



The Cog



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October Programs

Andrew Sloss & Rebecca Herman - Program Coordinators for October

- Oct 5. Ashley Biggar with SD Center of Economic Opportunity East Women's Business Center
- Oct 12 Heidi Marsh & Ted Heeren... (Fresh Produce, Inc.) - Branding
- Oct 19 Josh Haeder.....South Dakota State Treasurer
- Oct 26.. Mark Sternhagen, South Dakota's Outstanding Individual with a Disability for 2021..... Polio, vaccinations, and more.

October Sergeant at Arms is very active Rotarian Marcia Janssen.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Darrell DeBoer
- 5 Dan Carlson
- 13 Darla Biel
- 18 Kelsey Doom
- 19 James Johnson
- 21 Nicole Rawden
- 22 Della Tschetter
- 27 Kaleb Hight
- 27 Jennifer Olson
- 30 Don Evenson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

Fellow Rotarians,

Fall brings changes, and this year has brought one for me that, unfortunately, makes it such that I must step down as the Rotary Club of Brookings' President effective immediately. Don Norton has graciously accepted the board's appointment to President and agreed to serve out the remaining nine months of the current term, and Erich Olson will remain as our President-Elect. I am grateful for Don and Erich's leadership and willingness to serve, and also that I am able to assume the role of Past President and will remain on the Board.

Now about that change I mentioned:

I recently accepted an offer to become the Assistant Director for the South Dakota Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment ([sdcpm.com](http://sdcpcm.com)) and the Project Lead on a five-year grant from the Health and Human Resources Administration (HRSA) to facilitate the coordination of Early Childhood Systems in our state. I will be working from Brookings, but the job requires some travel and the one non-negotiable day that I must be in Sioux Falls is, you guessed it, Tuesdays!

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN DEADWOOD OCT 14-16

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021 Rotary District 5610 Conference is still open. The event is free to all Rotarians and will include breakout sessions, networking opportunities, and a chance to win prizes that will directly benefit your club. Dates are October 14 to 16 in Deadwood, SD at the Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort. Go online to register.



October Anniversaries

- 15 Greg & Lora Fargen
- 24 Kaleb & Heather Hight

OBVIOUSLY NOT A POPULAR MONTH FOR WEDDINGS!!

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October Service Anniversaries



10-30-79 Del Johnson	42 yrs	10-17-00 Della Tschetter	21 yrs
10-01-87 Larry Janssen	34 yrs	10-30-01 Mildred Juel	20 yrs
10-27-98 Craig Johnson	23 yrs	10-24-14 Kaleb Hight	7 yrs
10-27-98 Peggy Miller	23 yrs		

(President's message continued)

Although I will miss seeing you on Tuesdays, I will remain a member of the Rotary Club of Brookings and will join you remotely when I am able to. I will also remain on the District 5610 committee that is working on a global grant to impact human trafficking, and, since CPCM is one of the partners we've been communicating with on the project, I may, through this new job and relationships, be able to help facilitate the work more effectively.

We never know all of where life will take us or where we will be called upon to serve. When I assumed my role as President, Mary Kidwiler told me, "Well, now you'll *really* learn how many weeks are in a year!" but, as it turns out, I only learned how many weeks are in a quarter. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as your Club President. You're in good hands! Be well, Friends. Darla

FOUR SERVICE CLUBS EMBRACE "CELEBRATE COMMUNITY" OCT. 10-16

BROOKINGS – Four Brookings service organizations – each with its own strong legacy of community as well as global service – will combine efforts for the first ever "Celebrate Community" collaboration to address food insecurity and household needs of area residents.

Participating are the Brookings Kiwanis, Brookings Lions, Brookings Optimists and Brookings Rotary clubs.

The weeklong event will take place Sunday through Saturday, Oct. 10-16. A truck donated by Century 21 Krogmann & Co. will be parked in the 22nd Avenue lot of the Brookings radio stations, where community donors may drop off non-perishable food items, baby care supplies including diapers and wipes and cleaning supplies. The truck will be available for donations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

The donations will be sorted by members of the service clubs and delivered to the Brookings Food Pantry, Salvation Army and Harvest Table for distribution to those in need.

"Celebrate Community" is supported by the international leadership of all four organizations to maximize the outcome of the project and have the greatest impact on community need. "This inclusive project fits the needs of our community and is of interest to the majority of the membership in our organizations," said Sally Damm Norby, representing the Optimists and Lions. "By teaming up we can magnify our impact in the Brookings area." Brookings Rotarian Darla Biel concurred. "This is a wonderful example of how the Brookings community works together. It's the type of project that everyone can participate in easily and address a real need in our community." Biel noted that the 2021-22 Rotary theme is "Serve to Change Lives." Lion Paul Fixen agreed. "This is a very efficient and effective approach to addressing a priority need of our community and to participating in a global cause of Lions International and for practicing our motto 'We serve!'"



Pictured from left are Sally Damm Norby (representing Optimists and Lions), Darla Biel and Kay Norton (Rotary), Carol Thomas (Optimists) and Paul Fixen (Lions).

All unexpired non-perishable food items are welcome, as well as disposable diapers and baby wipes and cleaning supplies of all types. Please consider donating to help "Stuff the Truck!" Oct. 10-16.

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in September

Darla Biel	Marcia Janssen	Don Norton
Steve Carnes	Del Johnson	Kay Norton
Lewayne Erickson	Gregg Jongeling	Erich Olson
Jim Gilkerson	Millie Juel	Richard Smith
Mylo Hellickson	Jim Klinker	Chad Vilhauer
Larry Janssen		

October Meal Schedule (BYOB)

Bring your own BAG
Water and coffee are furnished



Coat Drive – 2021

It may have been 80+ degrees outside, but Brookings Rotarians helped the Salvation Army prepare for the cold weather ahead by sorting donated coats for distribution later this fall. Pictured are Cathy Voelzke, Larry Janssen, Marcia Janssen, Erich Olson, and Dan Little - "Serve To Change Lives!"



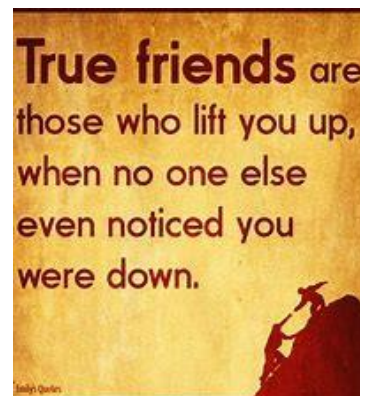
BROOKINGS ROTARY CLUB PARTNERS WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR TEEN "CAREER CORNER"

The Brookings Rotary Club has launched its sponsorship of the Teen Career Corner at the Brookings Public Library. Funded in part by a matched grant from District 5610, the Rotary Career Corner will feature resources for teens to explore career opportunities in a comfortable, relaxed setting, including books and other printed materials, plus volunteer speakers representing various careers. Pictured above, Rotarian Kay Norton launched the series by introducing teens to the South Dakota Department of Labor website that allows young people to explore careers based on their interests, desired salary, level of education required, and availability of jobs. Next month's program will feature speaker Chuck Bennis, who will talk about career opportunities in the fine arts. For more information, contact Brookings Library Young Adult Services Coordinator Katie Burggraft.

TEEN CAREER CORNER AT THE BROOKINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEN YOU HAVE A GREAT PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON (KAY)

At our annual Service Clubs picnic, the Rotary Club always played a game of softball with the Kiwanis Club. This year the Kiwanis Club won, 9-4. But in the sports section of the newspaper the next morning was the following report: "The Rotary Club is proud to announce that upon the conclusion of this year's softball tournament, we finished in second place overall, having lost only one game the entire season. We would also like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences to the Kiwanis Club for finishing next to last, having won only one game during the entire year!!"



World Polio Day is observed on the 24th of October every year. Polio Day is an annually celebrated event to develop increased awareness about polio and take structural measures towards eradicating this disease.

A polio-free world is possible, but we can achieve it only by taking action together. Join with Rotary this World Polio Day to End Polio Now.

Brookings resident and the speaker at our Rotary Meeting on October 26, Mark Sternhagen, a polio survivor, has been recognized by the State of SD and the City of Brookings as **South Dakota's Outstanding Individual with a Disability.**

Mayoral Proclamation

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, Mark Sternhagen will be recognized as South Dakota's Outstanding Individual with a Disability at the 2021 Governor's Award Ceremony on October 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mark taught for 32 years at South Dakota State University, wrote two books sharing his personal experience with the polio epidemic, and is a local business owner; and

WHEREAS, Mark has been a valued friend and generous mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, Mark is a passionate vaccination advocate who has used numerous public platforms to encourage others to stop the spread of preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Mark has been an active member on the Governing Board of Directors for LifeScope since 2014 and the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee since 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2021 as:

MARK STERNHAGEN DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 28th day of September, 2021.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor