



# The Cog

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## August Programs

### Erich Olson - Program Coordinator for August

Aug 2.....Nancy Moose.....Rotary Study Exchanges  
Aug 9.....Steve Harrington.....District Convention  
Aug 16.....Dr. Willis and Pat Sutliff.....Rotary Friendship Exchanges  
Aug 23.....Watertown Rotarians.....Safari and School of St. Jude  
Aug 30.....Stacey Kutil, Steve Sikorsky, Duane Waack.....Hope Haven

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

14 Don Larson  
21 Doug Miller  
28 Barry Dunn

August Sgt. at Arms will be a repeat of Dave Odens.



### BROOKINGS ROTARY CLUB NEW LEADERSHIP

Erich Olson, newly installed president of the Brookings Rotary Club, receives the gavel from outgoing president Don Norton, who was thanked for his 2021-22 service and presented with a frequently coveted and highly illuminated pen.



President Olson's first order of business was installing the board members/officers. President-Elect Yvette Campbell, Secretary Del Johnson, Treasurer Chad Vilhauer, Sgt. At Arms Gregg Jongeling, and board members Ann Volin, Michael Gonda, and Jen Olson w/ Past President Don Norton.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST

### August Speakers to Showcase International Side of Rotary

I personally selected the speakers this month after having the good pleasure of meeting these individuals at district events over the course of the last year. My goal in arranging this slate of speakers was to share with our club the many opportunities available to Rotarians to learn about, experience, and impact our world. They will be discussing opportunities for upcoming Rotary Study and Rotary Friendship exchanges, service opportunities, and most importantly their own experiences. With much of the world opened back up and the kinks slowly getting worked out of traveling, hopefully some of us will get to take advantage of these opportunities. Later, in October we will also be hearing from our very own Ginger Thomson about her friendship exchange to Sweden.

I would encourage you to start to make plans to attend the 5610 District Conference in Sioux City this September 22-24. Sioux City is only 2 hours away (Deadwood the site of last year's conference was 6 hours away!) and these district events are a great way to meet other Rotarians, share ideas, and get energized about all Rotary is and does. Sorry I was unable to be at last week's meeting when District Governor John Schneider and his wife Carol made their way to Brookings.

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### August Service Anniversaries

8-04-86 Darrell DeBoer 36 yrs	8-30-94 Doug Malo 28 yrs	
8-30-94 James Gilkerson 28 yrs	8-22-05 David Reynolds 17 yrs	



*(President's message continued)*

A special thanks to all who were there to receive and listen to DG Schneider's message. Special thanks to Don who led the meeting and arranged for John to be on the air with Bob; Gregg who made sure pork was on the menu; and special thanks to Michael Gonda who arranged a tour of the "almost new" SDSU swine research unit.

The reason for my absence was a previously planned family vacation to Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota. The older I get the more I enjoy time with my family without the interruptions of the modern world. Approximately half our trip found us in areas with no cell phone reception for days at a time, which after the stunning scenery, was possibly the best part of the trip! Service Above Self, Erich Olson

### ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS BROOKINGS CLUB

John Schneider is a fourth-generation farmer on his family farm in Northwest Iowa, near Le Mars. His great grandfather emigrated from Denmark to homestead their century farm. John has been raising pigs since age ten as a 4-H member with the exception of the years he was a student at Iowa State University where he earned a BS degree in Farm Operations and became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho social/professional fraternity. Growing up, John was active in FFA in high school and was elected as a State FFA Vice-President his senior year in high school. In addition to his lifelong career in pork production, John served a term as Plymouth County Supervisor. He has also spent most of the last 20 years in the banking industry as an agricultural loan officer and as a real estate evaluator.



John has been a Rotarian for 35 years and values the opportunity to live life through Service Above Self. His community involvement extends beyond Rotary including activities with the local chamber of commerce, economic development board, 50-year member of the Le Mars Municipal Band, church, historical museum and agriculture organizations. John has served as president of the Le Mars Rotary club twice and has for ten years managed the club's drug store ice cream shop at the Plymouth County Fair. He was also Assistant Governor for Area 9 and was District Conference Chairman in 2017.

John and his wife, Carol, have a daughter and son and five grandchildren all living in Iowa. They enjoy traveling and visiting places of historical interest including railroad and model railroad sites.

### Wedding Anniversaries for August

Aug 3 .....Gerard & Jean Moriarty	Aug 18.....Wesley & Lois Tschetter
Aug 4.....Darrell & Ruth DeBoer	Aug 19.....Zeno & Roxanne Wicks
Aug 6.....Ben & Erika Hauck	Aug 20.....Jason & Rachel Flaskey
Aug 7.....Ronold & Jan Tesch	Aug 22.....Isaiah & Julia Crevier
Aug 14.....Steve & Kim Carnes	Aug 24.....Stephen & Kathy Pohl
Aug 14.....James & Ardis Johnson	Aug 26.....Harry & Helen Jones
Aug 16.....Mitch & Ashley Steinhoff	Aug 27.....Roger & Diane DeGroot
Aug 18.....Doug & Mary Miller	

### The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in July

Brad Blaha	Del Johnson	Kay Norton
Yvette Campbell	Gregg Jongeling	Erich Olson
Steve Carnes	Millie Juel	Toby Uecker
Jim Gilkerson	Dan Little	Chad Vilhauer
Michael Gonda	Don Norton	

### August Meals (for those signed up)

Aug 2.....	Pizza Ranch Chicken
Aug 9.....	Pizza Ranch Pizza
Aug 16.....	HyVee Sandwich Bar
Aug 23.....	Qdoba Hot Bar
Aug 30.....	Firehouse Subs



All Brookings Rotarians who were club members in 2020 were part of the “100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club” designation. Those available for a photo at this week’s celebration meeting included, from left: Dan Little, District 5610 Foundation Chair; Jennifer Soma, 2020 Club President; Steve Pohl; Deb DeBates; Doug Malo; Jackie Lanning; Kaleb Hight; Ben Hauck; Kelsey Doom; Chad Vilhauer; and 2021-22 Club President Don Norton.



Several Rotarians were recognized for updated Paul Harris Plus status. Pictured from left are: Past Club President Jennifer Soma; Dan Little, District 5610 Foundation Chair and Paul Harris+7; Mary Kidwiler, +1; Jim Gilkerson, +2; Wes Tschetter, +3; Gregg Jongeling, +5; and 2021-22 Club President Don Norton.



New Paul Harris Fellow+1 receiving her certificate and pin was Lisa Hager, second from left, flanked by Past President Jennifer Soma; District 5610 Foundation Chair Dan Little; and Club President Don Norton.



2021-22 Club President Don Norton congratulates Brian Gatzke on his being named a Paul Harris Fellow Plus 8.

### Brookings Club Takes the Lead on End Human Trafficking Global Grant

The Rotary Club of Brookings voted last year to take the lead role in a District 5610 Rotary Global Grant aimed at ending human trafficking. Unlike other efforts such as billboards that focus on reporting suspected trafficking and target individuals who believe they are being trafficked, the proposed project will focus on creating resiliency in South Dakota communities that will **prevent** individuals from being trafficked. It is a preemptive approach.

The essence of the proposal is to train individuals who will then inform businesses in targeted South Dakota communities on how to combat Adverse Childhood Experiences – ACEs – which are known precursors of human trafficking. The goal is to certify businesses and communities as “Resilient.” Rotarians will be needed to be trained as presenters and reach out to businesses. The proposal is in the review stage and will be submitted for international partnership in Fall 2022. Partners include the Children’s Home Society and the Center for Prevention of Child Maltreatment in South Dakota. For more information and to express an interest in participation, please contact Past President Don Norton at [donnorton75@gmail.com](mailto:donnorton75@gmail.com) .





2021-22 Club President Don Norton congratulates Rotarians Erich Olson and Toby Uecker on being named Paul Harris Fellows.



Pictured receiving recognition from Club President Erich Olson are Ann Volin (above) and Yvette Campbell (below) on their Paul Harris Fellow Awards.



### **NEW MEMBER DON GOFF**

Don Goff, left, IT Manager for the City of Brookings, was welcomed into membership of the Brookings Rotary Club by President Erich Olson. Goff was relatively new to his city position in 2021 when Rotarians resumed in-person meetings after COVID restrictions were lifted, and he was instrumental in helping to upgrade internet access to the city-operated Brookings Activity Center. This enabled the Club to continue to offer meetings in a hybrid format, using Zoom as an option for members who chose to participate virtually instead of in-person.

