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I will preface this by saying I served a term as a medic in the Nebraska National Guard and most of the time (95% +) I vote in elections. I do love the United States, but only in so far as it lives up to its ideals. Remember we once loved Britain.

Freedom comes at a price but then we soon become complacent. We celebrate the trappings of freedom such as picnics, fireworks and flag waving but sometimes forget the meaning and responsibility of the thing we claim to cherish. We honor those we send off to die for us in some distant land but don't bother to understand in any substantial way the larger issues determining ours or their fate. Collectively we often have strong feelings about things we don't understand. Passion is almost like a proxy for understanding. In other words, if we feel strongly enough about something we must be right.... Right?? It is unfortunately obvious that people can be swayed by hollow rhetoric with relative ease.

As it is Independence day, I will say that in truth I have as much respect for the reasoned/thoughtful dissenters of wars as I do for those who die for our country. It is often not clear that we should have entered a war. Interestingly historians talk about great debates surrounding many conflicts; prior to, during and following their conclusion. We honor soldiers who lay down their lives for our freedom and choose to believe their sacrifices are worth the cost because we can't bear to believe they are not. Too often the fervor of our feelings is in reverse proportion to our understanding of the issues. Take the Gulf war. Our entrance in to Iraq is still perplexing to me and many others. Iraq though led by a dictator was not our enemy but it did have huge oil reserves! Surely we were not swayed in our noble defense of freedom by our economic benefit? In retrospect it is also clear our use of Halliburton, Blackwater and other no bid contracted services did not save us money and most likely cost us greatly in good will around the world. So if you really love your country become educated about issues. Demand reasoned political debates not sound bites. Pursue a path of peace and prosperity not war. Seek to create a world where people value their lives and conditions sufficiently that they don't want to fight. Rotary helps in many ways to accomplish these ends.

Tom Cardwell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Don Anderson, Bill Schmeackle and Barb Bartels from Club 14.

Guests— Monica Kuhns, guest of Bryan Block, Matt Honke, guest of Lance Odom and Ryan Lindbeck, guest of Jessica Kolterman.

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Jim Pattavina
Lance Odom
John Herdman
Bernie Poppe



Notes & Announcements

Future LSR Programs

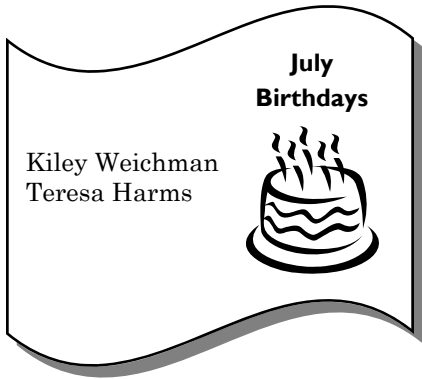
7/8/11 *Changing of the Guard*

Events & Projects

8/26/11 *District Governor Bob Perrin Official Visit.*

Polio Fundraiser—Aaron Babcock has contributed Husker Illustrated yearbooks to be sold at \$10 apiece as a fundraiser for Polio with 100% of the proceeds going to polio eradication.

End Polio Now Event—Nicki Klein reported Lincoln is very close to its goal for raising its portion of the \$200 million Challenge Grant to Rotary International from the Bill Gates. To raise the remainder of the funds, the Lincoln Rotary Clubs have scheduled a “Strike Out Polio” event at the Salt Dogs game on August 19th. Tickets for the club section will be \$16 each with 1/2 of the proceeds going to polio eradication. The goal is to sell 243 tickets which is the capacity of the club section. There also will be opportunities to qualify to throw out the first pitch.



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Literacy)

Jessica Kolterman, Lance Odom, Bill Schmeackle, Jim Pattavina, Tracey McLain, Nicki Klein, Bob Obst, Dick Wampler, Barb Bartels and John Herdman.



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



Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/speakers.asp?cid=6040>

Calendar of Events:

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PROGRAM

2010-2011 Club Goals

1. *Club Strength— Leave the club better than when I took office.*
2. *Club Growth— Attain and maintain membership of 55.*
3. *Support Polio Eradication.*
4. *Support critical project in one of 3 areas; Health & Hunger, Water or Literacy.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Achieve the Presidential Citation*
7. *HAVE FUN!*



Our speaker for the day was Barb Bartels, President of the Lincoln Community Foundation (“LCF”). Barb highlighted the history of the Foundation and also shared an overview of what it does.

LCF was formed in 1955 and is restricted to giving funds only to not for profit entities. To date LCF has distributed \$60 million in grants to 100’s of not for profit entities. LCF grants \$3-\$4 million per year and last year gave to 273 Not for Profits in the Lincoln/Lancaster County area. LCF also awarded 67 scholarships last year under their scholarship program.

Barb wanted to convey 3 things to the group: 1.) LCF is for everyone in the community, 2.) LCF is updating its policies to make access more user friendly and 3.) LCF is a convener in the community around certain issues. For example, as a result of a request from Admiral Mullen at the national conference, Lincoln is getting involved with programs to help military service members.

The goal of LCF is “Lincoln Forever” which is accomplished by connecting donors to needs of the community. With LCF a donor make a gift with the assurance that their wishes will be per-

manently honored. Gifts to LCF can accomplish many goals by a.) Supporting future needs, b.) Benefiting certain Charities or c.) Supporting a specific area of interest such as arts, children, older adults, etc.

The first gift LCF was \$500 which was used for a new projector at the Pinewood Bowl.

Funds of LCF include:

- Lincoln Forever Fund— Permanently unrestricted
- LCF Endowments including the LCF Fund, LCF Building Fund and the Foundation Garden Fund
- Donor Named Funds— Established in the family name of a donor to support specific causes. These include Donor Advised Funds and Donor Specified Funds.

There are 2 ways to give to LCF:

1. Give now on an annual basis. One way to accomplish this is to place funds in a Charitable Checkbook Fund which is a donor advised fund. .
2. Give later with planned gifts through a will or a trust.

Some of the projects funded by LCF include, Lincoln Symphony, Lincoln bike trails, Lied Center Rose Garden, Pioneers Park and Lincoln Station.

**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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Welcome to Lincoln South Rotary Carl and Kiley !

