



THE COG



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June Programs

Karla Eidem - Program Coordinator

- Jun 5 **Meet at Innovation Center.....Program by Innovation Center Staff**
- Jun 12 Brookings Rotary Club Assemblyand Year in Review
- Jun 19 Kim Gustafson.....New B.S. in Leadership & Non-Profit Organizations
- Jun 26 Don Norton, Brookings Rotarian.....Leadership

June Sergeant at Arms will be the extremely versatile Mary Kidwiler.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until they speak. I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places. The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn.

FEEDING BROOKINGS (from their website)

Our Mission....Following the example of Jesus when feeding the crowd with just five loaves and two fish, the ministry’s goal is to feed the hungry of the Brookings area through a weekly grocery distribution.

How Does Feeding Brookings Work?.....From 4-5 pm each Thursday afternoon at Ascension Lutheran Church in Brookings volunteers distribute produce and bakery items provided by our local WalMart and HyVee stores, canned goods from the Emergency Food Assistance Program, hygiene items, and a food item of the month. There is no need for guests to arrive early, random numbers for order of entry are drawn on the day of distribution at 3:50 pm.

Who is Served?.....All in need are welcome. There is no paperwork to complete or qualifications to meet.

For More Information..... www.feedingbrookings.org or ask Mary Kidwiler

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Robin Buterbaugh
- 12 Toby Uecker
- 13 Alan Gregg
- 13 Jane Hennings
- 14 Craig Johnson
- 16 Reva Johnson
- 17 Steve Carnes
- 17 LaDell Swiden
- 19 Harry Jones
- 22 Mary Kidwiler
- 23 Ginger Thomson
- 23 Vern Voelzke
- 24 Jackie Lanning
- 24 Daniel Little
- 27 Michael Gonda

Want to help with Feeding Brookings. Please show up at Ascension Lutheran Church at 3:45 on Thursdays to assist. For info contact:

www.feedingbrookings.org
Mary Kidwiler 605-690-6850

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE FOR JUNE

Dear Rotarians of the Brookings Rotary,

As I write this we are only 1 month away from completing another year of Rotary (our club’s 98th!).

The 2017-18 international theme has been ‘Rotary: Making a Difference’. As your president I have aspired to make a difference and we as a club have strived to help, to have an impact and to make the world a better place to live.

Thank you, each and every one of you, for your help in all the activities in which we as a Rotary Club are involved. I can’t even begin to list all the planning, working and implementing of the multitude of tasks it takes to insure the success of each activity. Even if you are not able to physically be at these events, you are still an integral part of these successes.

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June Service Anniversaries



6-21-66	Harry Jones	52 yrs	6-15-99	Richard Smith	19 yrs
6-07-76	Paul Moriarty	42 yrs	6-24-14	David Merhib	4 yrs
6-01-87	LaDell Swiden	31 yrs	6-24-14	Toby Uecker	4 yrs
			6-13-17	Isaiah Crevier	1 yr

(President's message continued)

This year we have provided financial grants for:

- Fine arts concert tickets to participants and their mentors in the Brookings County Youth Mentoring program
- Meals of Hope through the Brookings High School FFA (Meals of Hope is an international Rotary project)
- Rotary Garden rejuvenation at McCrory Garden (this is part of an ongoing request for matching district funding)
- Funding trees for the Delta Chi Boulevard Project (this was Rotary's 'Year of the Tree' and Rotarians were asked to plant a tree for each member).
- Funding for the 'Bee' Great Garden and Food Forest which Rotarian Robin Buterbaugh is starting
- Equipment for the camera club and gym at the Boys & Girls Club (this is part of an ongoing request for matching district funding)

Our international project is the funding of a student at St Judes School in Arusha, Tanzania. Gregg and Vi Jongeling visited the school with a delegation of Rotarians from District 5610 in spring 2017. The school has been built and is supported by Rotary Clubs from around the world.

Local service work projects include volunteering for: Feeding Brookings, Bookings Back Pac (winning the trivia contest and donations), Share the Warmth (100 Coats from 100 Members), helping to complete the Boys & Girls Club renovated Discovery Room, October Fest to support Polio Plus, wrapping gifts for BCYMP, food and staff for 1 month's Harvest Table, staffing venue for 1 day of the Willie Mac Basketball Tournament, painting the East Central Behavioral Health building, packing meals for Meals of Hope, staffing help for the Brookings Marathon, and a work project at the Rotary Garden in McCrory Gardens.

Our ongoing projects include: Food for the Women's Abuse Shelter, the 4-Way Test Contest, recognizing the top 16 academic students from BHS, 5 Scholarships of \$1,000 each to local incoming SDSU freshmen, donations to the food pantry, donations to Harvest Table and the international youth exchange.

The public image campaign for Rotary International is 'People of Action'. This seems very appropriate for describing our club. I am so honored to be a part of Brookings Rotary. You are an extraordinary group of people.

Thank you so very much for your part in 'Making a Difference'. It has been a special year for me.

Sincerely,
Reva

Wedding Anniversaries for June

Jun 1.....Mylo & Lillian Hellickson	Jun 20.....Vern & Cathrene Voelzke
Jun 5.....Alan & Jerri Rogers	Jun 21.....Dan & Deborah Carlson
Jun 6.....Michael & Tiffany Gonda	Jun 22.....Don & Carol Evenson
Jun 6.....Jennifer & Craig Olson	Jun 22.....Larry & Jan Fjeldos
Jun 12.....Brad & Michelle Blaha	Jun 23.....Ginger Thomson & Jay VanDuch
Jun 16.....Don & Linda Crowe	Jun 30.....Larry & Marcia Janssen
Jun 18.....Ken & Tammy Knudtson	Jun 30.....Gregg & Vi Jongeling

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in May

Steve Carnes	Del Johnson	Carol Peterson
Darrell DeBoer	Reva Johnson	Nicole Rawden
Gary Gramm	Gregg Jongeling	Dick Smith
Alan Gregg	Mildred Juel	Jeff Weldon
Randy Hanson	Erich Olson	

June Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Jun 5..Innovation Center..Burgers/Brats
Jun 12.....Baked Potato Bar
Jun 19.....BBQ Beef Sandwich
Jun 26.....Broasted Chicken

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWEST ROTARY MEMBERS



Karla Mae Eidem – born and raised in Manila, the capital and one of the 7,107 islands of the Philippines. She worked for a global bank and lived in Mexico City. In 2012, she moved to Brookings and studied Hospitality management in SDSU. She’s enjoying South Dakota with her husband Steve, step kids Isaac and Brendan and their fur baby, an American Eskimo named Charles Xavier III. She’s passionate about her job, fundraising, grant writing and overseeing special events & marketing at the Boys & Girls Club serving Brookings, Moody County and Yankton. She loves spending time with the family, lounging at the beach (ocean or lake), traveling, going to the movies and ice fishing.

Don Norton is a professional communicator and educator, focused on developing leaders for rural communities and agriculture, the world’s most essential industry. He has 20 years of experience teaching communications at universities and colleges in the Midwest, and is a frequent speaker on leadership. He currently serves as CEO of the South Dakota Agricultural and Rural Leadership Foundation, based in Brookings, South Dakota, after seven years of developing leaders at the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation. Don is an award-winning broadcast journalist for his work as a news anchor and reporter at WGN Radio in Chicago. He has delivered training seminars to Fortune 15 companies on leadership, customer service, presentation development and delivery, emotional intelligence, and many other topics. He has a Master of Arts in Communication from Western Illinois University and is certified in Non-Profit Management from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He and his wife, Kay, reside in Brookings and have two grown sons.



Dan Nelson, a third-generation Brookings County resident, grew up on a family farm near Elkton. Dan received his undergraduate degree from SDSU. He later obtained his law degree at USD. Since then, Dan has devoted his entire career to public service. After serving as Deputy State's Attorney in Huron for nearly four years, Dan became an Assistant United States Attorney in Pierre. This last spring, Dan's passion and desire to improve public safety in his hometown community lead to his return to Brookings County. Dan is seeking the position of Brookings County State's Attorney in the November election.

Teree Nesvold is an attorney serving as the Brookings County State’s Attorney. I was appointed to that position in early February 2018 by the County Commissioners. I graduated from USD Law School in 2014 and have been working in Brookings County since that time, most of which was in the State’s Attorney’s Office as Deputy and then Chief Deputy State’s Attorney. I have always had a passion and desire to give back to the community and I am currently involved with ALTRUSA, Lions Club, Optimist Club, Brookings Empowerment Project, and a member of St. Thomas Moore Parish. My husband, Dan and I have been married for 22 years and have two children. Taylor is entering her sophomore year in SDSU and Carter is going to be a senior in high school. We enjoy spending time together traveling, attending sporting events, vacation time at the lake, and being with family and friends.



**Teree
Nesvold**

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Brookings Rotary provided money from our weekly Scholar Dollars fines and donations for five \$1000 scholarships. This year, money was provided to Brookings High School for three scholarships, to Sioux Valley High School for one, and to Elkton for one. The winners are chosen by school staff and must be planning to attend SDSU. This year's recipients are:

Brookings High School

Adam Young
Curt Gutormson
Briana Larson

Sioux Valley High School

Bryn Tvedt

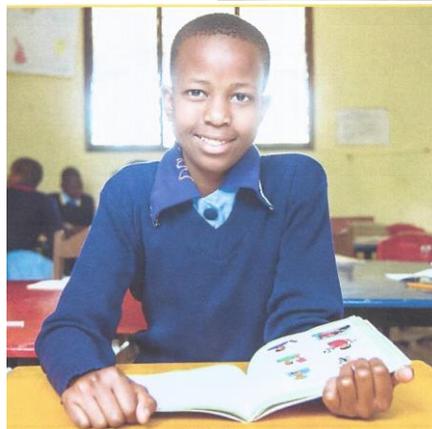
Elkton High School

Joanna Boll

Thanks to all you Rotarians who participate in the Scholar Dollar program whether voluntarily or otherwise!!!

SCHOOL OF ST. JUDE

One year ago Gregg and Vi Jongeling were participating in the graduation ceremonies at the School of St. Jude in Arusha, Tanzania. Now Brookings Rotarians, and the Jongelings, provide full financial support for a student, Lidia Elias Mzumbwe as she continues her education. Lidia is fourteen years old, in 6TH grade, and now boards at the Moivaro Campus returning to her home on weekends.



**THANK YOU
BROOKINGS
ROTARIANS**

Lidia says her favorite thing about St Jude's is...

"I really appreciate the extra time I have to study and the peaceful surrounding" - May 2017

