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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

Brad Carter
Craig Madson
Bob Vrana
Pat Grewe



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Elise White, Dick Wampler, Don Anderson, Pat Grewe, Jen Yung Lee, Matt Horak, Clay Ehlers, Sue O'Connell, Craig Madson and Nicki Klein.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Liz Coop, our speaker.

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

5/22/15	<i>Pamela Dingman—Lancaster County Engineer</i>
5/29/15	<i>Allen Beermann—Former Secretary of State</i>
6/5/15	<i>Phil Tegeler—Current Trends in Substance Abuse in our Community</i>
<u>Events & Projects</u>	
6/6/15	<i>Lincoln South Foundation International Dinner at the home of John Herdman</i>
6/6-6/9/15	<i>Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo Brazil</i>
6/27/15	<i>District Day of Service Event at Mahoney State Park</i>

Strike Out Polio—Mark your calendars for August 1st for the annual Strike Out Polio event at a Lincoln Salt Dogs game. This event is for all Lincoln Rotary clubs. Tickets are \$16 per person which gives you access to air conditioned club seating if you need it. Rotary receives 1/2 of proceeds from the tickets sold by Rotarians to the event.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

**Contact Newsletter
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District Grants— the Board of Lincoln South Rotary again approved funds for a project this year. If approved, the District will match the funds 1 to 1. If anyone has suggestions or ideas for grant projects (can be a project of any amount up to \$3,000), contact Nicki Klein or Wayne Moore, who will be coordinating the District Grant process for the 2015-16 Rotary Year. In addition, for the 2014-15 Rotary Year, we are working with Southeast Community College to create a Veteran's Resource Center (we are providing computers and other room equipment) on their Lincoln campus.

Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser—Mark your calendars for the annual Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser. This year we will be having an international dinner at the home of John Herdman on June 6th. Each person is asked to bring a unique international dish. There will be a competition in each category of appetizer, soup & salad and main course. (Please bring your dishes to be judged by 5:30 pm) Social at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Cost is \$25/person. This fundraiser provides funds for the \$500 mini-grants.

Lincoln South Foundation Grants—Lincoln South Foundation is taking applications for mini-grants for the 2015 Summer grant awards. Applications are due May 29, 2015 by 5:00 pm. You can go to the website to obtain the application form.

New Meeting Site—Brad Carter announced that we are still actively looking for a new meeting site for our Friday meetings since the Knolls is closing in October. He has visited several potential sites so far and would welcome your ideas for potential meeting places.

Tom Cardwell elected 2017/18 District Governor —Nicki Klein reported that at the Annual District Meeting the nomination of Tom Cardwell for District Governor for the 2017-2018 Rotary year was approved. This is the first District Governor from Lincoln South Rotary in our 30 year history. Congratulations Tom!

Annual Dues— Nicki Klein asked that all members who wish to renew their membership, have their dues paid by the end of May since Rotary International has shortened the time frame that we have to remit club membership funds.

Day of Service Event— District wide event being held June 27th at Mahoney State Park involving several activities designed to be fun for families. Tom Cardwell needs help putting together one of the activities which is a Pirate scavenger hunt. Please contact Tom if you can help operate one of the stations. Admission to the day long event is \$35 for Rotarians and \$25 for guests. Kids 11 and under get in free. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

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!**

May Birthdays

Craig Madson
Short Heinrichs
Jim Pattavina



Liz Koop, President and CEO of Education Quest Foundation was our speaker. The Foundation was funded by a permanent endowment in 1998 with the mission of improving access to higher education in Nebraska. They will serve people who live in other states but don't promote their services outside the state. Their college planning services are free and include such items as

- Researching colleges
- Finding scholarship funds
- Exploring career options
- Helping with the FAFSA (student aid application)
- Educating applicants about student loans (which includes consultation regarding repayment of student loans for college graduates)

Last year they assisted 74,000 clients, either through one on one services or as part of their college fairs, education planning programs, financial aid programs etc.

In addition to their college planning services their other programs include:

1. College Access Grants awarded to high schools ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 per year depending on the school size.
2. KnowHow2Go Online Program for 8th, 9th and 10th graders. Details 4 steps to follow to make college possible by the time they are seniors.



3. Education Quest Scholarship Program which gives scholarships to non profit colleges who select the recipients based on certain need based criteria.

4. Reach Your Potential Scholarships which are given to people who want to go back to school and are referred through a human services organization. The scholarships are renewable and follow the students to their selected college. There

is also a mentoring component to this program.

5. Scholarship Quest which matches Nebraska kids with Nebraska scholarships.

Liz shared the following statistics regarding higher education.

◇ In 2010; of every 10 students who started 9th grade; 8 graduated in 4 years, 6 entered college within 12 months, 4 returned for their college sophomore year and only 3 graduated in 3-6 years.

◇ In 2013 Nebraska's high school graduation rate was 88.5% in total and 80.9% for the free and reduced lunch students.

◇ In 2013 Nebraska was 7th in the US in college going rate with 70% in total which breaks down to 78% non low-income and 58% low income students.

Go to Educationquest.org for more information.

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