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Having had Egyptian students matriculating at Southeast Community College I was very interested in the turn of events there leading to the overthrow of the Mubarak government. Now governmental discontent has spread to Bahrain, Iran and several other countries. A consistent theme is emerging of frustration with long standing leaders. I was reminded recently how

George Washington had an opportunity to run for a 3rd term as president of the United States. He was very popular and would have won. Some said he could have been king but he resisted that temptation remembering how hard he had fought to create a democratic republic. At the time there was no constitutional bar to Washington seeking a 3rd or even 4th term. Later Franklin Roosevelt navigated the United States through WWII and actually won a 4th term in office. However, only weeks into his 4th term he died after an exhausting schedule and a trip to Yalta. Roosevelt was tired but he relished the leadership role. Recognizing the peril of continuously reelecting the same leaders congress set Presidential term limits in 1951 with the 22nd amendment to the US Constitution..

It seems to me that both "developed" and "developing" countries and really all organizations are served by striking a reasonable balance between experience and entrenchment. There are two competing principles here: 1) Knowledge is power and 2) Power corrupts (at least absolute power).

Don't re-elect me next year :))

Tom Cardwell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—John Wolter, Charlie Ogden and De Etta Vrana all from Club #14.

Guests— Ramona Fink and Linda Arnold, our speakers

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Nicki Klein
Sandy Taylor
Brad Carter



Notes & Announcements

Future LSR Programs

2/25/11 TBA

Events & Projects

FEB *World Understanding Month*

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*

3/26/11 *End Polio Now Campaign*

3/29/11 *Salute to Business at the Cornhusker (This will substitute for our regular meeting on April 1st)*

Nut Sales—There is still 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.

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. Anyone who wants to compete in the Chili competition 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.

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 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— 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 will be Assurity Life Insurance Company. 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.

End Polio Now Campaign—Mark your calendars. 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.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Health & Hunger)

Dick Miller, Pat Grewe, Gene Swinton, John Wolter, Craig Madsen, Sandy Taylor, Joyce Michaelis, Tracey McLain, Nicki Klein, Aaron Babcock and Tom Cardwell



February Birthdays

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



Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

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

Calendar of Events:

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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!*

Our guest speakers were Ramona Fink and Linda Arnold. Linda has been an art volunteer at the Northeast Family Center for about 2 years working with children at the Early Learning Center and their sites at Brownell Elementary and Norwood park Elementary. In the past year she has started a program offering art classes to residents in Lincoln area adult homes. She has a weekly art club at Mahoney Manor, one at Lancaster Manor and will be starting one a Burke Plaza in March. In addition the Northeast Center holds an Art Family get together every Sunday from 1 to 4 in the afternoon so families can come to learn how to communicate through art.



Ramona



Linda

kids and adults alike by helping them communicate through art. Ramona shared a story about some women that she helped at Lancaster Manor who had MS and how the program helped them to do things they never thought they could do. The message from both Ramona and Linda is "Everyone is an Artist" and how their students can't believe that they can do the things they learn to do.

Ramona and Linda fund all of the art supplies out of their personal funds so they can offer the program at no cost to the participants. They target the underserved or those who don't have the funds or physical abilities to take an art class.

They are just starting the process to expand the program by looking for volunteers to help with the program as well as to donate art supplies. Their goal is to focus the program on teaching the techniques of fine art rather than an arts and crafts focus.

Anyone who is interested in the program can call them at 402-471-3700. The Center is located at 6220 Logan Avenue in Lincoln.

Ramona has worked some at the Northeast Family Center for about 10 years. She also has presented art classes at Northeast Family's Early Learning Center and Brownell and Norwood park.

Ramona and Linda spoke to the club about the art program that they are in the process of building and the impact it has on

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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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 70th & Van Dorn



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District 5650—www.rotarydistrict5650.org
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<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeS.asp?cid=6040>