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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Please use the following link to find the most current message from President Jenny Cardwell:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/>

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Clay Ehlers
Terry Kurtenbach
Pat Grewe
Nicki Klein
Bob Vrana



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Dick Miller, Jen Yung "Ryker" Lee, Kay Wunderlich, Lance Odom, Bob Vrana, Tom Cardwell, Wayne Moore, Tracey McLain, Dick Wampler, Clay Ehlers, Neal Lyons, Sue Nelsen-Merrill, Jenny Cardwell.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Dan Wherry from Club #14 , Kaye Miller, guest of Dick Miller.

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK SAY OR DO:

- ♦ Is it the TRUTH ?
- ♦ Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- ♦ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- ♦ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?



Notes & Announcements

4/03/15	Youth Exchange Student—Peggy Chuang
4/10/15	Annual Scholarship Presentations and Selection
4/17/15	Sara Browning, Nebraska Extension—Green Lawns/Great Plants
4/24/15	Career Day; Dr. Paul Illich, President SCC
5/1/15	Susan Rouch—Nebr. Dept of Economic Development
5/8/15	Lt. Governor Mike Foley
<u>Events & Projects</u>	
4/21/15	Drawing for Grocery Grab
4/28/15	Grocery Grab Shopping Spree

Rotary Leadership Institute—Last weekend Rotary Leadership Institute-Heartland USA Division held a session in Lincoln. Members from Lincoln South Rotary in attendance - Wayne Moore and Jerad Reimers - both in Part II, Kay Wunderlich - Part I. Lincoln South Rotary Club has committed to support participation in Rotary Leadership Institute. Any member interested in participating should contact Nicki Klein.

Grocery Grab—a major fundraiser for our scholarship funds is the Grocery Grab. This is an opportunity for someone to "run around the Russ's store at 33rd & Hwy 2 and get as many groceries as they can in 3 minutes (maximum \$1,000). Raffle tickets are sold by Lincoln South Rotary Club members and at all Russ's stores. The tickets are \$10 each (Lincoln South Rotary Club Members can sell them at 3/\$25). Club members are asked to check out a packet of tickets to sell. Drawing will be 4-21 (so ticket stubs and money should be returned at Rotary 4-17); the Grab is April 28. See Nicki Klein .

Golf Outing—A volunteer is needed to organize the golf outing this year. Please see Craig Madsen if you are interested.

Gift Bags for Scholarships— part of the high school scholarship program is that we give the finalists and the counselors each a gift bag. Lincoln South Rotary Club members are encouraged to provide items to add to the gift bags. We are asking for the items by April 3 to ensure that we can include the donor on the recognition poster.

Vocational Day— our speaker on April 24 is the president of Southeast Community College. We are taking advantage of his availability to offer a career day to local students and counselors. If members have children or grandchildren that they would like to bring (Juniors and Seniors), we encourage you to bring them to this meeting.

District Assembly—the District is now offering a Training Assembly that is designed to help prepare the club for the upcoming Rotary Year. Clay (Club President 2015-16) has asked all Lincoln South Rotary Club Board Members, Officers, and Program Leaders to try to attend. The Club will pay for leadership to attend. The District Training Assembly will be April 11 at Innovation Campus in Lincoln.



Rotary is on the Web:

Lincoln South-Meetings & Speakers
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/Speakers>
 Lincoln South-Calendar of Events
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6040/Events/Calendar>
 Rotary International— www.rotary.org
 District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

PLACES TO MAKE UP

Tuesday 7 a.m.—Sunrise Rotary at International House of Pancakes at 4501 North 27th (27th and Superior Ave.)

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

Wednesday Noon—Lincoln East at Valentinos at 70th & Van Dorn

PROGRAM

2014-2015 Club Goals

1. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
2. *Attain & Maintain 55 total members.*
3. *Successfully utilize New Grant Program by submitting 1 District Grant and 1 Global Grant.*
4. *Increase \$ raised from Golf Tournament and Grocery Grab by 5% over prior year.*
5. *Increase Rotary Foundation giving to \$9,300 with 100% participation.*
6. *Continue to participate in End Polio Now giving at \$32/member level by using Happy \$ and participating in End Polio Now events.*
7. *Continue to have Club participation at District Level.*
8. *Host a Rotary Days event with other clubs in Lincoln.*
9. **HAVE FUN AS ROTARIANS IN SERVICE TOGETHER!**

Casandra Ndahiro spoke to the club about post genocide Rwanda.

The Rwandan Genocide was a mass slaughter of Tutsi and moderate Hutu in Rwanda by members of the Hutu majority. From April 7, 1994, to mid-July, an estimated 500,000–1,000,000 Rwandans were killed, constituting as much as 20% of the country's total population and 70% of the Tutsi then living in Rwanda. Many of those killed were the educated - attorneys, teachers, etc. Those that survived had been subject to torture and rape. That caused an increase in HIV infection, including babies born to HIV-infected women.



The gacaca courts helped the government of Rwanda achieve collective participation in changing the society of Rwanda. Everything needed to be rebuilt from the bottom up and in order to do this everyone needed to be involved.

The task of trying the guilty was difficult because many judges, lawyers, and other judicial staff were killed during the genocide. It was necessary to set up a system of justice in which the population would take part and reveal all the truth about the tragic events as well as punishing the criminals and therefore community based courts - called gacaca - were established.

Gacaca encouraged mass participation from the communities and gave people the agency to find justice for their community and in the process heal their people. Despite the perceived success of the gacaca courts, they have not been received well by the international community of international human rights organizations. The gacaca courts are inherently Rwandan, based on Rwandan traditions and cultures, and this is contrary to the standards that the internationally community has set in regards to justice and how the justice system should function.

From the very beginning it is clear that achieving justice was indeed a top priority for the government, but this was not the only priority; healing the nation through active participation in achieving justice was just as important to the government

There is no evidence that the traditional criminal trials lead to reconciliation but there is evidence that a combination of retributive and restorative justice can enhance the process of reconciliation. International human rights organizations and the West frequently make the argument that gacaca is unfair, and while the courts are not perfect it is an argument that does not provide a better alternative.

1. Reveal the truth about what happened;
2. Accelerate genocide trials;
3. Eradicate the culture of impunity;
4. Reconcile Rwandans and reinforce their unity; and
5. Prove that Rwanda has the capacity to resolve its own problems

There are so many rules and regulations within the legal system- it is so structured and the nature of the crimes and the healing of a nation is not something that is structural, there are no rules and regulations on how a person, a community, a nation can heal after atrocities like the ones seen during the genocide.

The gacaca courts originated from a conflict resolution system that was traditionally used in Rwanda before colonization. The traditional gacaca courts mainly handled cases that were civil or social in nature among people within the community. They

Focusing on the needs of the victims rather than exclusively on retribution against the offender... it is directed at finding a solution which promotes repair, reconciliation, and reassurance.

March Birthdays

- Joyce Michaelis
- Matthew Horak
- Sue Nelsen-Merrill
- Ardel Harger
- Kelvin Kemp
- Bernie Poppe



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Matthew Horak

President/Owner of Horak
Chiropractic & Acupuncture
LLC Sponsored by Jenny
Cardwell



Jen Yung "Ryker" Lee

Employer: Primerica
Sponsored by Clay Ehlers
Ryker learned about Lin-
coln South Rotary Club
while visiting our Rotary
Days Booth at the Streets
Alive project.

Welcome to Lincoln South Rotary Matt and Ryker!