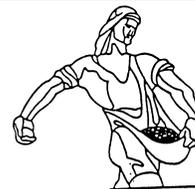




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## CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter  
Jessica Kolterman  
Bob Vrana



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—None.

*Guests*—Bryan Breed from St Farm Insurance

## HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Bob Vrana, Cathy Behrns, Darrel Huenergardt, Tracey McLain, Clay Ehlers and Gene Swinton



## 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>



**Rotary is on the Web!**

Rotary International— [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
District 5650— [www.rotarydistrict5650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org)  
Lincoln South Rotary—

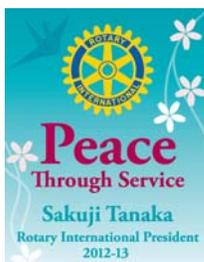
### Future LSR Programs

- 3/29/13 Jaime Henning, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, "Setting A World Record in Lincoln".
- 4/5/13 LSR Annual Scholarship Selection.
- 4/12/13 Todd Lorenz, Olsson Associates, "Creating a New Corporate Headquarters".
- 4/19/13 Robert Hinrichs Fuse CoWorking Space, "Co-Working Space— A New Trend for Small Business & Start-ups".
- 4/26/13 NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS— Salute to Business on 4/23/13 will count as a regular LSR meeting
- 5/3/13 Lincoln South Annual Golf Outing at Hidden Valley. NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS.

### Events & Projects

- 3/23/13 PETS in Lincoln
- 4/23/13 Salute to Business at the Cornhusker Hotel— Honoree St Elizabeth Hospital

*See page 6 for a letter that Lincoln South received from former Youth Exchange student from Sweden, Steve Ristolainen*



## Notes & Announcements

**Meals on Wheels**—The Lincoln South Meals on Wheels team is still looking for other volunteers to help on Tuesdays. He said that anyone is welcome to ride along to see if this would be something that interests you. Contact him or Ardel Harger for more information .

**Rotary Leadership Institute**—Mark your calendars for two upcoming RLI sessions. On March 9<sup>th</sup> at Peru State College for Level I only and then on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Omaha for the rest of the levels. Contact Nicki Klein if you are interested. Lincoln South picks up the registration costs for members who attend.

**Salute to Business**—Mark your calendars for the Salute to Business luncheon sponsored by all Lincoln Rotary clubs which is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cornhusker Hotel. Lincoln South has one table full and is working on another so if you are interested in attending, please contact Joe Roberts. We are also looking for volunteers to be greeters and ushers.

**Golf Outing**—The Lincoln South Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hidden Valley golf course. We are looking for 20 teams this year. This year a sack lunch will be provided by Brown Baggers and Burgers & Brats to follow at the end of the day. Even if you don't golf you can come out for the dinner afterwards. In addition to teams, we also need volunteers for the day of the event as well as pin prizes and raffle prizes. Please contact Crag Madson if you can help. [Craig.Madson@earthlink.net](mailto:Craig.Madson@earthlink.net). See page 5 for signup form.

**1st Annual Grocery Grab**—Nicki Klein described a new fundraising project which Lincoln South Rotary is doing in connection with Russ's Markets here in Lincoln. 499 raffle tickets will be sold at \$10 per ticket (or \$25 for 2 tickets). On April 22, there will be a random drawing from the tickets and the winner will receive a 3 minute shopping spree (with a max value of \$1,000) at the Russ's Market at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Hwy 2. The shopping spree will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are asking each member to take a bundle of 10 tickets to sell. Contact Nicki Klein for tickets at [nklein2@neb.rr.com](mailto:nklein2@neb.rr.com)

**World's Biggest Commercial**—Lincoln South Rotary Club Members and friends are part of the World's Biggest Commercial. Go to [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org) to see the entire commercial. All members are encouraged to post a photo to the commercial and then post that photo through Facebook and send as a link by email to friends and family. This is all part of the Lincoln South Rotary Club's significant Public Relations effort to spread the word about our efforts to eradicate polio in the world. For guidelines on how to post a photo, go to the Downloads page of the Club website and open the instruction document. We are hoping that most of our members will participate. This effort is an important part of the activities to earn the points needed for the Rotary International Presidential Citation.

**PROGRAM**

**2012-2013 Club Goals**

1. *Attain & Maintain 52 total members.*
2. *Hold a successful fund-raising event.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Reinvigorate Vocational Service.*
6. *Have even more fun than last year!*

Bob Balfany, Lincoln Market President for US Bank was our speaker. Bob spoke to the club about the banking industry and gave an overview of US-Bank. Bob is on the board of the Nebraska Dept of Banking as well as the Chamber of Commerce, both of which have given him great perspective on the economy and the banking industry in Nebraska. Banking showed the first net loss nationwide as an Industry in 2008. During that time Nebraska banks as a whole were still profitable and have stayed relatively stable. The balancing act that banks currently face is not to have underwriting standards too loose so they take on too much risk, while at the same time not having standards so tight that it restricts growth. An additional challenge in Nebraska is that the Ag economy has been so good that farmers are not borrowing which reduces the banks source of income. Some of the challenges ahead



for 2013 include the narrowing of margins between loan rates and deposit rates as the loans begin to re-price in the current low rate environment and increase in the number of regulations which causes uncertainty. Too much regulation can be just as harmful as too little and we need some certainty from Washington right now.

The banking system in the US is pretty strong but Europe is still having problems. New technology is a plus and should help the banking industry.

US Bank is the 5th largest bank in the US that still remains a traditional bank with loans, deposits and customer service. Bob shared some key statistics about the bank such as number of employees, # banks, major customers. US Bank is also very community minded and contributes to a number of great organizations through its foundation.

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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**March Birthdays**

Joyce Michaelis  
Ardel Harger  
Bernie Poppe



**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

### Additional Paul Harris Giving



Joe Roberts awarded Tracey McLain a pin for contributing in excess of \$4,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Tracey and thanks for your generosity to the Foundation.

### Membership Minute– Dave Hilsabeck

Dave Hilsabeck is a mental health & substance abuse counselor at Parallels. His hometown is Holdrege, home of Dr. Frank-Brewster, the Worlds 1st flying doctor. The most interesting place he has visited is the Abbey in Bath England with the Tower of London coming in 2nd. Dave joined Rotary because he was asked. Before accepting, he went on the Rotary website and found that the interests of Rotary were parallel to his. One of the beauties of belong to Rotary is that Rotary funds can go where he can't. The one more thing we would like for us to know about him is that he values experiences and loves to travel with his wife of 40 years, Cindy.





# 2013 Annual Lincoln South Rotary 4-Player Golf Scramble

## Golf Scramble

Proceeds Support the Lincoln South Rotary Foundation College Scholarship Program and Other Community Service Projects.

**What:**           **4-Player Team Scramble**  
\*Play the best shot on each and every shot\*

**When:**           **Friday, May 3rd 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start**  
**Brown Bag Lunch**  
**Burgers or Brats to follow (5:30 pm)**

**Where:**           **Hidden Valley Golf Course**  
10501 Pine Lake Rd  
Lincoln, NE 68526

**Cost:**            **\$400.00 For Corporate-Sponsored Team\***  
**\$ 85.00 For Individual Participant (make your own team or we will place you)**  
\*Corporate Teams will receive a large sign on one hole and recognition at the Awards Dinner & in our newsletter, The Sower.

**Entry Fee**           **Golf, Cart, Sandwich lunch & Awards Dinner**  
**Includes**           **All players receive a free 9 hole round at Hidden Valley.**  
**Prizes to top teams & pin prizes**

Please Mail Your Entry Form and Entry Fee made payable to Lincoln South Rotary by April 30 to:  
Craig Madson  
Lincoln South Rotary Golf Scramble  
7031 Cedar Creek Circle  
**Lincoln, NE 68516**  
(402)525-8546

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PLAYER 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLAYER 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLAYER 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLAYER 4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM CORPORATE SPONSOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

*Don't Miss Out on the Fun. Call or Mail Your Entry Today!!  
If you have any questions, please call Craig Madson at 402-525-8546. Thank you.  
Email- craig.madson@earthlink.net*

*Hello dear Rotarians!*

*Lying in my bed, I was suddenly struck with a great feeling of gratification for all your efforts and sacrifices you made for me, non the less for other people. I guess it has taken until now to realize just how much it has affected my life, in other words about 9 years. I cant believe how long it has been.*

*Sometimes you might wonder just how your efforts translate into other peoples lives. Therefore I want to tell you how the experience you made possible affected my life. When I was 11 years old I wanted to become a lawyer and live in Australia, and as I grew older the aspirations were still there. Conveniently my cousin had been to Canada with Rotary 2 years before me. My mother made the suggestion that I could go abroad as well. Shortly after I was finding myself right in the interview of 3 rotarians in a local Rotary club. After that I had a few meetings with other exchange students in Sweden.*

*Before long, I found myself meeting a totally unknown family ( the Werner family) in a totally unknown city, in the other part of the world. The rest is history!*

*Even though graduating from high school, running a successful business and many other things have given me a great foundation, self confidence and happiness. Nothing to date has had greater impact of my life than the 10 months in the US.*

*Both the Werner and Robets familys really gave me great support, but they did not do it all alone. I remember Jenny Cardwell helping me with papers, going on a road trip with Nicki Klein. I cannot name them all - other members helped me with golf clubs and stay in their homes when the Roberts were away.*

*Probably there are many more things that I cant remember. Except for all those things, I have really great memories from your weekly meetings. You treated me nicely and with great understanding. You seemed to treat each other no differently.*

*Overall you gave me a very positive feeling, that I personally have found in very few places.*

*Even though I was so young, so alone, in another part of the world. The South Lincoln club members really made me feel safe and very loved. This has given me great self confidence, and a sense of anything being achievable. **Simply a great foundation to succeed in life.***

*For the last four years I have been working as a salesman part time, as well running a company which buys and lets condos. Within a few months I am going to travel around the world and maybe work abroad. Where I end up will be interesting to see.*

*Besides being happy, all I know is that **I will be a Rotarian in the future.***

*Thank you for guiding me and making my exchange year possible! Special thanks to the Roberts and Werner family! I hope you take the compliments to heart, and that my letter was not too hard to follow!*

*Sincerely,  
Steve The Swede  
[steveristolainen@gmail.com](mailto:steveristolainen@gmail.com)*