



THE COG



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October Programs

Teree Nesvold -- Program Coordinator for October

Oct 2...District Governor Dave Lorenz.....Official Club Visit
 Oct 9...Brookings Drug Court.....Graduate.....Family Member
 Oct 16...Eastern Plains Sexual Assault Task Force..... presentation
 Oct 23.. Mark Sternhagen...Polio Survivor & author of Normal for Me
 Oct 30.....Club Assembly.....

October Sergeant at Arms is the affable Larry Janssen.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Jesse Ronning
 4 Darrell DeBoer
 5 Dan Carlson
 13 Darla Biel
 19 James Johnson
 21 Nicole Rawden
 22 Della Tschetter
 23 Jennifer Soma
 27 Jennifer Olson
 30 Don Evenson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

Over the time that I have become more involved in Rotary, I have heard guests, visitors, students and others ask, "What is Rotary"? My question to each of you is, how do you answer that question when it is posed to you? Do you say, it is a "service club" that does good things for others? Do you say that we meet weekly and have lunch and some great programs? Do you say that we do "good" things for others in the Brookings community to help those who are less fortunate than others? The truth is that Rotary is all of these things and so much more.

I struggle to give a great description of Rotary that is concise, to the point and doesn't take 15 minutes to explain to someone that is not familiar with Rotary, much like I would guess many of us do. The more I learn about "our" organization, the more I discover that there is so much more to Rotary. At every turn I discover a new program or something someone is doing to address an issue that confronts them, their community, country or the world. It may be addressing bullying or promoting education to help others grow out of poverty and conflict. It might be improving the health of mothers and children in other parts of the world. It might be constructing wells and water systems to provide clean potable water for villages in remote areas. It might be promoting peace through fellowships and education to those areas of the world in deep conflict.

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SPECIAL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING

Sunday night, Oct 7, at 6:30 PM Brookings Rotary will hold a regular meeting at the Activity Center with a soup and sandwich meal catered by Hy-Vee. This is your opportunity to meet and hear from our visiting Swedish Friendship Exchange Group. Please come and get acquainted with this wonderful group of ROTARIANS. Brookings Rotarians, spouses and guests are most welcome.



October Anniversaries

15 Greg & Lora Fargen
 21 Robin & Matt Buterbaugh
OBVIOUSLY NOT A POPULAR MONTH FOR WEDDINGS!!

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October Service Anniversaries

10-30-79 Del Johnson	39 yrs	10-17-00 Della Tschetter	18 yrs
10-01-87 Larry Janssen	31 yrs	10-30-01 Mildred Juel	17 yrs
10-27-98 Craig Johnson	20 yrs	10-24-14 Kaleb Hight	4 yrs
10-27-98 Peggy Miller	20 yrs	10-04-16 Jennifer Soma	2 yrs



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The other thing that I have learned is that this question is a very personal one to each of us. We all became Rotarians for various reasons. Our reasons may be that we wanted to have a group to have lunch with on Tuesdays or we want to see the great programs that are presented, or we want to expand our network within the community or we want to be able to help those in our community and world that are in need of some type of assistance. Some of us may want to see other parts of the world through a friendship exchange or to have the opportunity to host a student from another country. Some of us may want to support the work of the Rotary Foundation throughout the world and some of us may want to be part of a team that undertakes a humanitarian effort somewhere in the world. Rotary is all of these things and so much more. If you have a passion for something and want to make a difference, through Rotary, you can find a way to help fulfill that passion. Just reach out and find the way to meet not only your need, but to help others in need as well.

So the question that I ask each of us to consider is, how will I answer the question, "What is Rotary"? **How will you answer the next person that asks you this question?**

Yours in Rotary, Steve

Dr. Dan Little will serve as District Governor Nominee and will become District Governor in the 2020-21 Rotary year. This means that in two and a half years Brookings will be hosting the District 5610 Conference. Please be willing to volunteer for the many opportunities that will be available to assist in putting on the conference/celebration which will most likely be held in April of 2021.

ROTARIAN OF DISTINCTION FOR 2018

Congratulations to REVA JOHNSON for being selected in the 2018 inaugural group of **Rotarians of Distinction** at the District 5610 Conference / Celebration held last week in Vermillion. The Rotarians of Distinction Award is presented to individuals who through service to their Rotary Club and community have distinguished themselves, even among all Rotarians who strive to place service above self. The 2018 inaugural group of recipients have traveled different paths in their Rotary service, but those paths have all resulted in a record of service that identifies them as **ROTARIANS OF DISTINCTION**. Nominated by then Assistant Governor Dan Little, Reva was one of only ten Rotarians from District 5610 to be so honored this year.



The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in September

Keith Bartels	Gary Gramm	Jenn Olson
Brad Blaha	Nadim Hassoun	Carol Peterson
Robin Buterbaugh	Ben Hauck	Nicole Rawden
Steve Carnes	Jim Johnson	Fred Rittershaus
Debra DeBates	Gregg Jongeling	Rod Schaefer
Lewayne Erickson	Millie Juel	Dick Smith
Larry Fjeldos	Tom Manzer	Toby Uecker
Dave Gilkerson	Teree Nesvold	Vern Voelzke
Michael Gonda	Erich Olson	Rich Widman

October Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Oct	2	.....	Fried Chicken
Oct	7 (Sun 6:30 PM)	...	Soup/Sand
Oct	9	.....	Taco Bar
Oct	16	.....	Lasagna
Oct	23	.....	BBQ Beef Sandwich
Oct	30	.....	Roast Turkey

