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I have two random thoughts I wanted to share with you today.

1) Nebraska's unemployment rate continues to be one of the lowest in the country. In recent months it has been first or second tied with North Dakota. To what do we attribute this status? I surmise it is in part because we have the collective "value" or "consciousness" that we should be prudent in spending and saving money. I am reminded again of how we built our state capital over 10 years stopping each year when we ran out of funds. I am reminded also that we have a constitutional amendment requiring us to balance the state budget each year.

That said we are a small state population wise and our size makes it easier to grapple with issues. Rotary members exemplify good business practices and I am proud that we take the time to celebrate and honor successful businesses each year.

2) Gabrielle Giffords is doing better as time passes and we pray for her full recovery. I was dumb struck today when I read in the Lincoln paper that a partisan emergency health care worker in Arizona refused to respond to the Gifford shooting incident because he disagreed with her political stance. I see it as a glaring example of lack of basic respect or civility towards others. I hope that Rotary will continue to exemplify the best behavior of people towards others even when faced with strong differences in political doctrines.

Tom Cardwell

### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Lance Odom  
Roger Vicroy  
Carl Zeutzius  
Nicki Klein



### THANKS!

Thanks to Nicki Klein who took notes for the newsletter this week

### Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/speakers.asp?cid=6040>

Calendar of Events:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/events.asp?cid=6040>

## Notes & Announcements

### Nut

A small amount of nuts and chocolate for sale. If each member would take one item, we could be finished! Items are available at each meeting or call Brad Carter for special orders.

### Sales

**End Polio Now Campaign**—Shahid Kamal reported that the 4 Lincoln clubs will again be collecting funds for the End Polio Now campaign at 6 locations in Lincoln on March 26, 2011. Collections will be at various Wal Mart locations and Russ's IGA. More details will be coming. Shahid reported that to date, Rotary has raised \$140 million of the \$200 million challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser**—The annual Chili Feed to raise funds for the LSR Foundation is scheduled on March 12, 2011 at the home of John & Nancy Herdman. There will be a chili competition from 5-6 pm for those who want to enter their chili recipes. Tickets are \$25 per person with a portion of the proceeds going the grant application process and the rest to the Foundation.

**Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)**—The next RLI session is scheduled for March 19, 2011 at the Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha. This is a great opportunity to obtain the expertise needed for those members who wish to assume leadership roles in Rotary. RLI provides background in Rotary policies, procedures and programs. Lincoln South will pay the entry fee for any member who is interested in attending. Contact Nicki Klein or Tom Cardwell if you would like to attend.

**Daffodil Days**— Final orders due by Friday, February 18 to Nicki (late orders MAY be possible – contact Nicki asap if you hear of anyone wanting to order after the deadline). We will again wrap the flowers with tissue paper and tie with a ribbon. We are currently planning to do that Thursday evening - March 10 . If anyone wants to help with that, please let Nicki know. We are also looking for donations of tissue paper if anyone can provide that. Just bring to Rotary and give to Nicki (or bring to the "wrapping party" if you are helping with that).

**Salute to Business**—The annual Salute to Business luncheon will be Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at The Cornhusker. The Salute to Business is an event sponsored by the 4 Rotary Clubs in Lincoln and supported by the Chamber of Commerce to recognize a business for their commitment to the community and its employment. The recipient this year has not yet been announced. This will be our meeting that week – so no meeting at The Knoll's on April 1. Tickets are \$25 and we will be making them available soon.

**Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser**— The annual Chili Feed is scheduled for Saturday March 12, 2011 at the home of John and Nancy Herdman. Anyone who wants to compete in the Chili cookoff should contact John. Those competing should bring their chili by 5:00. Social and judging will start at 5:30. \$25 donation per person – ANYONE is welcome – not limited to Rotary Club Members. We will have celebrity judges representing our District and other Lincoln Clubs.

### Future LSR Programs

2/18/11 Northeast Family Center—Art for Everyone

### Events & Projects

FEB World Understanding Month

2/18/11 Orders for Daffodil Days due.

3/11/11 Daffodils delivered

3/12/11 Lincoln South Foundation Annual Chili Feed Fundraiser.

3/19/11 Rotary Leadership Institute at Dundee Presbyterian Church

3/29/11 Salute to Business at the Cornhusker (This will take the place of our regular meeting on Friday April 1st)

### February Birthdays

Nicki Klein  
Dick Miller  
Elise White  
Dick Wampler  
Josh Funcke  
Aaron Babcock



## PROGRAM

## 2010-2011 Club Goals

1. *Club Strength– Leave the club better than when I took office.*
2. *Club Growth– Attain and maintain membership of 55.*
3. *Support Polio Eradication.*
4. *Support critical project in one of 3 areas; Health & Hunger, Water or Literacy.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Achieve the Presidential Citation*
7. *HAVE FUN!*

Contributions can be made in a variety of ways. Members can write a check at any time to The Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation. We are not able to do automatic drafts from accounts or charges to credit cards – but you can set up an automatic payment from your bill-paying account. You can also choose to name the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation in your will. To contribute in any of these ways, contact Treasurer Ardel Harger.

Lincoln South Rotary Club Members are encouraged to be a part of YOUR Foundation. Bring community service needs to the Board for grants, help increase Public Awareness of the Foundation, attend the Fundraisers, and consider what level of financial support you can provide to the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation.

Additional information is available on the Lincoln South Rotary Club Website

Members of the Board of the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation presented an update at our meeting on Friday, February 11. Joyce Schmeeckle, Ardel Harger, Lance Odom and Dean Heerman were the members addressing the club.

*“The mission of the Lincoln South Rotary Foundation is to support local causes while improving our community. Through these --efforts, we strive to increase public awareness and provide lasting value to those we serve.”*

The goals of the Foundation include 1) \$50,000 in contributions by 2009 (Accomplished), 2) Be financially sound to fund various community projects (\$500 annually), 3) Continue annual receipt of financial commitment by Lincoln South Rotary Board (ongoing), 4) Involve members of Lincoln South Rotary Club with annual pledges and fundraising events (Annual Chili Feed and Wine Tasting), and 5) Build Endowment to \$62,500 by 2016.

The current balance of the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation is \$49,030. 40% of the contributions are from the Foundation Board (8 individuals have contributed at the \$2,500+ level), 26% is from the Lincoln South Rotary Club treasury, Members and Corporate matches, 27% is from events, and 7% is from investments (primarily Certificates of Deposit).

The Board of the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation is committed to disbursing grants twice annually for a total of \$1,000 each year. With the growth in the Foundation, we hope to increase that to \$2,000 per year by 2014. To build foundation funds we need constant, regular contributions.

It was pointed out that Lincoln South Rotary members have historically been leaders in our district in support of the Rotary International Foundation. The leadership of the Lincoln South Rotary Foundation stressed throughout the presentation that we want this support to

continue. We also recognize that many of the projects of the Rotary Foundation are international in scope and very large in size. However, there are a number of unmet needs in our community and, through a club foundation, we can help with those needs.

When the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation was started, long-time member and major donor to the Rotary International Foundation, George Lytton, struggled with the decision. He was concerned that our club might lose our focus – move a little away from the International Foundation and more toward the Club Foundation. To date, this has not been a problem.

It is hoped that members will continue their support of the Rotary Foundation, but also contribute to the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation.

Organizations that have benefited from Lincoln South Rotary Foundation Grants include 1) Lincoln Public Schools Fund-a-Need, 2) Lincoln Action Program, 3) Clinic With A Heart, 4) Ruth Hill School, 5) Fresh Start Home, 6) Spring Creek Prairie, 7) Girls on the Run, 8) Lincoln Southwest Speech and Debate Team, 9) Gil Scouts, 10) Lincoln Literacy Council, and 11) Salvation Army.

It was also announced that the Board just met and voted on funding grants to the ARC of Lincoln for entertainment equipment and Bridges of Hope – an aid to newly released prisoners with basic needs.

It was pointed out that the Foundation focuses on grants that are championed by Lincoln South Rotary Club members – so this really is YOUR Foundation.

Answering the question of “why” we should add the Lincoln South Rotary Club Foundation to your list of charities, Dean Heerman said “do it now”. He shared advice that he has often shared with family, friends and clients. If you wait to give your money to others at the time you pass away, you never get to see the benefits – the joy – that your generosity gives to others.

Lincoln South Rotary Club is well-known in our community – and among our Rotarian friends in the other clubs. They see what we are doing – see the recognition that we get – due to our active membership and support of projects.



## TRIP TO GEORGIA

The next trip to The Republic of Georgia will be March 18 through the 28. The current cost for flights is \$1300 - \$1400. Once in Georgia, there are few expenses as you will stay in the homes of Georgians, they will provide transportation, and almost all meals are provided. The group will visit the Divine Child Orphanage in Saguramo to visit with children and staff and to see the materials that Lincoln South purchased for them along with our partner Rotary club Tbilisi Academia. The orphanage serves approximately 40 children ages 5-14. You will also have an opportunity to tour Georgia's wineries, beautiful rolling countryside, and possibly the coast of the Black Sea. Tom Cardwell and Joyce Michaelis will be traveling to Georgia this trip. Anyone else that is interested can get more information from Tom. Also, if anyone wishes to donate items (books, toys for all ages) for the orphanage, they can get them to Tom.

### PLACES TO MAKE UP

**Tuesday morning**—Sunrise Rotary at International House of Pancakes at 4501 North 27th (27th and Superior Ave.) at 7:00 AM

**Tuesday Noon**— Lincoln #14-Nebraska Club at 13th & M.

**Wednesday 11:45 a.m.**—Lincoln East at Valentinos at 70<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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### Rotary is on the Web!

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District 5650— [www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)

Lincoln South Rotary—

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeS.asp?cid=6040>

