



# THE COG



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**JANUARY 2020**

### January Programs

**Darla Biel -- Program Coordinator for January**

Jan 7..Nikki Eining...Avera Behavioral Health.Adverse.Childhood Experiences Study  
 Jan 14..Heidi Gullickson..Brookings United Way.....Born Learning Trails  
 Jan 21..SDSU Student Athletes.....Brookings County Mentor Program  
 Jan 28..Rotary members.....Recognition of 100 years of Brookings Rotary Club

January Sergeant at Arms is the very affable and highly efficient Jennifer Olson.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Gilkerson  
 3 David Odens  
 3 Fred Rittershaus  
 6 Brad Wermers  
 8 Rich Widman  
 9 Greg Fargen  
 12 Ronold Tesch  
 18 Carol Peterson

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

#### Happy New Year Rotarians!

Happy New Year! I have put on many miles in the last 6 weeks. Thank you to Steve and Brad for presiding as President. I have flown, driven, and used Lyft for almost 10,000 miles for sports, vacations and work-related trips. From Rapid City to San Antonio, to D.C. and Fairmont, MN twice, and to the U.P. of Michigan and now heading to Rapid City again for Bobcat Basketball. We are so blessed that we live in a country where we are free to move about with ease, but we sure learn more about patience when we travel. We arrive early at airports and functions, to sit or stand in line to wait, and wait, and wait. However, our patience has paid off! I am excited to share that we have submitted our purchase order and have sent the down payment for our Centennial Clock. Many of you have contributed and/or pledged money for this. Thank you!! If you haven't, we will graciously accept your donation. Our goal is to have it installed the week of the Centennial Celebration in May. Save the date- Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at McCrory Gardens. There will be committee meetings in preparation for this celebration. More information will be shared by email and at our weekly meetings. *(continued on back)*

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

**The Rotary Foundation** recognizes members who have donated \$1000 to the Foundation by giving them the designation of Paul Harris Fellow. Members may donate in several ways; directly to the Foundation through the Rotary International website or our club treasurer; by purchasing raffle tickets for the district raffle; or by choosing to have the donation amount added to your quarterly bill. If you're not sure how much you've donated to the Foundation, you can find out by asking Del, or by checking your balance on the Rotary website. If you have any questions, either Del or I can help you with this process. A don't forget, the Brookings Rotary Club makes it even easier by matching 50% of all donations for your first two Paul Harris Fellows!

*Robin Buterbaugh, Foundation Committee Chair*

### January Service Anniversaries

1-03-72	Mylo Hellickson	48 yrs	1-10-06	Robin Buterbaugh	14 yrs
1-01-75	Ronold Tesch	45 yrs	1-22-08	Mary Kidwiler	12 yrs
1-01-94	Don Norton	26 yrs	1-12-10	Brad Blaha	10 yrs
1-24-96	Don Crowe	24 yrs	1-26-16	Steve Carnes	8 yrs
1-01-98	Carey Bretsch	22 yrs	1-01-13	Kelsey Doom	7 yrs
			1-16-18	Karla Eidem	2 yrs



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**ROTORACT CHAPTER REVITALIZED AT SDSU**

About a dozen potential Rotaract members at South Dakota State University showed up for our first official meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Fittingly, the meeting was held in the “Wahlstrom Room” in the Animal Science Complex at SDSU, named in honor of longtime Rotarian Rick Wahlstrom! Jennifer Soma, Kay Norton, Don Norton, Toby Uecker, Michael Gonda, and Nicole Rawden shared with these students the mission of Rotary and how Rotary has impacted their lives. The students then elected a club President, Brittany Kludt. We hope to coordinate more activities and projects in the upcoming semester. If you have questions, Kay Norton and Michael Gonda are serving as co-advisers for Rotaract.



Jennifer Soma and Nicole Rawden (with daughter and SDSU student Cassandra) at SDSU Union for Rotaract info sharing and sign-up.

*(President’s message continued)*

In the next couple of days take time to reflect on the things that went well and not so well from last year. Do you have a word for the year to focus on? My friend shared with me her word for 2020 and it is **Elevate**. I love it! We all do so many things well, but let’s try to take it up at least one notch and elevate ourselves and especially Rotary. Blessings, Jennifer

**Rotary Clock to be a Reality on Main Avenue**

Through the generosity of many Brookings Rotary Club members, a Rotary Clock will be placed on Main Avenue to celebrate 100 years of “Service above Self” to the community.

The ten foot tall clock will have two 24” dials featuring the Rotary International logo. A plaque on the base of the clock will commemorate the Brookings Rotary Club Centennial on February 1, 2020. The cost of the clock is \$16,725. Funds have been raised through generous gifts from many Rotarians, combined with a portion of funds from the Centennial Assessment of the club. Weather permitting, the clock may be installed before the May 17, 2020 centennial celebration event. An early summer installation may be more realistic.

A group of Rotarians worked with Brookings city officials to determine the high visibility location of the clock, which will be on the east side of Main Avenue just north of the Post Office on a small “bump out” into the street.

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the project! Additional contributions will be accepted through June 30. Those wishing to contribute may give a check to Nicole Rawden at upcoming meetings or you may utilize the Brookings Foundation to donate with a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD). Here is the address for you to forward to your Financial Advisor when utilizing a QCD:

Brookings Foundation  
1028 7th Avenue  
Brookings, SD 57006

Please indicate that this is for the “Rotary Clock”



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

Brad Blaha	Mylo Hellickson	Rod Schaefer
Steve Carnes	Larry Janssen	Steve Sewell
Roger DeGroot	Marcia Janssen	Della Tschetter
Lewayne Erickson	Del Johnson	Wes Tschetter
Bob Fishback	Gregg Jongeling	Toby Uecker
Michael Gonda	Jim Klinker	Cathy Voelzke
Gary Gramm	Dan Little	Rick Wahlstrom
Alan Gregg	Doug Malo	Zeno Wicks
Lisa Hager	Nicole Rawden	Rich Widman

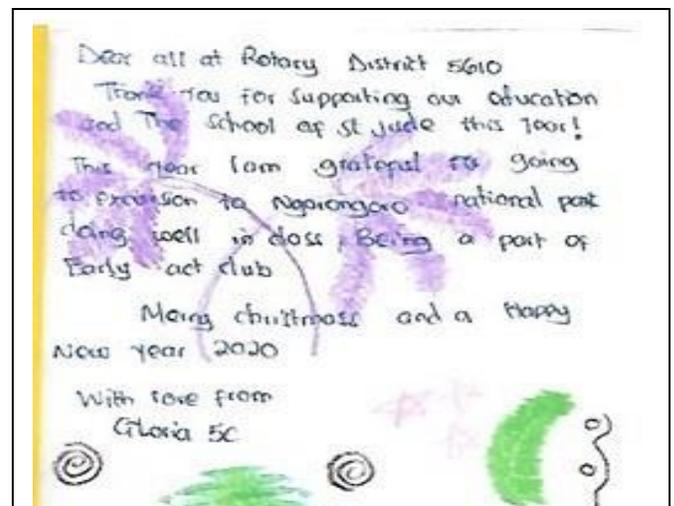
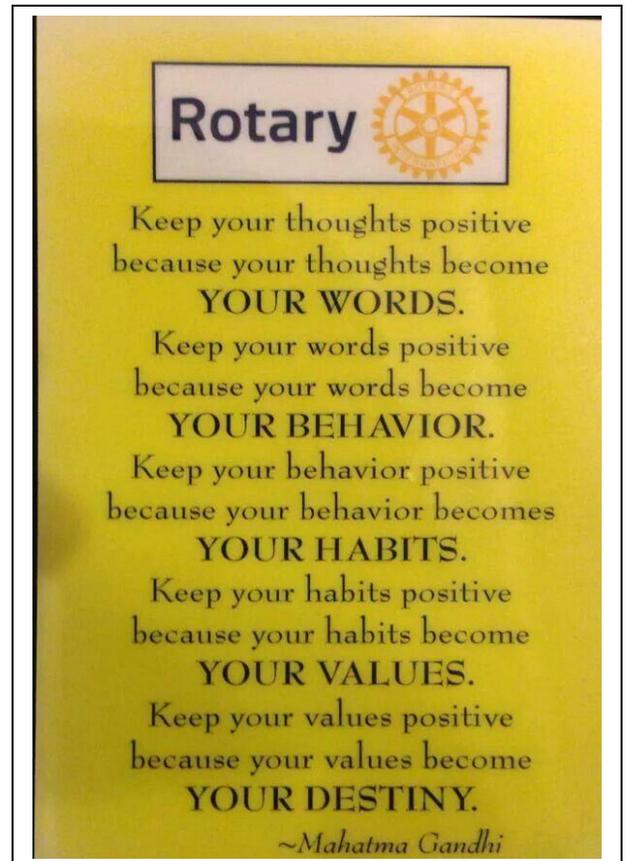
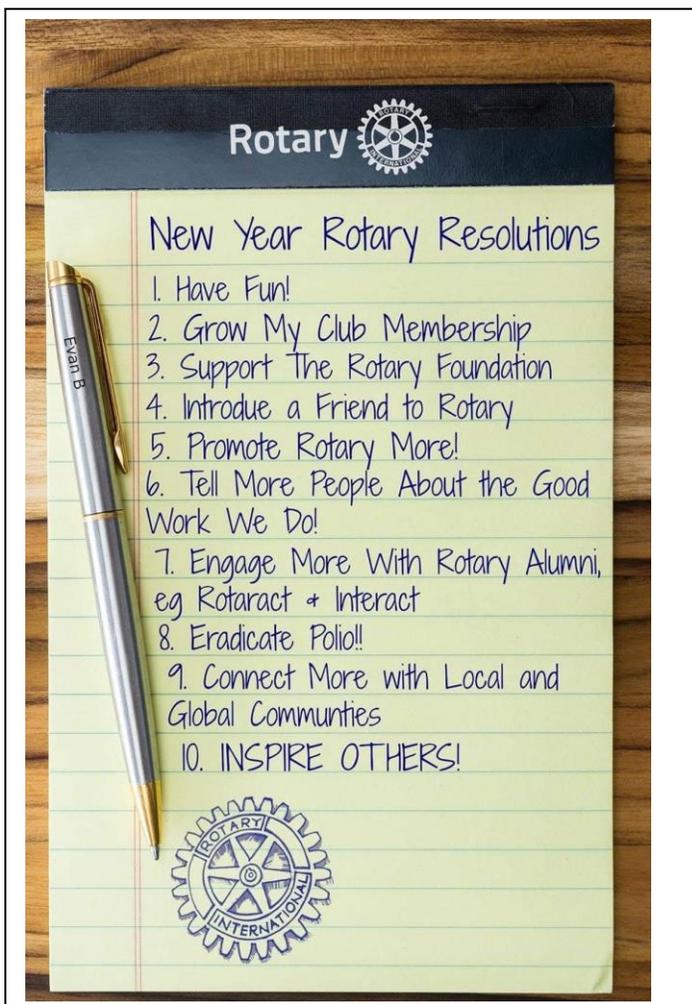
**Wedding Anniversaries for January**

Jan 04.....	Lynda & Colin Pierce
Jan 10 .....	Victoria & John Blatchford

**January Meal Schedule (HyVee)**

Jan 7.....	Baked Potato Bar
Jan 14.....	BBQ Beef
Jan 21.....	Turkey
Jan 28.....	Soup and Sandwich

# Thoughts For 2020



This note was received by District 5610 from the Student (**Gloria**) supported by the District at the School of St Jude in Tanzania. Brookings Rotary and the Jongelings also support a student, **Lidia**, at the school.

**PLEASE WELCOME SOME OF OUR NEWEST BROOKINGS ROTARY MEMBERS**



**Lynda Pierce**

Lynda Pierce is one of the design leaders at designArc Group, a local architecture firm. She grew up west of Volga and attended Sioux Valley school. She has a bachelors degree from North Dakota State University and has recently completed her second degree at South Dakota State University in Interior Design. Lynda currently lives on an acreage north of Brookings with her husband and two children. In her free time, she enjoys camping, traveling and watching her kids show animals in 4H.

Jim Ducker was hired as South Dakota State University's Internal Auditor in January 2019. Jim will help SDSU accomplish its strategic and operational objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the adequacy and effectiveness of the institution's governance, risk management, and internal control processes.

Raised on a dairy farm near Webster, South Dakota, Jim earned a B.S. degree in Agriculture Business and a minor in Accounting at South Dakota State University (1997). He also obtained his M.S. in Accounting and Information Management from The University of Texas – Dallas (2005). Jim is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Public Accountant licensed in Minnesota.

Jim has lived in several states, including Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas, and Minnesota. He has worked in sales and management (insurance), public accounting, financial services, and most recently as a business owner in Litchfield, MN, prior to moving back to Brookings. Jim has one younger brother, one younger sister, and six nieces and nephews who all live near Watertown. Jim's parents still own the family farm near Webster and also reside in Watertown. Jim likes to cheer on the Vikings and Twins, explore regional bike trails, read, and visit family and friends near and far.



**Jim Ducker**



**Rebecca Herman**

Rebecca Herman is a Field Representative for United States Senator Mike Rounds. She is a graduate of South Dakota State University and is originally from Chamberlain, South Dakota. Rebecca and her husband reside near Rutland, South Dakota where her husband works on a family farm. Previously, Rebecca has instructed Pre-K-12 music in the Winner School District and was an admissions counselor at South Dakota State University. In her free time Rebecca enjoys spending time on the farm helping her husband, horseback riding, and pheasant hunting with their golden retriever, Sadie.

Nicole Bieber recently became the chief development officer for the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Plains in Brookings where she works to support the Club's mission to serve more kids, more often. Before beginning her role at the Boys and Girls Club, she taught as an instructor of English at South Dakota State University for sixteen years and volunteered as chairperson for the Brookings County Salvation Army. She lives in Brookings with her husband, Josh, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Caroline.



**Nicole Bieber**