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

### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz  
 Brad Carter  
 Bob Vrana  
 Bernie Poppe



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Guests*—Jeff Maul, guest of Jason Smith, Erick Kamler, Erica Roethmeyer and Larry Zimmerman, all guests of Jessica Kolterman, Rhayom Qudirov and Tea Shergelashvili, both guests of Tom Cardwell (and our speakers), and Sue O'Connell, guest of Nicki Klein.

### HAPPY DOLLARS (For Literacy)

Nicki Klein, Eric Kamler, Tom Cardwell, Jenny Cardwell, Joyce Schmeekle, Elise White, Bob Vrana, Larry Zimmerman, Phil Maddern, Dick Wampler, Sue O'Connell, Craig Maddern, Ardel Harger, Don Anderson, and Lance Odom



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### Future LSR Programs

- 5/11/12 LSR Annual Golf Outing - Highlands Golf Course. NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS
- 5/18/12 To Be Determined
- 5/25/12 Deb McCaslin— Alliance for Smiles
- 6/1/12 NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS— District Conference.

### Events & Projects

- 5/14/12 LSR Board Meeting 5:30 pm at the office of Elise White
- 6/1/12 & 6/2/12 District Conference— Embassy Suites Omaha

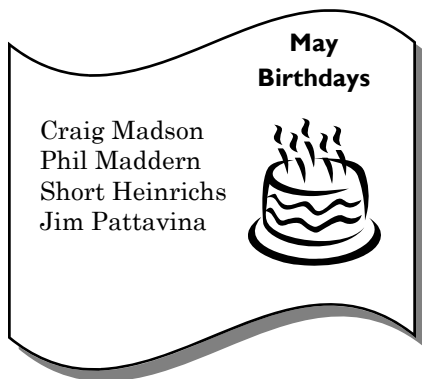
## Notes & Announcements

**Golf Outing**— Reminder that this Friday May 11th is the golf outing so there will be NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS. If you are not golfing you can still attend the dinner after golf. Also the committee is still seeking pin prizes and door prizes.

**Dues Statements**— Watch your emails for your annual dues statement from Corey Vandewege.

**District Conference**— Mark your calendars for the District Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites in Omaha on June 1st & 2nd. Look for more details in future newsletters.

**Give to Lincoln Day**—Lance Odom made an announcement about “Give to Lincoln Day” to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an effort to raise money to support Lincoln’s nonprofit organizations. Every donation you make on May 17<sup>th</sup> will help your favorite charities. Those charities will receive a share of the \$200,000 challenge matching pool



### 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



### 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>

**2011-2012 Club Goals**

1. *Attain & Maintain 55 total members.*
2. *Increase number of female members & young professionals.*
3. *Hold periodic club assemblies.*
4. *Incorporate "New Generations" into current club service projects.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Have a rewarding, unforgettable year!*

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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**PROGRAM**

Program: Rotarian Tom Cardwell introduced Khayom Qudirov and Tea Shergelashvili. They are students at Southeast Community College participating in the Eurasian Undergraduate Exchange Program. Students in this program must qualify academically to participate.

Khayom is from Tajikistan. It is in Central Asia and borders several countries. Tajikistan gained its independence in 1992. There are 143,100 kilometers of land in this country.

The language is Tajik, a form of a Persian language. The second language in this country is Russian.

There is a population of 7.4 million people. Muslims account for 98% of the population.

The three regions of Tajikistan include Vaksh, Sir, and Zaraphashon. It is a fairly new country in Asia and is democratic. The president has served since 1991. There is also a prime minister position.

Khayom presented a slide presentation that represented many scenes, customs and food from his country.

Ramadan is a 2 to 3 day religious celebration. Many types of foods are made and shared with each other. Their New Year's Celebration is March 21-22. They dress in traditional clothes, plan celebrations and games. Other holidays include Kurbon, Navrez, Independence Day and Constitution Day. Kurbon is a day of sacrifice and considered a religious holiday. Wedding celebrations, Tajik or Pamirian, use colorful traditional clothing and hats.

Mantu is called the national food. Shurbo is a soup. Tajik bread is very popular and considered an important staple of their foods.



**Tea and Khayom**

The second speaker was Tea, who is from the Republic of Georgia where she is a medical student.

The official language of Georgia is Georgian. The Republic of Georgia is the area of 69,700 square kilometers. It is similar to the size of South Carolina. The average life expectancy is 70-75 years of age.

The capital of Georgia is Tbilisi. There are eleven hospitals and seven dental clinics there. The population is numbered at 1,136,600. In the city of Kutaisi and Batumi, there are two hospitals in each. In cities of Zestaponi and Telavi there is only one hospital in each.

In 1999 the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs was formed. Its mission was the development and implementation of a government policy of health care and medical research. There are twelve national health departments. In each region, there are health committees made up of people who represent different sectors that influence health within that region.

There are 65 municipalities in Georgia that administer a health fund. That money is channeled to the region on a per person basis.

In the 1990s Georgia had a tax funded health care system. Reforms in 1995 replaced it with a social insurance medical model. The source of revenue is a mandatory payroll tax on employers and employees.

By 2009 the health care costs were funded by public sources for the rural populations and urban populations under six years of age and over 60 years of age. If you are above the poverty line you must pay for private health insurance or services out of pocket.

A question and answer session followed the presentations by the students.