



THE COG



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December Programs

Dr. David Reynolds -- Program Coordinator for December

Dec 6—Keith Mahlum, SDSU Foundation.....End of year charitable giving
 Dec 13—Dr. Dan Milanovich.....Sanford Health
 Dec 20—Darrel Hartmann, Brookings Fire Chief.....Holiday Safety
 Dec 27—Jackie Lanning, Brookings City Engineer.....Storm water management / Summer Projects

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Jan Fjeldos
 15 David Reynolds
 21 Bradley Blaha
 25 Richard Lee
 29 Don Crowe

December Sergeant at Arms is the very active and highly distinguished Rotarian Toby Uecker.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

Christmas greetings to one and all!

During this season of thankfulness and celebration, I encourage you to think about those around the world that lack clean water, abundant food, and education opportunities. We have much to be thankful for here in Brookings. As Rotarians "Serving Humanity", what thoughts do you have to make a difference in our club, community, region, or world? Your ideas and insight would be valuable as we plan for activities in the coming year! Have you thought about how we could interact with Native American groups in South Dakota? We have some of the most challenged communities in the world, just hours from Brookings. When considering local and international projects, it may be helpful to consider how we could address one of the 6 Rotary areas of focus:

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution	Maternal and child health
Disease prevention and treatment	Basic education and literacy
Water and sanitation	Economic & community development

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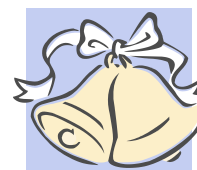
MATTEO CABRA

Brookings' Rotary's Incoming Exchange Student presented an interesting synopsis of his exchange so far. He is from Erbanno, Italy (in the north of the country). He has been living with Ginger Thomsen's family since he arrived but has moved to the Jay and Stephanie Goldhorn family as of December. So far a highlight has been going through the Badlands and watching the Custer Park buffalo roundup thanks to Terry Spitzenberger hosting the travel. Matteo played basketball in Italy and will be playing on the Brookings Bobcat basketball team. He is a junior at Brookings High School.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brad & Julie Wermers	Dec 19
Robert & Pat Fishback	Dec 26
Brian & Carla Gatzke	Dec 27
Keith & Susan Mahlum	Dec 28



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December Service Anniversaries

12-19-95	Brian Gatzke	21 yrs	12-16-10	Jan Fjeldos	6 yrs
12-15-09	Jennifer Olson	7 yrs	12-21-10	Gary Gramm	6 yrs



November perfect attendance

Brad Blaha	Gregg Jongeling	Richard Smith
James Gilkerson	Ken Knudtson	Vern Voelzke
Gary Gramm	Dave Odens	Jeff Weldon
Alan Gregg	Carol Peterson	Rich Widman

(President's message continued)

Our launch for the Brookings Evening meeting time will be Monday, December 5th at Wooden Legs Brewery from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. This is an alternate meeting time for our club, not a new club. Our goal is that more Rotarians will be able to attend regular meetings if they have an alternate time to regularly scheduled noon meetings. If you have prospective members that have not been able to attend a past meeting, please consider inviting them to the Brookings Evening meeting time – 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. More details on Monday evening!

Thank you for your generosity to support our ongoing projects! We are truly blessed with members that strive to make a difference in our community, as well as, the world! We are off to a great start for setting contribution records during the 100th anniversary year of the Rotary Foundation. Please contact a board member or me if you have any questions regarding opportunities to financially support Rotary programs.

Wishing everyone a joyous Holiday Season with your family and friends! Thank you again for everything that you do for Rotary!

Dan

EVENING ROTARY STARTUP

December 5 saw the first organizational get-together of the Evening Rotary Meeting. The concept is to provide the Rotary opportunity to individuals unable to attend noon meetings. They will be Brookings Rotary Club members but will not have the requirement to pay for meals. Their leadership will be a Committee of Rotary and the chair will lead their meetings and coordinate with the Rotary Board of Directors.



Thanks to the Boys and Girls Teen Center for hosting Rotary on Election Day. They did a great job!!!!



December Meal Schedule (HyVee)

Dec 6.....Soup and Sandwich
 Dec 13.....Chinese
 Dec 20.....Turkey
 Dec 27.....Taco Bar

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!