



The Cog



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February Programs

Erich Olson --- Program Coordinator for February

- Feb 1...Dr. Michael Gonda.....recent excursion to Istanbul, Turkey
- Feb 8...Kelli Brooks, BKX School Bd.—Early Childcare & Education Collab.
- Feb 15...Kim Jensen.....American Red Cross
- Feb 22...Kurt Osborne.....Brookings Community Foundation

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Carey Bretsch
- 11 Roger DeGroot
- 12 Victoria Blatchford
- 13 Richard Wahlstrom
- 13 Paul Briseno
- 15 Stephen Pohl
- 21 Larry Janssen
- 22 Robert Fishback
- 23 Keith Bartels
- 25 Gerard Moriarty

February Sergeant at Arms will be the effervescent Mary Kidwiler.

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

The Club That Eats Together, Meets Together

As a kid, I remember the slogan “the family that prays together, stays together.” Alfred J. Scalpone was a television network executive and advertising writer who is credited in the Oxford Dictionary of Famous Quotations as the author of the phrase. It was written for a priest who was the producer of the “Family Theater” weekly radio series on the Mutual Broadcasting network. At our first meeting in January, we had 34 members attending in person – the most since April of 2020 when the pandemic set in. It was also the first meeting that food was back on the table for members who ordered it. The excitement was back in the air at that meeting, and, in addition, we had a dozen or so members attending via Zoom. That would make it the best attended meeting in almost two years!

All I could think is – “The Club That Eats Together, Meets Together.”

Our Brookings Rotary family is awesome. Gregg Jongeling has done a great job with technology, including new microphones at the Brookings Activity Center. When he is out of town, Jackie Lanning and Jim Gilkerson step in without missing a beat. We have a new slate of officers ready

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ROTARY THIRSTY THURSDAYS

On the first Thursday of each month Brookings Rotarians will gather at various establishments to socialize. Some of these functions may coincide with Rotary Projects. **The first of these will be held at Mosaic Wine Bar (beer/small plates also available) on Feb 5 at 5 PM.** (SW corner of Main and 3rd St) Bring gloves, mittens, and hats (cash accepted) to be donated to Share the Warmth. Jim Ducker is coordinating these “gathering opportunities” so if you have suggestions for locations let him know. If you are aware of a project that may be tied to a social, please share it with Michael Gonda.



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February Service Anniversaries

2-01-76 Douglas Miller	46 yrs	2-22-11 Don Evenson	11 yrs
2-14-84 David Odens	38 yrs	2-05-19 Lisa Hager	3 yrs
2-17-87 Gregg Jongeling	35 yrs	2-18-20 Laura Hasselquist	2 yr



(President's message continued)

to go for the new Rotary year that starts July 1 (see the story in this COG issue.) We're launching our first "Thirsty Thursday" at the Mosaic Wine Bar at 5pm on February 3 – a new tradition for the first Thursday of each month and an opportunity to socialize with other Rotarians. And we're starting to gear up for Spring service projects like the Brookings Marathon.

It's great to know that we remain strong in spite of a resurgence in the pandemic. Choose the events in which you want to engage – Rotary will meet you on your terms. Let's all remember what a vital force we are in the Brookings community. Tell a friend and invite a person to join you for lunch!

Yours in Rotary, Don

Slate of new Rotary Officers beginning July 1, 2022

President will be Erich Olson. Don Norton will move to Past President and Jim Ducker will become President Elect. Michael Gonda will begin a three-year term on the Board of Directors replacing Erich Olson. The two Directors remaining are Ann Volin (1 year remaining) and Yvette Campbell (2 years remaining) along with Secretary Del Johnson, Treasurer Chad Vilhauer, and Sergeant at Arms Gregg Jongeling. These nine voting "Board Members" conduct the "business" of the Brookings Rotary Club so bring your suggestions, questions, or concerns to any member of the Board at any time. Their charge is to **SERVE** the club and its members and they need and appreciate your input.



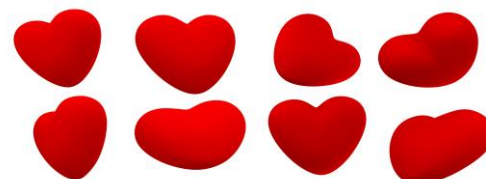
A couple of weeks of isolation with the family. What can go wrong?



GET THEE TO A MEETING OR JOIN US ON ZOOM

Wedding Anniversaries for February

Feb 12Jim & Gayle Klinker



The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in January

Keith Bartels	Del Johnson	Ginger Thomson
Yvette Campbell	Gregg Jongeling	Della Tschetter
Steve Carnes	Millie Juel	Toby Uecker
Jim Ducker	Jackie Lanning	Chad Vilhauer
Lewayne Erickson	Don Norton	Cathy Voelzke
Jim Gilkerson	Kay Norton	Ann Volin
Michael Gonda	Erich Olson	

February Meal Schedule

Feb 1.....	Subway.....	Soup/Sandwich
Feb 8.....	Café Coteau.....	Soup/Salad
Feb 15.....	Hy-Vee.....	Soup/Sandwich
Feb 22.....	Jimmy Johns.....	Sub Box