



THE COG



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MAY 2018

May Programs

Erich Olson-Program Coordinator

- May 1 Miranda Mack.....The reigning Miss South Dakota
- May 8 Robin Buterbaugh.....Boys & Girls Club "Bee" Great Garden Project
- May 15 Catherine Forsch.....Executive Director of SD Historical Foundation
- May 22 Dave Odens.....Vietnam; an Emerging Economy
- May 29 Craig Severtson.....Helping Kids Round First

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Doug Malo
- 6 Mildred Juel
- 9 Lewayne Erickson
- 12 Gordon Mydland
- 20 Erich Olson
- 21 Jason Flaskey
- 27 Peggy Miller

May Sergeant at Arms will be the always effervescent Jim Klinker.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MAY

Striving for 100% Attendance

Oh my, why did I choose this topic . . . Like a smart aleck I was going to tell you to open Club Runner, check out your attendance and maybe decide to try to improve, but oops, it shows my 'exemplary' attendance at 80%. Now I know I was in Brookings 92% of those dates, so next I have to find out what counts as present (and I have to get this article in tonight, so I have no good answers for you right now) but perhaps I forgot to sign in. If I can count the days I think I was in attendance it has improved over last year which was 79%, but this is really impossible if I can't as president, when I have pledged to be present, even make it better than last year.

I'm deep into this now, so let's just continue with what Rotary has to say:

Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922 when Rotary International announced a worldwide attendance contest that motivated thousands of Rotarians to achieve 100% attendance year after year. Many Rotarians take great pride in maintaining a 100% record in their own club or by making-up at other Rotary Club meetings. Although the bylaws of Rotary require members to attend only 60% of all meetings the custom has emerged that 100% is a desirable level. Rotary stresses regular attendance because each member represents a unique background and the absence of any member deprives the club of the values of its diversified membership.

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MAY 12 is the Brookings Marathon. Rotary provides 10 volunteers to guide runners to and across Medary Ave. and thru the SDSU campus. On Saturday, the 12th of May, Rotarians are in place at 6:45 AM to provide guidance and encouragement as the runners pass. You are done by 8 AM. Dr. Bruce Lushbough is coordinating the volunteers for Rotary. Sign up at Rotary or call him at 691-5029 to volunteer.



East Central Behavioral Health painting party Saturday April 28.

Mike Bartley led Rotarians Reva Johnson, Gregg Jongeling, Larry and Marcia Janssen, Jeff Weldon, Craig Johnson and Dave Odens in painting the exterior. Reva provided coffee and rolls, Steve Carnes supplied water, Ron Tesch brought George's pizza for lunch. Cash for supplies was donated by Mary Kidwiler and Carol Peterson.

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May Service Anniversaries

5-18-60	Richard Wahlstrom	58 yrs	5-22-07	Gerard Moriarty	11 yrs
5-01-84	Terry Spitzenberger	34 yrs	5-10-11	Brad Wermers	7 yrs
5-05-87	Rod Schaefer	31 yrs	5-10-16	Nicole Rawden	2 yrs
5-05-92	Larry Fjeldos	26 yrs	5-16-17	Mitch Steinhoff	1 yr
5-28-02	Gordon Mydland	16 yrs			



President's message continued.....

Absences from regular club meetings may be made up in various ways. Up to half of the 60% requirement can be achieved by making up missed meetings:

- At other regularly established Rotary meetings including e-clubs and on-line clubs
- At district assembly or conference
- At Rotary International convention or conference
- At any Brookings Rotary Club service project
- Attending a Brookings Rotary fellowship ie: holiday party, club fundraiser
- Attending an Interact Club meeting
- Attending a Rotaract Club meeting
- Attending a Brookings Rotary Club Board Meeting

Make sure to inform our attendance secretary that you have made up a meeting: it helps your attendance and the clubs overall attendance.

Our total membership attendance at each meeting hovers around 53%. In the last 2 months the low was 42% (snow storm?) and the high 62%, with our average hovering around 53% of the membership attending the weekly meetings. We could do better . . . but don't everyone decide to come at once or we will run out of food.

And please, this is meant to be informative, not preaching . . . I for one should do much better. REVA



Rotary 4-way Test Essay Winners

1st—Nithin Perumal –
Mickelson Middle School

2nd (tie)

Rowen Abdel-Kareem –
Boys and Girls Club

Aralynn Hendrickson -
Mickelson Middle School



Wedding Anniversaries for May

- May 5.....Dean & Kendra Kattelman
- May 22.....David & Deanna Gilkerson
- May 23.....Gary & Sally Gramm
- May 23.....Jennifer & Randy Soma
- May 26.....James & Kysa Gilkerson
- May 27.....David & Rina Reynolds
- May 29.....Karla & Steven Eidem
- May 30.....Delmar & Judy Johnson

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in April

Steve Carnes	Reva Johnson	Richard Smith
Darrell DeBoer	Gregg Jongeling	Toby Uecker
Lewayne Erickson	Millie Juel	Cathrene Voelzke
Jim Gilkerson	Jim Klinker	Vern Voelzke
Alan Gregg	Tom Manzer	Jeff Weldon
Del Johnson	David Merhib	Zeno Wicks
Jim Johnson	Nicole Rawden	Rich Widman

May Meal Schedule (HyVee)

- May 1.....BBQ Beef Sandwich
- May 8.....Fried Chicken
- May 15.....Lasagna
- May 22.....Roast Turkey
- May 29.....Soup & Sandwich