



The Cog



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June Programs

Kelsey Doom - Program Coordinator for June

- Jun 7 Dusty Rodiek, Park & Rec Dir.....**meet at Bandshell in Pioneer Park**
- Jun 14 Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce.....Downtown at Sundown
- Jun 21 Dwaine Chapel.....Research Park at SDSU
- Jun 28 Bonny Specker & Brianna Doran.....Brookings City Councilors

June Sergeant at Arms will be the illustrious Deb DeBates.

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



June 7 meeting will be at the **bandshell in Pioneer Park** due to the election utilizing the Activity Center. There will be no ZOOM available and we sincerely apologize.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE

And That's The Way it Is...

Many of us long for the days when the evening news was delivered by "Uncle Walter." Walter Cronkite brought us the news objectively and focused on accuracy, summarizing the day with that famous line "and that's the way it is." And so, as I "sign off" after being President of the Rotary Club of Brookings for almost 2 full years, let me dwell on the way it is.

We have a great Rotary club because we have great people as members! People like Gregg Jongeling, who, with Jackie Lanning and Jim Gilkerson, organizes the food, sets up the tables, and fires up the Zoom each week. (Gregg also edits our monthly COG, where you probably first read about many of our Club activities!) It is great because of Del Johnson, our Club Secretary, who is meticulous in his documenting of attendance, board meetings, and member status. It is great because of Chad Vilhauer, our diligent Treasurer. It is great because we have people who step up to serve on the Board of Directors, who step up to be future officers, and who volunteer for the projects organized by Michael Gonda.

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June Service Anniversaries

6-21-66	Harry Jones	56 yrs	6-24-14	Toby Uecker	8 yrs
6-07-76	Paul Moriarty	46 yrs	6-13-17	Isaiah Crevier	5 yrs
			6-16-20	Ann Volin	2 yr



(President's message continued)

It is great because of Millie Juel, who leads us in music each week. Many thanks to Nicole Rawden who sends out our weekly meeting reminders and works so hard for District 5610.

We have a great group that assembles every Tuesday, and also on Thirsty Thursdays. And I cannot thank Kay Norton enough for all she does to publicize our good works and keep "President Don" on the right page. Thank you all!

We will continue to be a great club because Erich Olson is going to be our President on July 1, and Yvette Campbell will be President-Elect. Our members will embrace their leadership and encourage them throughout their terms, just as they have me. The future looks bright, indeed, and we will continue to be a great club!

It's been an interesting two years as we came out of COVID, started meeting again, and re-energized our community service. We lost a few members who decided not to return. I feel bad about that, but I'm confident that we will build our membership numbers moving forward.

Kay and I had the opportunity to meet comedian Red Skelton a few times. You may recall that at the end of his TV show he always said, "Good night, and may God Bless." I like that sign off, too...

President Don

Two years 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!**"

PLANTING THE ROTARY GARDEN AT McCRORY GARDENS

On Monday June 6 from 9-11AM Brookings Rotarians will be involved in planting the Rotary Garden at McCrory. Please call Don Norton for info and to volunteer to help.

Call 309-259-0047 Don Norton



Wedding Anniversaries for June

Jun 1.....Mylo & Lillian Hellickson	Jun 20.....Jim & Krista Ducker
Jun 5.....Alan & Jerri Rogers	Jun 20.....Vern & Cathrene Voelzke
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 16.....Don & Linda Crowe	Jun 30..... Larry & Marcia Janssen
	Jun 30.....Gregg & Vi Jongeling

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in May

Yvette Campbell	Lisa Hager	Kay Norton
Steve Carnes	Del Johnson	Don Norton
Lewayne Erickson	Gregg Jongeling	Erich Olson
Jim Gilkerson	Millie Juel	Ginger Thomson
Michael Gonda	Mary Kidwiler	Toby Uecker
	Jim Klinker	Chad Vilhauer

June Meal Schedule

June 7.....Hy-Vee burgers & brats (at Pioneer Park bandshell)
June 14.....Firehouse subs
June 21.....Pizza Ranch pizza
June 28.....Hy-Vee sandwich bar



Members of the Brookings Rotary Club gathered for their May “Thirsty Thursday” social hour at Cubby’s, gathering dozens of coats, snow pants, boots and other winter apparel for all ages. The donations were given to the Brookings Salvation Army “Share the Warmth” program in anticipation of next year’s community need for warm outerwear.

The smiling Rotarians (and friends and children) celebrating shown are Gregg Jongeling, Brad and Camden Blaha, Michael Gonda, Don Norton, Marcia Janssen, Deb DeBates, Dan Little, Jim Ducker, Mary Kidwiler, Larry Janssen, Kay Norton and Vi Jongeling.



Lisa Hager was presented with her Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) award and also was recognized as a Paul Harris Plus One at the same time. Congratulations to her!!

At the June 31st recognition ceremony Past President Jennifer Soma, President Don Norton and Dist. Foundation Chair Dan Little presented PHF recognition to Steve Pohl, Deb DeBates, Doug Malo, Jackie Lanning, Caleb Hight, Ben Hauck, Kelsey Doom and Chad Vilhauer making Brookings Rotary a 100% PHF club!!

And just in.....Over 285 boxes of cereal were delivered to the Brookings Backpack Project on Friday June 3. Thanks to Dacotah Bank for being the collection site and to Brookings Home Team for the use of their truck. Thanks to Optimists, Kiwanians, Lions & Rotarians for making this a successful project.

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

2022 Brookings Rotary Club Students of the Month for February, March and April

<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Noah Stremmel</p>		<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Jaxon Bowes</p>	
<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Nicholas Diersen</p>		<p>Brookings High School:</p> <p>Jensi Jensen</p>	

Brookings High School seniors were honored this spring as Students of the Month by the Brookings Rotary Club.

Jaxon Bowes and Nicholas Diersen were honored in February. Bowes, the son of Jason and RaeAnn Bowes, was active in football (team captain, Reserve State Champion), wrestling (team captain, Regional Champion 170-lbs) and FFA, and participated in FCA and High School Rodeo. Named to Academic All-State in football and wrestling all four years, he was a member of National Honor Society and Monogram Club.

Diersen, the son of Matt and Cindy Diersen, was active in cross country (named Most Inspirational and Most Improved), track and field (Most Inspirational), choir, vocal jazz and the high school musical. He also was inducted into the National Honor Society and planned to attend either SDSU or USD.

Olivia Foster and Noah Stremmel were honored in March. Foster, the daughter of Hillari and Michael Foster, was active in theatre, speech and debate, choir, orchestra and vocal jazz, and participated in Brookings Community Theatre. She was named to the honor roll every year, was a Presidential Scholar, an AP Scholar and a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Foster accepted an offer to attend the University of Texas at Dallas where she plans to major in global business with a potential minor or double major including vocal performance.

Stremmel, the son of Joan Riessen and Andrew Stremmel, was active in marching band, jazz band, concert band, choir, jazz choir and the high school musical. In the community he participated in the Feeding Brookings Task Force and in his church as a pianist and choir accompanist. A BHS Marching Band Drum Major, he was named to All-State Band, All-State Jazz Band, All-State Choir, South Dakota Senior Honor Choir, South Dakota Junior Honor Choir, and was the MTNA Senior Woodwind winner. At the time of his Rotary recognition, he planned to attend either St. Olaf or Gustavus Adolphus to study computer science and music.

Reem Khalaf Mohammed and Jensi Jensen were honored by the Rotary Club in April. Mohammed, the daughter of Moustafa and Naglaa Mohammed, was active in orchestra and the arts at BHS. She was named to the National Society of High School Scholars and the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Mohammed plans to study human biology at SDSU and then attend medical school.

Jensen, the daughter of Mike and Joy Jensen, participated in choir, marching band (flute section leader and woodwind captain), concert band, orchestra, vocal jazz and the high school musical. She also was inducted into the National Honor Society and Thespians and was active in speech and debate and track. Jensen was named an alternate to All-State Choir and was selected as Marching Band Best Female Musician. She received the Music Scholar Award, was a varsity scholar athlete, a national qualifier for Worlds School Debate and earned a 4.0+ Honor Roll seven semesters. Jensen was an active member of her church youth group, and an award-winning figure skater, performing through the Brookings Figure Skating Club. She plans to attend Gustavus Adolphus to major in math/data science and minor in music.