



# THE COG



A Monthly Publication of the Brookings Rotary Club

**JANUARY 2016**

## January Programs

**Richard Lee -- Program Coordinator for January**

**(With the theme—Planes, trains and automobiles....and boats)**

Jan 5...	Keith Corbett.....	Trains (model)
Jan 12...	Mike Bartley.....	Cars (sport)
Jan 19...	Gray Tappan.....	Planes (gliders)
Jan 26...	Al Heuton.....	Boats (sail)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Jim Gilkerson
3	David Odens
3	Fred Rittershaus
6	Brad Wermers
8	Rich Widman
9	Greg Fargen
12	Ronold Tesch
26	Jeff Weldon

January Sergeant at Arms is the extremely energetic Toby Uecker.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

Welcome to the New Year Rotarians!

The New Year is a time to evaluate the past year and make a plan to better ourselves during the upcoming year. At our last meeting in December, we split up into small groups and made a few New Year's Resolutions for our Rotary Club. For those of you who were not able to make the last meeting I wanted to share them with you along with a few comments on how I think we can be successful in completing these goals. I would challenge you to answer the bolded questions below and help us complete all of our New Year resolutions.

**- Increase Membership-** For the first time in several years our overall membership has dipped below 100 this past month. It is not just in our club, but a district-wide issue. In the past 6 months, we have a net loss of 21 members district wide (8 of those have been from our club). **Who is one person you know that would be a good Rotarian? When will you invite them to a meeting?**

**- Increase Member Involvement-** Throughout the year our club participates in a variety of events, from helping with the Brookings Marathon to packing backpacks for children. Our next major event is on February 8 when we prepare a meal for the Brookings Harvest Table. **Have you volunteered to help at a Rotary Event in the past year? What additional ways can Rotary get involved in the community?**

**- Starting the Brookings Satellite Club-** Creating a satellite club was an initiative we as a club approved several months ago. Now comes the more challenging part, making it happen. The satellite club will be a great addition to our current club because it will supplement our current club both in membership numbers and in bringing a new energy towards projects Rotarians can be proud of. **Are you interested in helping expand Rotary in Brookings? Contact President Brad or President Elect Dan Little to get involved.** (continued on back)

## January Service Anniversaries

1-03-72	Mylo Hellickson	44 yrs	1-22-07	Jeff Weldon	9 yrs
1-01-75	Ronold Tesch	41 yrs	1-22-08	Mary Kidwiler	8 yrs
1-24-96	Don Crowe	20 yrs	1-27-09	Kenneth Knudtson	7 yrs
1-01-98	Carey Bretsch	18 yrs	1-11-09	Justin Fjeldos	7 yrs
1-21-02	Dan Little	13 yrs	1-12-10	Brad Blaha	6 yrs
1-10-06	Robin Buterbaugh	10 yrs			



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## November Rotary Students of the Month

Joshua Sorbe and Zachary Schultz were honored as the November Brookings High School Students of the month at the Brookings Rotary lunch meeting the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Joshua Sorbe is the son of Trent & Robin Sorbe. Among many school activities and awards he is National FCCLA President, National Honor Society Class President, Debate Vice President, SADD President, Student Council Representative and Varsity Swim Team Captain. His many activities include Trick or Treat for the Food Pantry, Character Counts Education Teacher, No Kid Hungry Dance-A-Thon Coordinator and Share the Warmth Clothing Drive Coordinator. His future includes a 4 year school where he can compete on the men's swimming team and major in Business Administration and Public Policy.

The son of Patrick and Kara Schultz, Zachary Schultz is involved in Varsity Football and is a Varsity Athlete Scholar. He is also involved with National Honor Society, is a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist, was a Boy's State Representative and has been involved with debate and music activities at BHS. Out of school Zachary is an Assistant at First Lutheran Pre-school, an Assistant Coach at Elementary School Football Camp, an Assistant Coach at Middle School Football Camp and a referee for Parks & Recreation Football. Next year Zachary is looking forward to attending a four year university, majoring in engineering or economics.



ZACHARY SCHULTZ



JOSHUA SORBE

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

**- Increase Communication from Board of Directors-** The Rotary Board of Directors is a mystical and secretive organization made up of Rotary members that meets monthly to discuss the important business of Rotary. Of course, I am kidding (not about the monthly meeting or the discussion of Rotary business) about the secretive nature of the board. Any member is welcome to attend a board meeting. They are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 in Berg Agricultural Hall Room #150. I started in December and I plan to continue to give a quick overview of the board meeting on the Tuesday following our board meetings for the rest of my Rotary year.

Thanks again for a great 2015 and I look forward to an even better 2016. With all of your help we can increase the number of Brookings Rotary members and increase the impact of Rotary both at a local and international level. With your help Rotary can continue to be a "Gift to the World".

President Brad

### **BKX ROTARY COAT OF ARMS**

Shown on the left are the Coats of Arms designed by members in the exercise done on December 29. Quite a few great ideas were brought forward!

### **Wedding Anniversaries for January**

Jan 2..... Dick & Mary Jo Lee  
 Jan 7 .....Justin & Sarah Fjeldos  
 Jan 10 .....Victoria & John Blatchford  
 Jan 23.....Michael & Bobbe Bartley



### **The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in December**

Brad Blaha	Craig Johnson	Erich Olson
David Gilkerson	Del Johnson	Steve Pohl
James Gilkerson	Gregg Jongeling	Toby Uecker
Alan Gregg	Mary Kidwiler	Vernon Voelzke
Mylo Hellickson	Daniel Little	

### **January Meal Schedule (HyVee)**

Jan 5.....BBQ Beef Sandwich  
 Jan 12.....Turkey  
 Jan 19.....Soup and Sandwich  
 Jan 26.....Burgers and Brats