janssen
Jun 16.....Don & Linda Crowe	Jun 30.....Gregg & Vi Jongeling

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in May

Keith Bartels	Jim Gilkerson	Kay Norton
Nicole Biever	Nadim Hassoun	Don Norton
Brad Blaha	Rebecca Herman	Rod Schaefer
Steve Carnes	Del Johnson	Richard Smith
Lewayne Erickson	Gregg Jongeling	Jennifer Soma
Bob Fishback	Jim Klinker	Chad Vilhauer
Calista Fjeldos	Dan Little	Cathy Voelzke
Larry Fjeldos	Bruce Lushbough	Vern Voelzke

June Meal Schedule

Coffee and water are provided at the Activity Center

Meals are not provided.

You are most welcome to bring your own food and drink as you wish!!



These smiling Rotarians (and friends and children) were up and in place by 6:30 AM to guide and cheer on the runners in the May 15, 2020, Brookings Marathon. Rotarian Bruce Lushbough has coordinated the club's participation for many, many years. His man on the ground this year was Jim Gilkerson. Shown are Don and Kay Norton, Calista Fjeldos, Jim Gilkerson, Mary Kidwiler, Roger Bush, Jennifer Soma, Brad Blaha and Kemper Blaha.



Every Tuesday at approx. 9:30 AM on KBRK 1430AM "Bald" Bob Wayne hosts the Rotary President for a 15 minute Rotary conversation. Be sure to tune in and tell your friends.



June 2 at 2 PM is the scheduled time to re-paint the Born Learning Trails. Rotary is assisting the United Way with this. Call **Michael Gonda** for details & to volunteer. **605-690-6379**


June 11 at 1 PM Brookings Rotary will supply volunteers to assist the Salvation Army in organizing and storing coats in preparation for the annual Share the Warmth campaign. Call **Michael Gonda** at **605-690-6379** to sign up and get the details of where to be!!

And just in.....McCrory Gardens needs assistance from 2-3 Rotarians to plant the Rotary Garden June 2,3 or 4. Be the first to contact Michael Gonda offering your assistance and picking the day and time! The Rotary Garden site has been rebuilt and looks great.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in a Rotary Project.


2021 Brookings Rotary Club Scholarship Winners

<p>Sioux Valley High School:</p> <p>Zoe Murphy Volga, SD</p> <p>Major: Biology</p>	<p>Picture Unavailable</p>
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<p>Deubrook High School</p> <p>Ethan Olson White, SD Major: Architecture</p> <p>Son of Rotarian Jennifer and Craig Olson</p>	
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<p>Elkton High School</p> <p>Hannah Krog Lake Benton, MN</p> <p>Major: Nursing</p>	
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<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Abigail Schuldt Brookings, SD</p> <p>Major: Chemistry and Biochemistry</p>	
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<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Brittany Birgen Brookings, SD 57006</p> <p>Major: Nutrition and Dietetics</p>	
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<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Rachel Burke Brookings, SD</p> <p>Major: Biology</p>	<p>Picture Unavailable</p>
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Each of these young people will be attending SDSU in the Fall of 2021. The Brookings Rotary Club awards six one-thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships each year to three Brookings High School Students and one each to a student in Elkton High School, Deubrook High School and Sioux Valley High School. **Steve Pohl** is the coordinator for this project. He has the schools choose the winners and he reviews the applications. When possible, Brookings Rotarians present the award at the respective school's scholarship awards night. With a goal of \$6000 per year it is imperative that we raise a significant amount of money each week through SCHOLAR DOLLARS. We do assess our members approximately a dollar per month that is dedicated to scholarships. This raises nearly \$1200 for the year.

Brookings Rotarians have been very generous in their giving for Scholar Dollars over the past years and this has enabled us to award six scholarships to students who will attend SDSU. Thank you to all! Members participating on Zoom have pledged scholar dollars and the amount is added to their quarterly statement. This is available to all Rotarians so you may ask **Del Johnson** to have your donation added to your quarterly statement. Thanks again to all of you who have been so very generous.