



# THE COG



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**OCTOBER 2015**

## October Programs

David Merhib -- Program Coordinator for October

Oct 6...Ukrainian Delegates.....Open World Leadership Center  
 Oct 13...Heidi Gullickson.....United Way Presentation  
 Oct 20...Peace Lutheran.....Adaptive Reuse of Existing Building  
 Oct 27.. Rick Melmer.....US Education Delivery Institute

October Sergeant at Arms is Jesse Ronning, Esquire.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Jesse Ronning  
 4 Darrell DeBoer  
 5 Dan Carlson  
 19 James Johnson  
 22 Della Tschetter  
 27 Jennifer Olson  
 30 Don Evenson

**THE OCTOBER 20 ROTARY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 1104 22nd Avenue South  
 (There is a health fair at Activity Center that day that requires our move)**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

Greetings Rotarians,

October is an exciting month for Rotary as we celebrate World Polio Day on October 24. Our club will be celebrating World Polio Day a little early during our annual Oktoberfest Social on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 at Wooden Legs Brewery. Seth has promised an "All South Dakota" beer sampling along with turning his kitchen manager, Joe, loose on a host of German appetizers. Cost of the event will be \$25 per person or \$40 per couple, with the proceeds from the event supporting PolioPlus. The evening is limited to the first 50 attendees. If your business is interested in sponsoring a basket for a silent auction please, let me know. The effort to eradicate polio began in 1979, when Rotary clubs started a project to vaccinate 6 million children in the Philippines. It was not until 1985 that eradication of polio became a goal of the whole organization and the PolioPlus campaign was launched to support the eradication of polio worldwide. Since that time, Rotarians have donated more than 1 billion dollars to the cause. When we started PolioPlus, more than 125 countries were facing a polio epidemic.

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## October Anniversaries

14 Brian & Sohee Ardry  
 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	36 yrs	10-17-00	Della Tschetter	15 yrs
10-01-87	Larry Janssen	28 yrs	10-30-01	Mildred Juel	14yrs
10-27-98	Craig Johnson	17 yrs	10-22-13	Pete Carteaux	2 yrs
10-27-98	Peggy Miller	17 yrs			

***(President's message continued)***

Today only two countries have reported polio cases in the past year. We have reduced the number of people diagnosed with polio from approximately 1,000 per day to 41 in 2014. With the commitment of 1.2 million Rotarians from around the world, I am confident many of us will live in a Polio-free world. My fellow Rotarians, when we eradicate this dreadful disease and guarantee no more children will have to be placed into an "iron lung" to survive, we will truly be a Gift to the World.

Brad

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**Rotary Program for October 6 will be the Visiting Ukrainian Leaders**

Six Ukrainian leaders will participate in a number of professional and cultural events while in Brookings Oct. 2-10. These activities have been arranged by the South Dakota World Affairs Council, which arranged similar visits in 2011, 2012 and 2013. These six individuals, who are participating in the Open World Program, will review nongovernmental organizations and civil society development.

Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center, Open World enables emerging Eurasian political and civic leaders to work with their U.S. counterparts and experience American-style democracy at a local level.

Throughout the week, they will listen to presentations and engage in discussion with leaders from a range of private and nonprofit organizations. The delegates, who are employed by nongovernmental organizations in Ukraine, are seeking ideas about fundraising and recruiting and training volunteers.

The delegates arrive in Washington, D.C., Sept. 30 for an orientation that includes a meeting in the office of U.S. Sen. John Thune (R-S .D.).

Their intensive schedule of meetings in Brookings will introduce them to organizations such as the Brookings Economic Development Corporation, South Dakota 4-H , the Children's Museum of South Dakota, the Brookings Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Advance and Brookings Area United Way. They will spend a day at South Dakota State University holding meetings with students who will gain experience in developing a diplomatic relationship using an interpreter. *Editor's note: they will attend ROTARY MEETING OCTOBER 6*

The Open World Leadership Center has awarded a grant to administer this and similar exchanges in 2015. The Open World Program is a unique, nonpartisan initiative of the U.S. Congress designed to build mutual understanding between the United States and Eurasia. More than 19,000 Open World participants have been hosted in all 50 U.S. states since the program's inception in 1999. Delegates range from members of parliament to mayors, from innovative profit directors to experienced journalists, and from political party activists to regional administrators. (Information supplied by Harriet Swedlund who is coordinating the group's visit)

**The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in September**

Michael Bartley	Alan Gregg	Richard Smith
Brad Blaha	Larry Janssen	Ronold Tesch
Don Crowe	Craig Johnson	Cathrene Voelzke
Lewayne Erickson	Gregg Jongeling	Vernon Voelzke
David Gilkerson	Mildred Juel	Richard Wahlstrom
James Gilkerson	Jim Klinker	

**October Meal Schedule (HyVee)**

Oct 6.....	Chinese
Oct 13.....	Taco Bar
Oct 20.....	Lasagna
Oct 27.....	Baked Potato Bar