



THE COG



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August Programs

Erich Olson - Program Coordinator for August

Aug: 4.....	Dr. Clint Willert.....	Brookings School District Superintendent
Aug 11.....	Randy Soma.....	Brookings School District Activities Director
Aug 18.....	Tim Reed.....	District 7 Representative SD House
Aug 25.....	TBD.....	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3	Al Heuton
14	Don Larson
21	Doug Miller
28	Barry Dunn

August Sergeant at Arms will still be Gregg Jongeling under COVID rules.



BROOKINGS ROTARY FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Members of the Brookings Rotary Club delivered the donations collected during last weekend's community food drive to the Brookings Food Pantry. Rotary Project Chair **Michael Gonda** reported 580 food items were collected and shared with the Pantry to help families in need in our community. Pictured from left are: Rotarians **Larry Janssen** and **Jeni Norwood**; Brookings Food Pantry staff Gail Seeklander, Director, and Deb Brandwein, Assistant Director; and Gonda. Special thanks to **Steve Carnes** for allowing Rotary to utilize Dacotah Bank lobby for drop-offs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST

No Need to be a RINO!

It was a few years ago when I first heard the expression RINO. That's a "Rotarian in Name Only." The phrase is used to refer to a Rotary club member who rarely participates in club activities, and sometimes doesn't see the big picture of the organization.

As I mentioned at our July 7 meeting, I was a RINO for many years, but that changed in November of 2011. While traveling in India in preparation for bringing a leadership class to that country, two Rotarians from a club in New Delhi drove an associate and me to a remote village several hours away where we saw desks that had been donated by a good friend and fellow Rotarian from our home club. Suddenly, Rotary was more than just lunch and a speaker on Tuesday.

Here in Brookings, even though we continue to meet via Zoom each week, that's no reason to be a RINO!

At our meetings each week, we learn more about the deeper meaning of Rotary. We are hearing reviews of articles in *The Rotarian* magazine, exploring The Brookings Rotary Club Legacy Book for the Rotary Foundation, and discovering the personal stories of our members and what Rotary means to them.

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August Service Anniversaries

8-15-55	Ronald Peterson	65 yrs	8-30-94	Doug Malo	26 yrs
8-04-86	Darrell DeBoer	34 yrs	8-22-05	David Reynolds	15 yrs
8-30-94	James Gilkerson	26 yrs	8-21-18	Paul Briseno	2 yrs



(President's message continued)

While meeting online is not an ideal arrangement, we are able to “see” each other and share in the fellowship that is a hallmark of our club. Remember, the meeting starts at noon each Tuesday but the Zoom starts at 11:45am to enable members to chat. Join in! In the meantime, it's Service Above Self with community projects, scholarships, and new members. This is no time to be a RINO - we have work to do. Onward!

Yours in Rotary, Don.

(editor's note: Don or a designated Rotarian can be heard just after 9:30 AM Tuesdays on KBRK)

The Passing of the Gavel

Although the Brookings Rotary Club is still meeting virtually each week, that didn't stop the tradition of the passing of the gavel! Pictured on the computer screen, outgoing president Jennifer Soma ceremoniously passes the gavel to new president Don Norton, who had just recited the oath of office while members of the club looked on via Zoom. President Don then thanked Past President Jenn, as well as outgoing Treasurer Nicole Rawden, for their service. Chad Vilhauer, new Treasurer, and Darla Biel, President Nominee, were installed as Directors and Officers.

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An intern from United Way is shown putting the finishing touches on the sidewalks along the Born Learning Trail in Hillcrest Park. This was a joint project between Brookings Rotary and the Brookings United Way.

Wedding Anniversaries for August

Aug 3	Gerard & Jean Moriarty	Aug 18.....	Wesley & Lois Tschetter
Aug 4.....	Darrell & Ruth DeBoer	Aug 19.....	Zeno & Roxanne Wicks
Aug 6.....	Ben & Erika Hauck	Aug 20.....	Jason & Rachel Flaskey
Aug 7.....	Ronold & Jan Tesch	Aug 22.....	Isaiah & Julia Crevier
Aug 14.....	Steve & Kim Carnes	Aug 24.....	Stephen & Kathy Pohl
Aug 14.....	James & Ardis Johnson	Aug 26.....	Harry & Helen Jones
Aug 16.....	Mitch & Ashley Steinhoff	Aug 26.....	Fred & Ardyne Rittershaus
Aug 18.....	Doug & Mary Miller	Aug 27.....	Roger & Diane DeGroot
		Aug 28.....	Al & Sue Heuton

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in July

Keith Bartels	Nadim Hassoun	Nicole Rawden
Darla Biel	Del Johnson	Rod Schaefer
Steve Carnes	Gregg Jongeling	Dick Smith
Lewayne Erickson	Dan Little	Jennifer Soma
Larry Fjeldos	Don Norton	Della Tschetter
Michael Gonda	Kay Norton	Chad Vilhauer
Lisa Hager	Erich Olson	Cathy+Vern Voelzke

August Meals (your home/office)

Aug 4...	Tomato Soup and Sandwich
Aug 11.....	Bologna Sandwich
Aug 18.....	Turkey Pot Pie
Aug 25	Chicken Salad