



THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

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February Programs

Teree Nesvold ---- Program Coordinator for February

Feb 2...Brian Ardry.....President/CEO of ADVANCE Brookings
 Feb 9...Dan McColley.....Director, Habitat for Humanity Brookings
 Feb 16...Taylor Funke.....211 Helpline
 Feb 23...Craig Pahl, Mary O'Neill, Teree Nesvold.....BKX Empowerment Proj.

February Sergeant at Arms will be the extremely likable Brad Blaha.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 Carey Bretsch
 11 Roger DeGroot
 12 Victoria Blatchford
 13 Richard Wahlstrom
 13 Paul Briseno
 15 Stephen Pohl
 21 Larry Janssen
 22 Robert Fishback
 23 Keith Bartels
 25 Gerard Moriarty

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

Don't just survive – THRIVE!

Leadership is an interesting phenomenon, especially in challenging times. As the CEO of the South Dakota Agricultural & Rural Leadership Foundation, I've done quite a bit of research on characteristics of great leaders. A common thread among successful leaders can be summed up in one word: perseverance.

One definition of perseverance is "continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition." You know some of the stories of famous individuals who have persevered:

- Walt Disney was fired from a Kansas City newspaper because his boss thought he lacked creativity. The company that bears his name is now one of the biggest media organizations in the world with a net worth of \$130 billion;
- Author J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* book was rejected by 12 publishers. She's now the second-richest female entertainer on the planet, behind Oprah;
- Thomas Edison's teachers called him "stupid" and "unteachable." He went on to obtain 1,093 patents for groundbreaking inventions like the light bulb.

Author Angela Duckworth wrote a book called "Grit." She defines grit as "passion with sustained persistence." This is what I think of when I think of the Rotary Club of Brookings. We have grit!

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President Don presented Mayor Corbett with an Honorary Brookings Rotarian certificate.



President Don presented Reva Johnson with her Paul Harris plus 8. Rotarians can also join the Paul Harris Society by pledging \$1000 annually.

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February Service Anniversaries



2-01-76	Douglas Miller	45 yrs	2-22-11	Don Evenson	10 yrs
2-14-84	David Odens	37 yrs	2-05-19	Lisa Hager	2 yrs
2-17-87	Gregg Jongeling	34 yrs	2-18-20	Laura Hasselquist	1 yr

(President's message continued)

Our passion is "Service above Self," and our persistence occurs each week when we gather on the Zoom meeting to discuss our community and how we can best serve in light of a global pandemic. Some Rotary Clubs are not meeting at this time, believing the essence of Rotary springs from the fellowship of in-person gatherings. But that's not possible at this time... so in Brookings, we choose to lead – to persevere until we're clear to meet in-person again. And we've continued to serve our community with a dozen service projects involving more than one-third of our members.

So let's not just survive the pandemic – let's thrive! Join in our project to stock Jack's Cupboard at SDSU this month, and keep tuning in to the weekly meetings and learn how perseverance pays off. Don

Jack's Cupboard at SDSU combats food insecurity by ensuring that students who struggle financially to purchase food are provided this free resource supported by students, faculty and staff. It is available to all students with a student ID. It also has a variety of winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves for students to pick up. **Brookings Rotary will be having a food & clothing drive to support Jack's Cupboard in Feb.**



SD Governor's
Proclamation
Brookings Rotary
Club Day
Feb 1, 2020



**BROOKINGS
ROTARY
CLUB
1920 – 2020
100 YRS OF SERVICE**

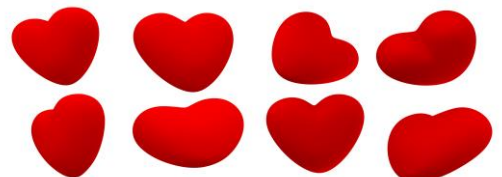


101 years of SERVICE ABOVE SELF

February 1, 1920 was the date of the Brookings Rotary Club Charter. January 28, 2020, Brookings Rotary celebrated 100 years of Service Above Self including receiving a proclamation from Ina Winter, District Governor and Keith Corbett, Brookings Mayor. Governor of SD Kristi Noem declared Feb 1, 2020 as Brookings Rotary Club Day. **Thanks to COVID 19** our club has been unable to hold the planned Centennial Celebrations. We all hope the day will come sometime this year when we can celebrate our Rotary Centennial properly.

Wedding Anniversaries for February

Feb 12Jim & Gayle Klinker



The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in January

Keith Bartels	Bob Fishback	Teree Nesvold
Darla Biel	Larry Janssen	Don Norton
Nicole Biever	Marcia Janssen	Kay Norton
Brad Blaha	Del Johnson	Nicole Rawden
Steve Carnes	Gregg Jongeling	Richard Smith
Darrell DeBoer	Millie Juel	Jennifer Soma
Jim Ducker	Bruce Lushbough	Della Tschetter
Lewayne Erickson	Doug Miller	Chad Vilhauer

February Meal Schedule (your house)

Feb 2.....	Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwich
Feb 9.....	Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwich
Feb 16.....	Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwich
Feb 23.....	Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwich