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**SERVE TO
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December Programs

Dr. David Reynolds -- Program Coordinator for December

Dec 7...SDSU Statesmen.....Yuletide.....
 Dec 14...Kevin Kessler...The Pride to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
 Dec 21...Laura Schoen Carbonneau & Bridgit Burghardt-Visit Brookings.org
 Dec 28...Merry Christmas -- Happy New Year.....NO MEETING.....

December Sgt. at Arms will be Gregg Jongeling before heading to warmth.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Jan Fjeldos
 8 Teree Nesvold
 10 Chad Vilhauer
 15 Yvette Campbell
 15 David Reynolds
 21 Bradley Blaha
 21 Isaiah Crevier
 26 Zeno Wicks
 29 Don Crowe



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

'Tis the Season

It may be a little early for a New Year's Resolution, so I've decided to start with a December resolution – Have. More. Fun.

This is the Season of Giving, and Rotarians know all about giving time, talent, and treasure to help the Brookings community. We also know how to make a difference in the world. But I wonder, sometimes, if we have forgotten how to have fun while we give.

The experts will tell you that giving is GOOD for us. Helping others lowers blood pressure, increases self-esteem, reduces depression, lowers stress, and even promotes a longer life and greater happiness. Christmas can be hectic, but let's keep this in perspective. Christmas and the time leading up to it is a celebration! Remember the song – "tis the season to be jolly."

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Chad & Ellie Vilhauer Dec 18
 Robert & Pat Fishback Dec 26
 Brian & Carla Gatzke Dec 27



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December Service Anniversaries



12-19-95	Brian Gatzke	26 yrs	12-21-10	Gary Gramm	11 yrs
12-15-09	Jennifer Olson	12 yrs	12-13-16	Jason Flaskey	5 yrs
			12-17-19	Nicole Biever	2 yr

November perfect attendance

Yvette Campbell	Michael Gonda	Jackie Lanning	Erich Olson
Jim Ducker	Del Johnson	Don Norton	Chad Vilhauer
Jim Gilkerson	Gregg Jongeling	Kay Norton	

(President's message continued)

If you've been absent from Rotary recently, this is a great time to get back in the habit of attending Rotary meetings every Tuesday at noon and share the fellowship. We have a great lineup of guests this month, all selected to lift your spirits – starting with the Statesmen on December 7. **And meals return to Rotary in January!**

Resolved! More fun is on the way.

President Don



Meal at Precision Ag



Tour of Precision Ag



Signage of the 4-Way Test

In the past months Brookings Rotary has been involved in several successful volunteer activities. With continued enthusiasm Brookings Rotary intends to complete many more in the next year!

NEW MICROPHONES FOR ZOOM

Brookings Rotary has installed two new wireless microphones and a mixer to improve our sound both in the Activity Center and for our Zoom attendees. These mics have improved sound characteristics and pick up sound from the user much better.



Christmas Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy - forgiveness.
- To an opponent - tolerance.
- To a friend - your heart.
- To a customer - service.
- To all - charity.
- To a child - a good example.
- To yourself - respect.



December Meal Schedule

Bring your own lunch
Water and coffee are furnished

A SUPER FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

The Brookings Rotary Club is looking for volunteers to help with Garden Glow at McCrory Gardens! Rotarians will be volunteering for the evening **of December 13**. We will be welcoming guests when they arrive and thanking them when they leave. The SDSU Athletic Department has generously donated their ticket booths for Garden Glow so Rotarians can stay warm in the ticket booths while welcoming and thanking guests! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Gonda (605-690-6379 michael.gonda@sdstate.edu).



AINSLEY SHELSTA AND KEIJI NUMATA NAMED ROTARIAN STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Brookings, SD — Brookings High School seniors Ainsley Shelsta and Keiji Numata are announced as the Brookings Rotary Club's October Students of the Month. The students joined the Club's recent meeting to address the members and receive their recognition.

Shelsta is the daughter of Corey and Stacy Shelsta. At BHS, she has been involved in band and marching band (head drum major), choir, All-State Choir, Choir Council, orchestra, basketball, Student Council (co-president), Thespian Club (president), fall musical, spring play and track. She is a member of National Honor Society and was a Girls State delegate and Girls Nation delegate. Outside of school she has been active in dance, club basketball, and with her job at Hy-Vee.

Shelsta plans to attend a four-year college and double major or major and minor in biology, psychology or neuroscience. She then plans to attend medical school.



KEIJI NUMATA



AINSLEY SHELSTA

Numata is the son of Izava and Yuko Numata. At BHS, he has been involved in varsity soccer, orchestra, Quiz Bowl, debate and intramurals. He is a member of National Honor Society. Numata also enjoys baseball and is a Varsity Scholar and AP Scholar. He served as Junior Marshall. His post-graduation plans are still undecided.



Monday December 13th -- Garden Glow Volunteers

Greeter: **Rebecca Herman**, 4:45 PM – 6:45 PM and **Gregg & Vi Jongeling**, 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Admission Booth: **Dan Little**, 4:45 PM – 6:45 PM and **Michael Gonda**, 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Exit Booth: **Doug and Mary Malo**, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Welcome Desk: **Deb DeBates**, 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM and **Yvette and Scott Campbell**, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Hot Chocolate Hut: **Larry and Marcia Janssen**, 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM

A Big THANK YOU from McCrory Gardens Dir. Of Operations!

I fully believe in divine intervention. Just tonight, as we were talking through the schedule with the McCrory team, December 13 was going to leave us a little light – finals for our student crew...

THIS is an exceptional testament to staying strong and staying the course. He’s got us!

*my hopes are that you enjoy the experience and will invite others to sign up on their own time; we’re especially concerned about the hot chocolate hut – it’s a new station for us and certain it will be popular!

Lisa Marotz

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NOON MEAL

Brookings Rotary is bringing back meals on a voluntary basis. Starting January 4 those members who commit to paying for a meal each week for the first quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar) will be provided a meal on site catered by a number of local vendors. The Board of Directors is setting the meal price at \$10 per meal for the first quarter of 2022. In working with local caterers, we are being made aware that their wholesale prices are increasing so we will see how long we can stay within that price point.

Each member will be contacted and asked if they wish to be billed \$10 for a meal at each Rotary Meeting during the first quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar). No member will be charged for food unless they give a positive, specific **YES** to consent to be billed. Rotarians may continue to bring their own food to the Activity Center or choose not to eat.

Even if you will not be able to attend every meeting your “donation” of a meal will go a long way toward providing extra meals for the speaker and guests. Thanks for considering this when you decide whether to commit.

The Board has decided that if a member brings a guest to a meeting, both the member and the guest may and should partake in the meal that day.

**DECEMBER 7
BRING FOOD
ITEMS
FOR THE
FOOD PANTRY**

