



The Cog

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**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

JULY 2021

July Programs

Ann Volin - Program Coordinator for July

July 6...Darla Biel.....Brookings Rotary Club 2021-22 President
 July 13 ...Craig Pahl.....Brookings Community Garden
 July 20...Robin Buterbaugh/Jennifer McLaughlin....Bkgs. Sustainability Council
 July 27...Barry Dunn.....SDSU President

JULY BIRTHDAYS

11 Jeni Norwood
 17 Mylo Hellickson
 17 Del Johnson
 22 Jim Ducker

July Sergeant at Arms is the amicable David Odens!!



Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization open to all. There are over **35,000 member clubs worldwide**, with a membership of **1.2 million individuals**.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JULY

Happy July, Fellow Rotarians! Just like that, a new Rotary year has begun!

A few months ago, Past-President Don Norton gave me the opportunity to share a little about my Rotary journey, and I chose to start at the very beginning—back to my hometown of Sharon Springs, KS, located in Wallace County, that borders Colorado and is home to the highest point in the state, Mt. Sunflower.



Sharon Springs is also home to the Wallace County Free Fair, a three-day community event that draws families from all over Western Kansas—mostly *not* for the turtle races and rodeo and demolition derby, although those are fun, too—but primarily for the home-owned and operated carnival.

Step right up! Ride tickets are just 25 cents!

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July Service Anniversaries

7-27-65	Bruce Lushbough	56 yrs	7-27-10	Barry Dunn	11 yrs
7-15-75	Van Fishback	46 yrs	7-16-13	Ben Hauck	8 yrs
7-02-02	Greg Fargen	19 yrs	7-22-14	Michael Gonda	7 yrs
7-15-03	Dean Kattelmann	18 yrs	7-11-17	Darla Biel	4 yrs
7-27-04	Jim Klinker	17 yrs	7-03-18	Keith Bartels	3 yr
7-28-09	Cathrene Voelzke	12 yrs			

(President's message continued)

I am proud to say that my father, himself a Rotarian, was a founding member of the Wallace County Amusement Association that had the idea to buy retired carnival rides, fix them up over the winter months, and bring them out during fair week to provide a low-cost, fun event for families while also raising funds for the Senior Center, the fairground's upkeep, and the swimming pool. Another benefit was the friendships that were strengthened as community members worked together to bring a shared vision to life. The first ride the Association purchased and refurbished was a Ferris Wheel that the community dubbed "The Big Apple." It still operates today, almost 35 years later!

I am proud to be my father's daughter and to have learned community service, collaboration, and future visioning from him. I am proud to be a Rotarian and to serve with all of you, but just like Ferris Wheel cars that go up around together, my year as your Club President will not happen in isolation. "My 2021-22 car" follows the excellent leadership of Past-President Don, and when this year is over, President-Elect Erich will be right behind to carry our next initiatives forward. I am thankful for the structure of Rotary International and District 5610, and for all the parts in the wheel that each of you play. Together, we will move through the year, serving our community and creating stronger friendships in the process. And I bet we'll even have some fun! See you on Tuesdays!

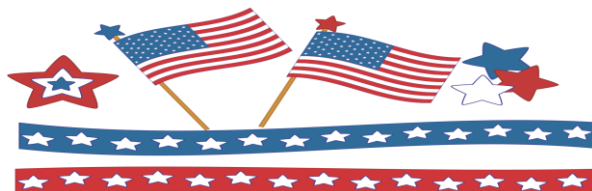
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PRESIDENT Darla Biel
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QUESTIONS?? COMMENTS!!
DARLA WANTS TO HEAR
FROM YOU!!!!!!



Wedding Anniversaries for July

July 3.....Nadim & Seham Hassoun	July 20.....Teree & Daniel Nesvold
July 9Van & Barbara Fishback	July 22.....Bruce & Ila Lushbough
July 11.....Rich & Jennifer Widman	July 23.....Darla Biel & Marc Serrett
July 13.....Jackie & Tony Lanning	July 23.....Keith & Glynn Bartels
July 15.....Don & Kay Norton	July 24.....David & Diane Odens
July 17.....Della & Craig Tschetter	July 30.....Barry & Jane Dunn

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in June

Yvette Campbell	Del Johnson	Kay Norton
Steve Carnes	Gregg Jongeling	Dave Odens
Lewayne Erickson	Doug Miller	Dick Smith
Jim Gilkerson	Don Norton	Chad Vilhauer



July Meals (on your own)
 Bring your own lunch. Complimentary coffee and water is available on site.
 There seems to be very little agreement on what the strength of the coffee should be, however!



Brookings Rotary Club Plants the Rotary Garden at McCrory Gardens

With the able assistance of McCrory Gardens staff, Rotarians Reva Johnson, Michael Gonda and Della Tschetter planted the renewed Rotary Garden plot. The Gardens updated the site last year with funds donated by our Rotary Club.



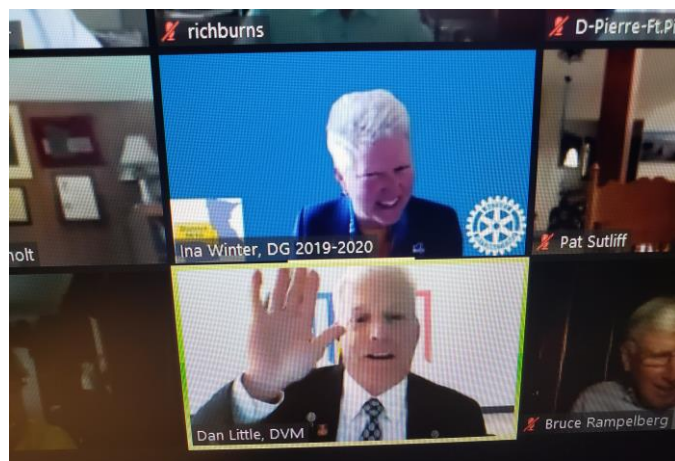
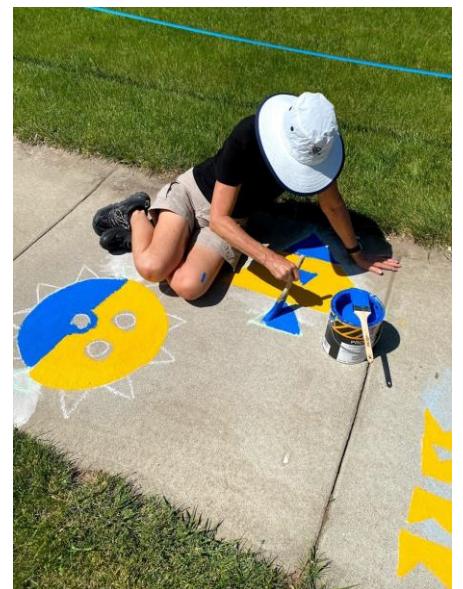
BROOKINGS ROTARY CLUB JOINED UNITED WAY “BORN LEARNING TRAILS” PROJECT

BROOKINGS – Last summer installation was completed on two “Born Learning Trails” in Hillcrest and McClellans Parks, thanks to support from the Brookings Rotary Club and the Brookings Area United Way.

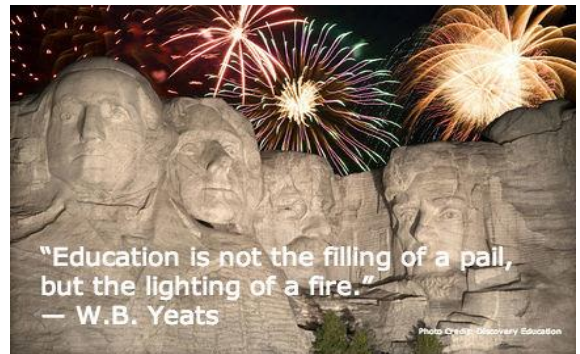
Born Learning Trails are a series of 10 reinforced signs that offer fun, evidence-based learning activities for young children and their families and are a source of free outdoor play in the community.

Funding for the project was made possible by a donation from the Brookings Rotary Club, this year celebrating its 100th year, as well as a grant from Rotary District 5610, the Brookings Area United Way, and labor from the Brookings Park District and local Rotarians.

Reva Johnson is pictured renewing the paint scheme for the Born Learning Trail in late May 2021. Michael Gonda also helped.



Our own Dr. Dan Little served as District Governor for District 5610 (yr 20-21) under the restrictions of COVID 19. With assistance from his officers and committee chairs the District had a successful year!!



Brookings Rotarians were honored to be entertained by Miss South Dakota and former Miss South Dakotans at a June meeting.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies



Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Vision statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.