



THE COG



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March Programs

Wes Tschetter - Program Coordinator for March

Mar 7....David Merhib.....	Brookings Chamber of Commerce
Mar 14...Rotary Committees.....	Club Assembly
Mar 21....Barry Dunn.....	SDSU President
Mar 28....Dean Kattleman.....	SDSU Facilities

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Nadim Hassoun
4	Tim Harvey
8	Cathrene Voelzke
18	Curt Osmani
22	Larry Fjeldos
23	Gary Gramm
28	Rod Schaeffer

March Sergeant at Arms is the vivacious Victoria Blatchford.

One profits most who serves best

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH

Rotarians,

Wow, how time flies! Spring is just around the corner and the Summit League Tournament is upon us. March is Water and Sanitation Month in Rotary. Among the 6 areas of focus for Rotary, water and sanitation may be the most basic contributors to world peace. Water is fundamental to life. Activities to feed children are overwhelmed with the impact of contaminated water. While we may think that water quality is only a problem in developing countries, I encourage you to read the article in the March Rotarian regarding toxic algae in Lake Erie. What could we learn about water quality in South Dakota by participating in the Lake Erie project?

Do you have an interest in learning more about how we can make a difference as Rotarians? If so, an excellent starting point would be to join other Rotarians at the upcoming District Training event in Mitchell on April 7th and 8th. Please let Reva or me know if you would like to car pool to the event. The training conference has specific break-outs to committee members with implementing ideas for their clubs. Make sure that you have purchased your raffle tickets for the District fund raiser! Another opportunity to understand the breadth of Rotary would be to attend the International Convention in Atlanta (June 10-14). Discounted registration is available until the end of March.

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Training for Rotary District and Club Officers Scheduled April 6-8, 2017 at Highland Event Center, Mitchell, SD

All in-coming club Presidents*, Secretaries, Treasurers, Foundation, Membership, Public Image Chairs and all other members are invited to attend training in Mitchell April 7-8. Training will start Friday morning and extend through 12:30 p.m. Saturday. A special recognition for all Presidents-elect will be held at the Friday evening dinner. All Clubs should be represented at the District Assembly (business meeting) on Saturday. Club organization and website training and Foundation grants training will be offered on Saturday morning. The agenda is available in the download section.

All District Leaders, Assistant Governors and Committee Chairs should attend training sessions, District meeting, and dinner on Thursday evening. This day is limited to District leaders, club leaders do not need to attend.

**NOTE: Rotary International stresses that the current president of any club whose president-elect fails to attend PETS must continue as president in the coming year.*

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March Service Anniversaries

3-28-61	Robert Fishback	56 yrs	3-28-05	Jackie Lanning	12 yrs
3-23-77	Fred Rittershaus	40 yrs	3-04-08	Jesse Ronning	9 yrs
3-13-84	Richard Lee	33 yrs	3-19-13	Erich Olson	4 yrs
3-13-84	Vern Voelzke	33 yrs	3-25-14	Roger DeGroot	3 yrs
3-09-93	Duane Sander	24 yrs	3-01-16	Lisa Bretsch	1 yr



BROOKINGS ROTARY CLUB HONORS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Brookings, SD — Brookings High School seniors Sydney Noordsy and Kristina Theodosopoulos were honored as the Brookings Rotary Club’s February Students of the Month. Sydney is the daughter of Becky and Dave Noordsy of Brookings. Some of the activities in which she has been involved are: Choir, Jazz Choir, BHS Cats for Life Club, Quiz Bowl, Cheer, Fall Musical, and National Honor Society. She also served as a legislative page in the 2017 South Dakota legislature. After graduation from BHS, she plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in English and Government with long-term plans to attend law school.

Kristina is the daughter of Kosta and Kathy Theodosopoulos of Brookings. She has been involved in Student Council, FCCLA, Students Against Destructive Decision, Health Occupations Students of America, Vocal Jazz, All State Chorus, Basketball, Spanish Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. She plans to study biology (pre-optometry) at Augustana University.

Each month during the school year, the Brookings Rotary Club recognizes two students who excel in exhibiting their motto “Service Above Self” and fulfill the ideals of the Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? The main objective of Rotary International is service, in the community and throughout the world. With more than 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs worldwide, Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio.

(President’s message continued)

Thank you to everyone that continues to assist with the launch of the evening meeting time. The Brookings Evening meetings are at 5:30-6:30 pm on Mondays at Wooden Legs. I encourage you to check out the Monday evening meetings (and invite someone to attend with you) – especially if you have a conflict with the Tuesday noon meeting time.

Enjoy the remaining days of winter and GO JACKS!
Dan



Wedding Anniversaries for March

Mar 6.....	Nicole & Jammey Rawden
Mar 6.....	Jeff & Tracie Weldon
Mar 17.....	Doug & Mary Malo
Mar 19.....	Dan & Pat Little
Mar 22.....	Alan & Carol Gregg
Mar 23.....	Carey & Lisa Bretsch

The following Rotarians had perfect attendance in February

Lewayne Erickson	David Merhib	Terry Spitzenberger
Alan Gregg	Erich Olson	Ginger Thomson
Larry Janssen	Jennifer Olson	Della Tschetter
Del Johnson	Steve Pohl	Jeff Weldon
Reva Johnson	Nicole Rawden	Rich Widman
Mary Kidwiler	Fred Rittershaus	
Dan Little	Rod Schaefer	

March Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Mar 7.....	Lasagna
Mar 14.....	Chinese
Mar 21.....	Fried Chicken
Mar 28.....	BBQ Beef Sandwich