



# THE COG



**JULY 2015**

## July Programs

### Olga Reuvekamp-Program Coordinator for July

July 7..... Hannah Eng .....Rotary exchange student  
 July 14 .....Gabriel Ascariz ..... Rotary exchange student  
 July 21 .....Quinn Bender..... Rotary exchange student  
 July 28 .....Brad Blaha .....Rotary international convention in Brazil

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

8 David Merhib  
 12 Keith Mahlum  
 17 Mylo Hellickson  
 17 Del Johnson  
 23 Suzanne Hegg  
 27 Barb Murra

July Sergeant at Arms will be the highly industrious and warmly regarded Jim Gilkerson.



Past President Mary Kidwiler hands the gavel to current President Brad Blaha. The ceremony included balloons, cake and a number of activities raising funds for the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

**HAPPY ROTARY NEW YEAR!!!**

**Rotary is making Feeding Brookings a priority for volunteering. It is 3:45 on Thursdays and goes for an hour. Please sign up on their website to assist with this project.**  
[www.feedingbrookings.org](http://www.feedingbrookings.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JULY

Happy New Year Rotarians!

I am excited to serve as your president for the upcoming year. It doesn't seem like it was long ago I was attending my first meeting as a member and this next meeting will be my first as club president.

We have a lot to be proud of as a club over the last 95 years. During our existence, we've had countless community and university leaders as members, you can see the Rotary Cog on projects all around Brookings, our members donate time to local causes such as The Harvest Table, Feeding Brookings and the Boys and Girls Club. What makes Rotary unique is not just what we do here at home, it is the impact we have globally. We don't give ourselves enough credit for the work we have done to help those in need worldwide. If you use our club's solar ovens as an example you can see the change we can make in the world. Our club sent a shipment of ovens to Haiti about three years ago and they were given to families in need. A lot has happened in our lives in the past three years as Americans. We've crowned a few American Idol winners, the stock market has been up and down, and there seems to be a crisis every minute in Washington DC. In our busy lives, we do not think too much about the solar ovens we sent to Haiti three years ago but the families lucky enough to receive our ovens use them to cook their food and sanitize their water every day. Every day we as Rotarians help families stay healthy and nourished but we never give it a second thought. This is an example of the power of Rotary. As we enter a new Rotary year, we need to remind ourselves of the power our club possesses and recommit to our club's international focus to help those all over the world.

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### July Service Anniversaries

7-27-65	Bruce Lushbough	50 yrs	7-27-04	Jim Klinker	11 yrs
7-15-75	Van Fishback	40 yrs	7-28-09	Cathrene Voelzke	6 yrs
7-01-97	David Gilkerson	18 yrs	7-27-10	Barry Dunn	5 yrs
7-01-00	Tim Harvey	15 yrs	7-03-12	Jennifer Goldammer	3 yrs
7-02-02	Greg Fargen	13 yrs	7-16-13	Ben Hauck	2 yrs
7-15-03	Dean Kattelmann	12 yrs	7-22-14	Michael Gonda	1 yr



***(President's message continued)***

Our club has several committees established to help divide up the work of the club. Here are some goals for those committees in the upcoming year. I am hoping to have the committee membership finalized in the next few weeks so if you haven't signed up already keep an eye out for an email from me.

- 1) **Membership:** Gain +1 net new member per month, which will bring us to a total membership of 117 as of June 30, 2016. In order to achieve this goal we not only need to invite our colleagues to meetings but also make Rotary in Brookings appealing and relevant.
- 2) **Foundation:** Increase giving to the Rotary Foundation. The money we give to the Foundation can come back to us both at the local and international level in the form of matching grants. The Rotary Foundation encourages giving \$100 per member each year to help Rotary accomplish its goals. This means we all should pledge at least \$8.34 per month for the good works of Rotary.
- 3) **Service:** This is where the rubber meets the road and where we can make a difference locally. Our club has several activities it participates in every year. I would like to see our club involved in a community service project at least once per quarter. These projects are also a good way to invite a friend to check out Rotary or get your family involved.
- 4) **Public Relations:** It is great that we are able to recognize the great students in Brookings, but I would like to enrich the "Student of the Month" program not only for the students but also for our members. While at Rotary International Convention I learned about a Rotary Mentorship program. Stay tuned for more details.

As Rotarians we should always be asking ourselves, how can we "Be a Gift to the World?"

President Brad Blaha

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**HE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!!!**

### Wedding Anniversaries for July

July 3.....Nadim & Seham Hassoun	July 17.....Della & Craig Tschetter
July 9 .....Van & Barbara Fishback	July 22.....Bruce & Ila Lushbough
July 11.....Rich & Jennifer Widman	July 24.....David & Diane Odens
July 13.....Jackie & Tony Lanning	July 25.....Terry & Ann Spitzenberger
July 14.....Ron & Anna-Liisa Peterson	July 29.....David & Vanessa Merhib
July 14.....Jesse & Teri Ronning	

**The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in June**

Brad Blaha	Del Johnson	Doug Miller
Lewayne Erickson	James Johnson	Rod Schaefer
Robert Fishback	Gregg Jongeling	Richard Smith
David Gilkerson	Mildred Juel	Toby Uecker
James Gilkerson	Mary Kidwiler	Richard Wahlstrom
Nadim Hassoun	Bruce Lushbough	Rich Widman
Mylo Hellickson		

**July Meal Schedule (HyVee)**

July 7.....Chinese
July 14.....Turkey
July 21.....2 pc Chicken Dinner
July 28.....BBQ Beef Sandwich