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JULY 2022

July Programs

Ann Volin - Program Coordinator for July

July 5...Erich Olson.....Brookings Rotary Club 2022-23 President
 July 12 ...Jennifer McLaughlin.....Sustainability Specialist at SDSU
 July 19...Lisa Marotz.....McCrary Gardens Director
 July 26...District Governor John Schneider..... official Club visit

JULY BIRTHDAYS

17 Mylo Hellickson
 17 Del Johnson
 22 Jim Ducker

July Sergeant at Arms is the amicable and greatly appreciated Rotarian Dave Odens!!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JULY

Congratulations to Don Norton for being selected by District Governor Doug Lind as District 5610's Rotarian of the year. When I was asked to be the 2022-23 President over a year ago, I really wanted to say no, could I possibly have bigger shoes to fill than Don Norton's? What a tremendous job Don has done the past two years, like Moses in the desert, he held the club together and led us through the pandemic. Despite all the challenges, because of his leadership the club is better today than it was two years ago. Hybrid meetings, Thirsty Thursdays (coordinated by Jim Ducker), and various lunch options are just some of the improvements that come to mind. Many thanks to Sergeant-at-Arms Gregg Jongeling for their actual implementation.

But Don can't get all the credit, because behind every good man is a good woman! How lucky we are to have Kay as a fellow member as well. What she brings to the club in terms of music, charm, and all her work as Public Image Chair is priceless. She also does a lot of great work for District 5610 that most of us seldom see or hear about.

We still have our challenges, first and foremost membership is down. COVID was and remains an impediment for many of our elderly members, indeed many have resigned from the club. **Please invite a friend, co-worker, or acquaintance to a Rotary meeting.** I'm a member because Della Tschetter invited me to a meeting nine years ago and I appreciated the opportunity to learn about things going on in our community.

While the club does a lot of good work in the community, a special thanks to Michael Gonda our Club Service Coordinator for finding lots of opportunities for service. I feel the club needs to find a big project to rally behind. More on this in August. *(continued on page 2)*

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July Service Anniversaries

7-27-65	Bruce Lushbough	57 yrs	7-27-10	Barry Dunn	12 yrs
7-15-75	Van Fishback	47 yrs	7-16-13	Ben Hauck	9 yrs
7-15-03	Dean Kattelman	19 yrs	7-22-14	Michael Gonda	8 yrs
7-27-04	Jim Klinker	18 yrs	7-11-17	Darla Biel	5 yrs
7-28-09	Cathrene Voelzke	13 yrs	7-03-18	Keith Bartels	4 yr

(President's message continued)

I have coordinated programs for 8 of my 9 years and have decided to retain my role as Program Chair largely because my committee is the best I have ever had and because of them the workload is light. **If you have ideas for programs or speakers, please send me an email or visit with me on a Tuesday.** Good programs are going to be key for attracting and retaining new members.

As Past President Don Norton would say "Thanks for making Rotary part of your day."

Yours in Rotary, Erich



At Eponymous Brewing Company

126 Main Avenue South -- 5 PM

July 7

Thirsty Thursday!

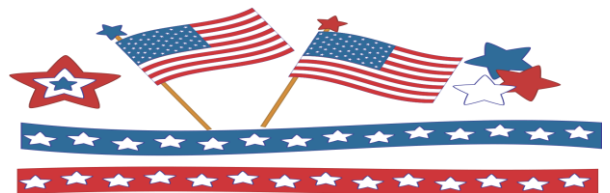


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ERICH WANTS TO HEAR
FROM YOU!!!!!!**



Wedding Anniversaries for July

July 9Van & Barbara Fishback
July 11.....Rich & Jennifer Widman
July 13.....Jackie & Tony Lanning
July 15.....Don & Kay Norton
July 17.....Della & Craig Tschetter

July 20.....Teree & Daniel Nesvold
July 23.....Darla Biel & Marc Serrett
July 23.....Keith & Glynn Bartels
July 24.....David & Diane Odens
July 30.....Barry & Jane Dunn

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in June

Keith Bartels	Lisa Hager	Don Norton
Yvette Campbell	Del Johnson	Kay Norton
Steve Carnes	Gregg Jongeling	Erich Olson
Jim Gilkerson	Millie Juel	Steve Pohl
Michael Gonda	Dan Little	Chad Vilhauer



July Meals (for the 33 who signed up)

July 5.....Jimmy Johns & Ice Cream
July 12.....Hy-Vee Taco Bar
July 19.....Hy-Vee Sandwich Bar
July 26...Hy-Vee pulled PORK sandwich



Brookings Rotary Club Plants the Rotary Garden at McCrory Gardens

With the able assistance of McCrory Gardens staff, Rotarians Michael Gonda, and Larry and Marcia Janssen planted the renewed Rotary Garden plot. The Gardens updated the site with funds donated by our Rotary Club.

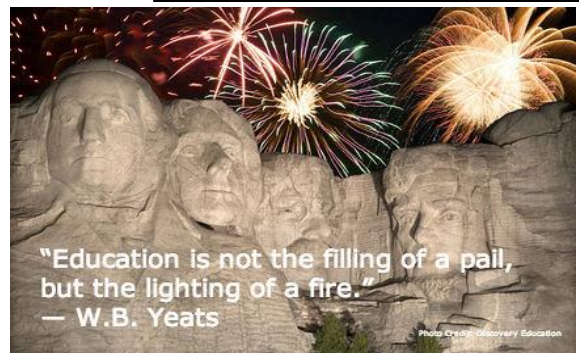


ROTARIANS HELP MAKE IT A "BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!"

Brookings Rotarians helped spruce up two club-sponsored projects recently, enjoying the service and fellowship while making two community park areas more attractive for visitors. At top, Rotarians Michael Gonda, Marcia Janssen and Larry Janssen work on the annual clean up at the Rotary Garden at McCrory Gardens. This area was designed in 2005 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. Right, Rotarians Don Norton, Reva Johnson, Kay Norton and Della Tschetter help refresh the paint on the Born Learning Trails at Hillcrest Park. These family and child-friendly paths were sponsored in 2020 by the Brookings Rotary Club to help celebrate the club's 100th anniversary and were completed in conjunction with the Brookings Area United Way. Trails are located in Hillcrest and McClellans Parks.



June 7 found Rotary displaced from the Activity Center as it was serving as a voting site. Therefore, Rotary moved to Pioneer Park for a picnic with Brookings Parks Director Dusty Rodiek as speaker.



Rotarian Van Fishback stood to recognize Bruce Lushbough's last meeting as a Brkgs Rotarian. After 57 years of service "Doc" has left for Minnesota.

PASS THE MILK! – What do you get when you combine the efforts of four active service organizations and involve the community to collect breakfast cereal for kids in need? 285 boxes, with 3,107 servings! That was the final tally of donations during “Bowls for Backpacks,” a project spearheaded by the Brookings Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist Clubs. Cereal was collected at Dacotah Bank over the past several weeks, and on Friday was delivered via a truck donated by the Brookings Home Team to the Brookings Backpack Project. BBP Executive Director Cathy Ching said the response was “amazing,” and that the project “would make a lot of children very happy.” The cereal will be distributed to families who may need assistance feeding their children over the summer when school breakfast is not available. Pictured from left delivering the cereal are: Don Norton, Rotary President; Ching; Kiwanian Roger Rhody and Shirley Deethardt, Kiwanis President; Brittney Wobig, Dacotah Bank; and Steve Carnes, Dacotah Bank and Rotarian Past President.



BOWLS FOR BACKPACKS

A joint project of Brookings Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist Clubs.



District 5610 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

District Governor Doug Lind made an unexpected visit to the Brookings Club June 28 , presenting Club President Don Norton with the **District 5610 ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR** Award! Don is just completing his second term as Brookings Club president, currently serves as the District Grants Subcommittee Chair, and next year will serve as Assistant Governor for Area 4. Congratulations, Past President Don, and thanks for your Service Above Self!