



The Cog



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NOVEMBER 2022

November Programs-- Brad Blaha -- Program Coordinator for Nov.

Nov 1 ...Chief Michael Drake.....Brookings Police Department
 Nov 8...Dr. David Reynolds...A pilgrimage to the British Library(at the PAC)
 Nov 15....Diane Hawks.....Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
 Nov 22...Club Assemblywith United Way appeal information
 Nov 29...Wendy Franzen.....International Rotary Convention

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Deb DeBates
 5 Dean Kattelmann
 9 Van Fishback
 29 Don Norton

November Sgt. at Arms will be the affable, affordable Steve Carnes!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER

The war in Ukraine, "Europe's Breadbasket" goes on with no end in sight. Meanwhile at home the cost of living continues to run hot and at levels not seen in two generations. These issues have already and will continue to cause food insecurity for people both locally and globally for the foreseeable future. Locally, Feeding Brookings, a ministry of Ascension Lutheran Church, distributes food to hundreds of Brookings households each week. As the cost of food has climbed, they have seen a four-fold increase in the number of family's needing assistance. This past month the Brookings Rotary club raised over \$2,000 to support their efforts. Many thanks to Larry Fjeldos who stimulated our giving to Feeding Brookings with his promised match of \$1000. Thanks also to Mary Kidwiler who made sure the target amount was hit and even exceeded! Since Thanksgiving is this month Feeding Brookings will be distributing boxes with traditional Thanksgiving items such as turkey, cranberries, and the like. The service clubs in town have been asked to collect 100 boxes each of instant mashed potatoes. Please pick up a couple boxes and bring to the next meeting or to Thirsty Thursday at Wooden Legs on Nov. 3rd at 5 PM. *(continued on next page)*



Fishback Studio



The Brookings Rotary Club will meet on November 8 (election day) at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center in the Fishback Studio. The meal for those who are signed up for the Quarter will be catered by SODEXO, the campus food supplier. Expect a super program from Dr. David Reynolds!

Others may bring their own lunch and there will be water and coffee available for all. See you there.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Reva & Jerome Johnson Nov 8
 Craig & Dee Johnson Nov 14



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November Service Anniversaries

11-02-71 Alan Rogers	51 yrs	11-11-03 Stephen Pohl	19 yrs
11-01-82 Wes Tschetter	40 yrs	11-24-09 Rich Widman	13 yrs
11-16-96 Dan Little	26 yrs	11-18-14 Jane Hennings	8 yrs
11-19-02 James Johnson	20 yrs		



Swedish Friendship Exchange Visits Brookings Rotary Club



Brookings Rotary (and District 5610) hosted a Friendship Exchange team from Sweden. Ginger Thomson and Jay VanDuch had visited Sweden earlier with a Team from our District.

A big thank you goes out to the Brookings Rotarians who assisted in the Exchange by hosting members of the Swedish Team in your homes and by attending the various activities during their stay in Brookings. Well done Ginger and the Club!!



THIRSTY THURSDAY NOV 3

All Rotarians, spouses, family, friends, acquaintances, people off the street, and potential members are welcome and encouraged to meet at **5 PM on Thursday November 3 at Wooden Legs Brew Pub** for an evening of joyful camaraderie.

The theme is providing boxes of instant mashed potatoes for use in the Thanksgiving meal boxes being prepared by Feeding Brookings. Please bring some or donate \$\$ toward purchasing more.

(President's message continued)

Many thanks to Dr. Dan Little who facilitated the \$25,000 Rotary Disaster Grant for humanitarian aid to Ukraine via the Barlad, Romania club. This is a great example of Brookings Rotary making an impact globally. My goal is to have the Barlad club members be one of our programs via Zoom in early 2023.

Last, but not least, if you have not already purchased tickets or RSVP'd with me, please consider attending the Hope and Healing benefit on November 13th. Many of your fellow Rotarians have put a lot of effort into planning this event that will include great food, desserts, music, and special guest speaker VJ Smith. In addition to being a fundraiser for a worthy cause it will be a great way for Brookings Rotary to showcase what we are all about, a local service club working in conjunction with over a million other Rotarians around the world to make an impact. The best way to share information about our event with your friends is to send them the link www.RotaryHope.com via email or text. More information on this event appears elsewhere in the COG. Hope to see you at Peace Lutheran on November 13th.
President, Erich

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in October

Deb DeBates	Marcia Janssen	Dave Odens
Lewayne Erickson	Del Johnson	Erich Olson
Jim Gilkerson	Gregg Jongeling	Jenn Olson
Michael Gonda	Millie Juel	Chad Vilhauer
Larry Janssen	Kay Norton	Cathy Voelzke

November Meal Schedule

- Nov 1.....Pizza and Ice Cream
- Nov 8.....SODEXO at SDSU PAC**
- Nov 15..Subway Sandwich and soup
- Nov 22..HyVeeTaco Bar
- Nov 29..Pizza Ranch.....Chicken

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR ROTARIANS IN DECEMBER

We are ringing the bells for the Salvation Army! Rotarians will ring the bells outside **Walmart** (Brookings) from 4-8 PM on **Tuesday December 13^h**. If you can help with this project, please sign up for the shift(s) you would like to help with at a Rotary meeting or you can also email me (Michael.Gonda@sdstate.edu) and I can add you to the timeslots you request, if still available. Each shift will be a minimum of one hour, but feel free to sign up for multiple shifts if you are available!

All the best, Michael Gonda



The Brookings Rotary Club was represented at the District 5610 Convention in September by Erich Olson, Don and Kay Norton, Gregg Jongeling, and Reva Johnson. Also, Nicole Rawden in her official capacity as District Administrator, was present and did a fabulous job of keeping the convention moving efficiently.

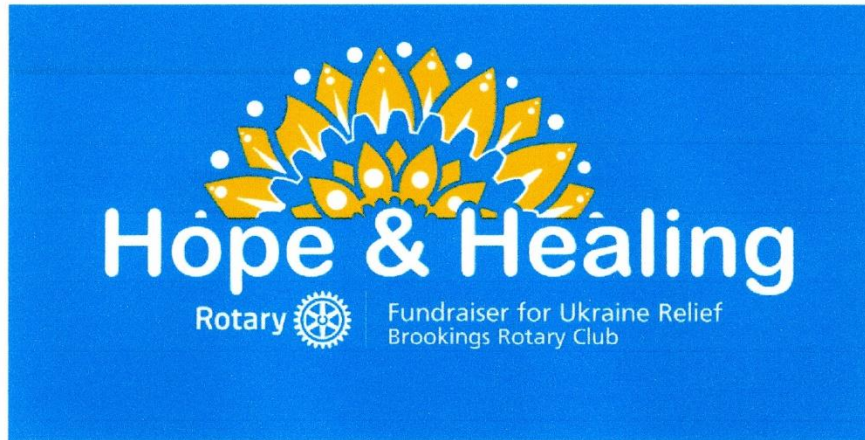
The picture above shows the presentation of the Rotary Citation to Don Norton as President of the Club during 2021-22. The Brookings club was the only club in the district to receive the award. In the picture below current President Erich recognizes Don and Kay for their accomplishment. (earned only because Kay Norton prepared the proper paperwork and guided President Norton in goal completion. Way to go Kay and Don)



Dear 2021-22 Club President,

Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2021-22. This past year, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future. I encourage you to display it proudly to celebrate your club's achievement. Once again, congratulations on a successful year as club president!

Sincerely, Shekhar Mehta 2021-22 RI President



Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings

Tickets \$50.00 Per Person Or
\$320 for a table of 8 (equates to \$40 each)

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE @ www.RotaryHope.com
or by calling Erich at 605-999-1200

Authentic Ukrainian Dinner - Entertainment - Dessert Auction

Guest Speaker V.J. SMITH

Sponsored and hosted by the Brookings Rotary Club. All proceeds will be used to provide medical supplies to be distributed into Ukraine, by the Bárlad, Romania Rotary Club.