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Greetings Rotarians!

I am writing for last time as your club's president. This has been such a rewarding year for me personally, and I have you all to thank for it. I appreciate each and every one of you for making our club what it is-- a warm inviting place that embodies Rotary's mission and message. I am so proud to be a member of this club, and feel so honored to have been able to serve as your president for this last year. On July 6, at our annual changing of the guard meeting, I will officially be handing the reins over to Pat Grewe. Pat has been a dedicated member of our club and our executive board for a number of years, and I am very excited to see what vision he has for taking us into the next year. I would also like to thank our board of directors and committee chairs for all of their support and hard work throughout the year. Our club has such tremendous leadership because of them, and I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done throughout this year. Most of all, I want to thank all of you for making this such an exciting, memorable year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this past year.

Elise M. W. White
President of Lincoln South Rotary

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians— Charles Liebebracht of Pennsville, NJ, Sue O'Connell of Friend, and Barbara Bartle of Club #14 who was the leader of the GSE Team.

Guests—Joshua Shasserre, guest of Pat Grewe, and Stuart Shell, member of GSE team

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Jason Smith, Dick Miller, Clay Ehlers, Bernie Poppe, Craig Madsen, Tracy McClain, Charles Liebebracht, Barbara Bartle, Gene Swinton, Dean Heermann, Neal Lyons, Cheryl Brandenburg, Pat Grewe and Tom Cardwell.



CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz
Jason Smith
Tom Cardwell
Bernie Poppe



[Future LSR Programs](#)

- 7/6/12 *Annual Meeting and Changing of the Guard*
- 7/13/12 *Janet Palmtag– Dist Chair International Service; “Vidya Foundation Entrepreneur Development for Women in India”*
- 7/20/12 *LSR Board Meeting-10:30 at the Knolls*
- 7/20/12 *District Governor Dick Galusha*
- 8/3/12 *Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries “What’s new at the Lincoln Libraries”*

[Events & Projects](#)

- 8/11/12 *District Foundation Seminar-Quarry Oaks Golf Club; 8:15 am to 2:30 pm.*

Notes & Announcements

Foundation Promotion—The Foundation is running a promotion through July 1, 2012 whereby anyone who enrolls in the Rotary Direct program to automatically contribute to the Foundation will receive double recognition points. Use the following link to learn more:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/WaysToGive/Announcements/Pages/12march26_annc_rotarydirect.aspx

Official District Governor Visit—District Governor Dick Galusha will make his official club visit on Friday, July 20. He has asked that on that day our Rotary Club members bring an honored guest who is not a Rotarian to the meeting. He stated that they be someone from the community who has made a contribution to society.

Club Revenue—Dues are due. President Elise announced that there will be a Lincoln South Fundraising Task Force organized. If you would like to be part of that please contact Nicki, Pat or Elise

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>

June Birthdays

Pat Grewe
Jessica Kolterman
Don Schoening
Ryan Lindbeck
Neal Lyons



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

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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Rotary is on the Web!

Rotary International— www.rotary.org
District 5650—www.rotarydistrict5650.org
Lincoln South Rotary—

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeS.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!*

PROGRAM

Program Chair Jenny Cardwell introduced the Outbound Rotary Group Study Exchange Team. The 4 team members were Barbara Bartle, Stuart Shell, Sara Skarka and Lorena Hernandez. Team Leader was Barbara Bartle. Mrs. Bartle serves as the President of the Lincoln Community Foundation. She has 36 years of experience in fund raising, program development, public engagement and teaching. She is past president of Rotary Club 14 and Rotary Club 14 Foundation. Some board service includes the Lincoln Symphony, Nebraska Repertory Theater and the Lincoln Community Learning Centers Leadership Council.

Mrs. Bartle served as the GSE Team leader and said that it was "such an honor to be the GSE leader." They were the guests in India of District 3170, which has 140 clubs. The team made 13 formal club presentations and participated in 45 flag ceremonies. Avinash Paddar is the District Governor. The theme for their District Conference was "Reach within to Embrace Humanity."

At the District Conference, it was announced that India had been polio free for one year. And that was something to celebrate. Their District Rotary Goals are the following:

Promote Fellowship
Grow Membership
Strengthen Family
Support the International Foundation

Mrs. Bartle stated that their goals were very similar to our District goals. She said that the home stays were wonderful. Getting to know each other is very powerful. The Group Study Exchange has been going on since 1953.

She stated that there is so much work to do in India due to the poverty that exists there. The GSE team presented flags for exchange, and delivered sewing machines to women which was a very emotional experience. The women who received the machines will be able to work and earn money from their sewing. It is an important piece to their survival.

Bathrooms are being built in India next to schools because at a certain age, mothers do not allow the daughters to attend school due to the lack of bathroom facilities. The Goa project is to build 200 bathrooms which cost \$300.00 each.

They visited a small rural hospital with a neonatal intensive care unit. They are trying to buy state of the art equipment and are saving 16-18 babies per month. Because of donations by the American GSE team, this project will eventually gain around \$13,000.

The languages spoken there are Hindi and English. Tourism and economic development are important to the region they visited. The city populations ranged from 32,000 to 5.5 million. She stated that it was a very unique experience to have participated in this international study.

Stuart Shell was part of the GSE team and employed by RDG in Omaha. He said that he was glad for the opportunity to learn about Rotary and learn about India. He stated that the team served as a human conduit between the two areas. He said that "we live in a global world."

The economy is labor driven. They are racing to modernization and efficiency. It is a very old culture trying to be a modernized one.

There is an erosion of cultural values in India although it is a "rich human tapestry that has a cultural legacy that goes back to antiquity." It is encouraging to investigate this culture because of its spirituality.

Seventy per cent of the population in involved in agriculture. India has three times the population in one third of our area in the US.

Mrs. Bartle stated that the team went to build bridges and communities. Ghandi stated that "You must be the change you want to see in the world."

Mrs. Bartle concluded with a quote by Dwight Eisenhower: "I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it."

