



THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

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December Programs

Dr. David Reynolds -- Program Coordinator for December

Dec 4.....members of the SDSU Statesmen.....singing Holiday Favorites

**Dec 11.....SDSU Performing Arts Center.....TOUR of PAC
Park in the lot across the street south of the PAC building**

Dec 18.....Riley Hanson.....Trip to Israel

Dec 25.....NO MEETING.....

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jan Fjeldos
- 8 Teree Nesvold
- 15 Jason Croat
- 15 David Reynolds
- 21 Bradley Blaha
- 21 Isaiah Crevier
- 26 Zeno Wicks
- 29 Don Crowe



December Sergeant at Arms is the extremely energetic Rotarian, Karla Eidem.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

How do I find information about Rotary and what is happening within the Rotary organization? "MyRotary.org" is our website that can give almost any and all the information you might want or need to keep you abreast of what is happening in Rotary. In addition, our local club, District 5610 and Rotary International all have websites and Facebook pages to give you additional happenings within Rotary. For this month I am going to focus on "MyRotary.org" and some of the specific things that are available there.

As you open the pages of the MyRotary site, you will see links to Rotary.org (Rotary International's site) along with a "club finder" and "Join" and "Donate" links. It allows you to build or modify your "Profile" and other personal settings for your site.

As you get deeper into the MyRotary site, you will find areas that will allow you to "Exchange Ideas" with other Rotarians around the globe, join like-minded groups and explore events from something in Brookings to the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. There are ways to find clubs and Rotarians that you may want to connect or reacquaint yourself with.

The next area allows you to "Take Action" with everything from developing a project, to giving to a cause, to applying for District and Global grants. You can also explore the options to "empower Leaders" in this section which includes everything from sponsoring a Rotaract or Interact club, organizing a RYLA event, or creating an 'exchange', scholarship or Rotary Fellowship and more. *(continued on back)*

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Brad & Julie Wermers Dec 19
- Robert & Pat Fishback Dec 26
- Brian & Carla Gatzke Dec 27



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December Service Anniversaries



12-19-95	Brian Gatzke	23 yrs	12-16-10	Jan Fjeldos	8 yrs
12-15-09	Jennifer Olson	9 yrs	12-21-10	Gary Gramm	8 yrs
			12-13-16	Jason Flaskey	2 yr

November perfect attendance

Robin Buterbaugh	Nadim Hassoun	Don Norton	Nicole Rawden
Steve Carnes	Ben Hauck	Dave Odens	Jennifer Soma
Don Crowe	Reva Johnson	Erich Olson	Ginger Thomson
David Gilkerson	Gregg Jongelinig	Jenn Olson	Vern Voelzke
Jim Gilkerson	Millie Juel	Carol Peterson	Rich Widman

(President's message continued)

The "Learning and Reference" section provides the opportunity to discover new things by "role" or "topic". To learn about the specifics of Rotary and our "policies and procedures", and to review and use many Rotary documents, webinars and Learning Centers. A virtual "wealth" of information at your fingertips.

Under the "Manage" tab you can find information on Club and District Administration, Products and Services, A Community Marketplace, a Rotary Brand Center and topics on Travel and Expenses.

The next tab is for the Rotary Foundation and provides all of the information referencing both giving funds to the foundation, receiving grants from the foundation and all of the various reports about the foundation. This is a direct link to the Rotary Foundation website itself.

The following tab will take you to the "News & Media" section of the site. This tab gives access to the President's Office, current and past issues of the Rotary Magazine along with various newsletters, announcements, videos, and images. It also gives access to both the media and brand center for Rotary.

The final tab is the "Member Center" and has information on everything from joining or rejoining Rotary, to the International Convention, to awards and recognition to everything that a "member" would want to find, know or experience about Rotary.

So, there you have it, a quick tour of the MyRotary.org site to provide you everything you want to know or find out about Rotary and being a Rotary member. I would encourage you to take time and explore to find out more about the organization that we all are part of and support. As I find more out about Rotary, I grow a deeper appreciation of what we are all part of and the unbelievable reach it has throughout the world.

With that said, I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we close out 2018 and quickly move into 2019. Thank you for all each of you does for Rotary in Brookings and the World!!
 Yours in Rotary, Steve

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF EVENING ROTARY STARTUP

December 5, 2016, saw the first organizational get-together of the Evening Rotary Meeting. The concept is to provide the Rotary opportunity to individuals unable to attend noon meetings. These members are Brookings Rotary Club members but will not have the requirement to pay for meals unless they attend Tuesday noon meetings which they are encouraged to do. Their mentors are a Committee of Rotarians who attend as possible.



LTC Steve Sewell

LTC Steve Sewell is the Professor of Military Science at SDSU. He is also a 1998 SDSU graduate who received his commission in the Army from the same program he is now in charge of. A native of Webster, SD, LTC Sewell has been serving in the Army and Army National Guard for over 26 years. He has served in seven different countries to include Afghanistan where he was an Embedded Trainer with the Afghan National Army. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from SDSU, a master's degree from BHSU and is currently working on his second master's degree at the University of Louisville.

Please greet LTC Sewell at Rotary. He is the newest member of Brookings Rotary.



December Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Dec 4.....Lasagna
Dec 11.....Aramark @ PAC
 Dec 18.....Turkey
 Dec 25.....NO MEETING

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!