



# THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

**FEBRUARY 2016**

## February Programs

**David Merhib -- Program Coordinator for February**

Feb 2.....Tara Mills & Jo Kephardt.....Boys & Girls Club Teen Center  
 Feb 9.....Kyle Bender.....Falcon Plastics  
 Feb 16.....Karla Bautista.....Update on the Swiftel Center  
 Feb 23.....Ryan Krogman.....Chairman, Brookings County Commission

February Sergeant at Arms is the masterful, mindful Mylo Hellickson.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9 David Gilkerson  
 10 Carey Bretsch  
 12 Victoria Blatchford  
 13 Richard Wahlstrom  
 14 Duane Sander  
 15 Stephen Pohl  
 21 Larry Janssen  
 22 Michael Bartley  
 22 Robert Fishback  
 25 Gerard Moriarty  
 26 Terry Spitzenberger

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

Greeting Rotarians!

January was a big month for me personally. We welcomed our first child, Kemper, into the world on January 21. Little Kemper was born a very healthy 7 lbs., 13 oz. The fact that we were able to have a healthy baby, in great hospital facilities, with wonderful doctors and nurses shows how lucky we are to be born in America. One of the six avenues of service that the Rotary Foundation focuses on is saving mothers and children. More than 7 million children die annually due to malnutrition, poor healthcare and inadequate sanitation. I know that a part of every dollar I give to the Rotary Foundation will go to ensure someone else is able to give their child vaccinations and antibiotics to ensure they have a healthy newborn. As we celebrated the day of our child's birth last month, we have another exciting birthday during February. On February 23, we celebrate the 111<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rotary. During the past 111 years, Rotary has made a difference worldwide. On February 8 we will make a difference in the Brookings community by serving a hot meal at the Harvest Table. If you have not had a chance to sign up to help you can contact me directly or sign up at the February 2 meeting. Harvest Table is not only a great opportunity to serve the community, it is also a great way to socialize and network with your fellow Rotarians.

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### Service opportunities in Rotary:

**Feb 8 Harvest Table will be served by Brookings Rotary-- for information or to sign up contact Brad Blaha at 507-456-2482 (if you signed up, thanks. See you there)**

**Rotary Board meets on Feb 22 at 5:30 in Rm 150 of Ag Hall. All members are welcome.**

**Rotary Leadership Institute March 11-12 on SDSU Campus. This is a wonderful opportunity to network and learn more about Rotary right in your own town. See Brad for Information.**

**Presidents-Elect Training (PET) is April 15-16 in Mitchell. All club officers are invited to attend. Contact President-Elect Dan Little for more information. (605-695-3732)**

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## February Service Anniversaries

2-01-76 Douglas Miller	40 yrs	2-17-09 Suzanne Hegg	7 yrs
2-14-84 David Odens	32 yrs	2-22-11 Don Evenson	5 yrs
2-17-87 Gregg Jongeling	29 yrs		



Brookings Rotary recognizes BHS students Erica and Heidi Bien were recognized as Rotary Students of the Month on Jan 26. They are the daughters of Dr. Matt and Darcie Bien of Brookings. Both are active in school and church activities and are planning to major in biology. They have not chosen a University as of yet.

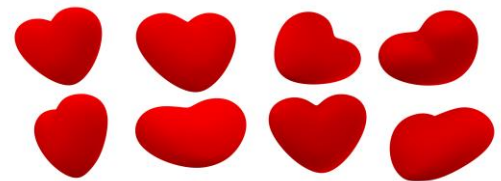
### (President's message continued)

Another opportunity to network with Rotarians from the district is on March 11-12 when we host a Rotary Leadership Institute on the campus of SDSU. This fun and interactive institute is a great way to learn more about Rotary and how other Rotary clubs in the district affect their respective communities. The power of Rotary is not at an international level, the power of Rotary is at the local level. Whether it is serving at Harvest Table, networking at a leadership institute or donating to the Rotary Foundation we have the opportunity to be a "Gift to the World"

Yours in Rotary!  
Brad

### Brookings Rotary's Newest Member

**Steve Carnes**, President of Dacotah Bank in Brookings, is the newest member of the Brookings Rotary Club. Carnes and his wife, Kim, have three grown children and two grandchildren. Carnes is a SDSU graduate with degrees in agricultural business and commercial economics. He attended high school in Beresford. Carnes has been active in Rotary before coming to Brookings. Please greet him as he joins us as a Brookings Rotarian.



### Wedding Anniversaries for February

Feb 10.....	Suzanne & Jim Hegg
Feb 12 .....	Jim & Gayle Klinker
Feb 26 .....	Kate & Craig Treiber
Feb 28.....	Tim & Mary Harvey

### The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in January

Brad Blaha	Craig Johnson	Dan Little
Daniel Carlson	Del Johnson	Doug Malo
Don Crowe	Reva Johnson	Carol Peterson
Lewayne Erickson	Gregg Jongeling	Della Tschetter
Heidi Fields	Mary Kidwiler	Toby Uecker
David Gilkerson	Jim Klinker	Richard Wahlstrom
Alan Gregg	Richard Lee	Jeff Weldon

### February Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Feb 2.....	Chinese
Feb 9.....	Taco Bar
Feb 16.....	2 pc Chicken Dinner
Feb 23.....	Potato Bar