



THE COG



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MARCH 2021

March Programs

Jennifer Soma - Program Coordinator for March

Mar 2.... Scott Meyer.....Past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Norway
 Mar 9.... Jennifer Rollins, RC Rotary...Global Grant End Human Trafficking
 Mar 16.... Kyle Haraldson.....Haraldson Farms-Certified Organic Produce
 Mar 23....Representative Larry Tidemann.....2021 Legislative Update
 Mar 30....Club Assembly.....Good times for ZOOMERS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Nadim Hassoun
 8 Cathrene Voelzke
 14 Nicole Biever
 17 Mitch Steinhoff
 22 Larry Fjeldos
 23 Gary Gramm
 28 Rod Schaeffer

March Sergeant at Arms will be by absolutely no one's popular demand the current Master Sergeant at Arms Gregg Jongeling.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

Happy March! We're Almost There!!

It was just about one year ago that this virus from China was making its way to South Dakota. I remember thinking: "Maybe it will miss us and just stay on the West Coast." "I'm sure it will be over by June." "Do we really need to scrub down our shopping bags?" On March 6, I left my office at SDSU and started working from home.

Then-President Jennifer Soma didn't miss a beat. The Brookings Rotary Club started meeting via Zoom, and more than 60 of us have tuned in from time to time. We still gather together for fellowship at 11:45am every Tuesday. The Zoom meetings are not the same as in-person gatherings ... we all know that... but in spite of it all, we have continued the tradition of Service Above Self during these past 12 months with outstanding community service projects and a tradition of fellowship that is now 101 years strong.

Here's some GOOD news – we see the light at the end of the tunnel (and it is not an oncoming train!). We've formed a "Re-Start Committee," headed up by Club Administration Chair Gregg Jongeling. We're planning how and when to start meeting in person again. We want to do it right, and we want to do it safely.
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HONOLULU -- Almost one year after canceling its international convention in Honolulu due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, Rotary announced it will hold its annual gathering in Honolulu for the membership service organization's 118th convention on June 5-9, 2027.

"Beyond the incredible economic impact this convention will have, the people of Hawai'i will be inspired by the humanitarian causes of Rotary International, to include: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment," said John De Fries, President and CEO, Hawaii Tourism Authority.

The Rotary Club of Honolulu, chartered in 1915, is Rotary's first club in Honolulu. Today, there are more than 1,470 Rotary members who belong to over 45 clubs across Hawai'i taking action on important local issues including drowning prevention, creating green space in Waikiki and helping homeless people receive medical care.

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March Service Anniversaries

3-28-61	Robert Fishback	60 yrs	3-04-08	Jesse Ronning	13 yrs
3-23-77	Fred Rittershaus	44 yrs	3-19-13	Erich Olson	8 yrs
3-13-84	Vern Voelzke	37 yrs	3-25-14	Roger DeGroot	7 yrs
3-28-05	Jackie Lanning	16 yrs	3-02-18	Jim Ducker	3 yrs



Ever wonder about Brookings, OR? It is a city of 6540 people located just 6 miles north of the Calif. border on US Hwy 101. The info below about its Rotary Club was taken from its Facebook pages.

The Rotary Club of Brookings-Harbor chartered 5/14/1947 has been serving the community of Brookings-Harbor for more than 73 years. We are part of Rotary District 5110 and Rotary International.

We are a service organization that is involved in supporting activities throughout the Brookings-Harbor community. The Rotary Club of Brookings-Harbor has one main fundraiser to raise monies for community programs, Raining Cats and Dogs Fundraiser.

Rotary strongly supports education by annually awarding student scholarships, sponsoring BHHS sophomores to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Training Camp. and support of the Community Kitchen address local hunger needs.

Rotary also supports the schools through the Sole Mates program which provides funds each year in shoe vouchers for needy students, sponsoring the BHHS Interact program which helps students pursue service projects, offering 3rd grade water safety classes, and furnishing free dictionaries each year to all 3rd grade students.

(President's message continued)

We're looking at many potential meeting locations, meal options, and technology. I am confident that our club will have an "online" option each week for those who are not yet ready to meet in person when we start to get together, and for members who are out of town. District 5610 is providing a grant to help clubs continue to engage with members and grow membership, including purchasing technology that will allow for clubs to continue to provide meetings via Zoom.

With a growing number of members getting vaccinated, we're almost there! Stay strong, and keep tuning in. Great news is on the horizon!

Don



Wedding Anniversaries for March

- Mar 6.....Nicole & Jammey Rawden
- Mar 17.....Doug & Mary Malo
- Mar 19.....Dan & Pat Little

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in February

Keith Bartels	Marcia Janssen	Erich Olson
Darla Biel	Del Johnson	Nicole Rawden
Brad Blaha	Gregg Jongeling	Jennifer Soma
Steve Carnes	Bruce Lushbough	Ginger Thomson
Michael Crinion	Teree Nesvold	Della Tschetter
Lewayne Erickson	Kay Norton	Chad Vilhauer
Jim Gilkerson	Don Norton	Ann Volin
Larry Janssen		

March Meal Schedule (HyVee)

- (remembering what we had last year)
- Mar 3.....Burgers and Brats
 - Mar 10.....Turkey
 - Mar 17.....Fried Chicken
 - Mar 24.....Taco Bar
 - Mar 31.....Lasagna



ROTARY AND COMMUNITY STOCK JACK'S CUPBOARD

BROOKINGS – The Brookings Rotary Club surpassed its goal of 2,021 donations as part of last week's "Stock Jack's Cupboard" service project.

Jack's Cupboard is a free on-campus pantry resource for SDSU students who are experiencing food insecurity.

Rotarians collected non-perishable food and toiletry items for a week at the drop-off location at Dacotah Bank, culminating with car-side pickup on Tuesday, Feb. 16. This effort garnered about 600 items, which were delivered by Rotarians to the Cupboard the next day. Then, with monetary donations made by club and community members, Rotarians shopped at Hy-Vee for the remaining items to help them reach their goal, delivering the remaining items to the Cupboard on Friday. Cupboard volunteers and SDSU students Erica Koster and Kendra Eichten assisted with the unloading.

"Thanks to the community for its support of this project," said Rotary Club President Don Norton. "Once again, Brookings area residents have come through to help Rotary provide 'Service Above Self.'" Norton noted the register receipt from Hy-Vee was 20 feet long.

"We are very grateful for the support and generosity of Hy-Vee, and especially to management staff Nathan and the cashier and bagging employees, who helped us shop for five cartsful of items!"

Norton also recognized the help of the Brookings *Register* and radio station KBRK for their help in informing the public about the project.



STOCKING JACK'S CUPBOARD

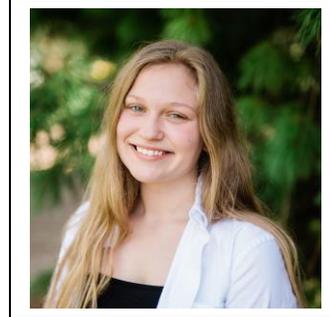




Quentin Eck



Jason Poppen



Abigail Schuldt

ECK, POPPEN, SCHULDT NAMED ROTARIAN STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Brookings, SD — Brookings High School seniors Quentin Eck, Jason Poppen and Abigail Schuldt have been honored as the Brookings Rotary Club's December and January Students of the Month.

Eck is the son of Jason and Kimberly Eck. At BHS, he has been involved in XC Varsity Team (captain), on the basketball team as both a player and a manager, track, German Club (secretary) and intramural games. He was a Top 8 Finalist in the South Dakota Big Idea Competition. He is a volunteer at the Children's Museum. Eck plans to continue his education next year majoring in business with a focus on entrepreneurship.

Poppen is the son of Keith and Nan Poppen. At BHS, he has been involved in SADD (serving as an officer), Health Occupations Students of America (placing second and third in the Medical Law & Ethics State Competition, qualifying for national competition), Clay Target Team (lettering his sophomore year), intramural basketball and intramural soccer. He also is a member of National Honor Society.

The senior received six- and nine-year participation awards for Piano Festival and received second place youth overall in the Medary Creek Brookings Hospital Fundraiser Shoot. He also qualified for State 4-H Archery Competition. In the community, Poppen has volunteered at GAP at the United Methodist Church and is active at Brookings First Assembly of God. He also has participated in Share the Warmth and enjoys the Beacon Hill Gun Range and playing guitar. He plans to attend North Central University in Minneapolis, where he will major in biblical and theological studies.

Schuldt is the daughter of Kristie and Troy Woods. At BHS, she has been active in German Club, Multicultural Club, Conspiracy Club (president), Oral Interpretation, Environmental Club and Sexuality & Gender Alliance Club. She is currently the secretary of National Honor Society and has been in the top 1 percentile in all four years of high school.

Her hobbies include gardening, going to the gym, binding books, antiques and playing with her golden doodle. She plans to attend SDSU as a biochemistry and chemistry double major with a botany minor.

Each month during the school year, the Brookings Rotary Club recognizes students who excel in exhibiting its motto "Service Above Self" and fulfill the ideals of the organization's Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?