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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Please use the following link to find the most current message from President Clay Ehlers:

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

CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
Bob Vrana
Darrel Huenergardt
Sue Nelsen-Merrill



HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Bob Vrana, Jenny Cardwell, Tracey McLain, Sue Nelsen-Merrill, Wayne Moore, Clay Ehlers, Dick Morris, Ardel Harger, Charlie Ogden, Don Anderson and Cheryl Brandenburg.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Charlie Ogden, Bruce & Kim Remington and Doyle from Club #14 and guest Jim O' Hanlon.

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

7/24/15	Sandra Kavan—Nebraska Pork Producers Association
7/31/15	TBD
8/7/15	Michelle Phillips, Principal Ruth Hill Elementary—Hill Nature Center & Outdoor Classroom
8/14/15	Bob Ferguson—Nebraska's Connection to the U.S. Stamp Program
8/21/15	NO MEETING AT THE KNOLLS-See District Conference Below
8/28/15	Official visit of District Governor Rod Bates.
<u>Events & Projects</u>	
8/1/15	“Strike Out Polio” event at Salt Dogs game.
8/21/15-8/22/15	District Conference— Mid America Center in Council Bluffs.
9/11/15	LSR Foundation Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the home of Tracey McLain.

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 the proceeds from the tickets sold by Rotarians to the event. You can also buy chances to throw out the first pitch for \$1 each. (or 8 for \$4). This effort helps the Rotary Clubs meet our goal of \$32 annual donation per member to the End Polio Now effort.

District Conference—The District conference will be held in Council Bluffs August 21st & 22nd. There will be some great speakers this year including astronaut Clay Anderson from Nebraska. This year attendees will pay one price for the entire event regardless of which days they attend. Note that Friday 8/21 there will be no LSR meeting at the Knolls as the Friday meeting at the conference will take place of our regular meeting.

See page 4 for more Changing of the Guard presentations.



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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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

2015-2016 Club Goals

1. *Location, Location, Location!*
2. *Increase Membership by 10%-Through both RECRUITING and RETENTION.*
3. *Rotary Foundation Support- \$9,200 for the club (at least \$200/member).*
4. *Promote Bequest Society Enrollment.*
5. *Earn Presidential Citation*
6. *Promote Speaker Appreciation.*

Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Control Superintendent and self professed “weed nerd” was our speaker. His department is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act and weed abatement in Lancaster County and also weed abatement in the City of Lincoln through an interlocal agreement between the county and the city.

Noxious weeds must be kept no taller than 6” on any property. In addition to weeds designated as noxious weeds under the Act, the county also does weed abatement of worthless vegetation which is defined as vegetation that is overgrown, mature and not serving a beneficial use or uncontrolled. This worthless vegetation needs to be controlled for a number of reasons:

1. Uses a lot of moisture
2. Crowds out good plants
3. Decreases property values
4. Violates the law
5. Is unsightly
6. Attracts pests
7. Can cause health problems
8. Is a fire hazard
9. Can be an aggressive spreader.

Property owners are responsible for weed abatement on their property and also from their property line to the center of any adjoining street or alley. If your property has a fence around the perimeter, you are required to cut on both sides of the fence even if it is right on your property line. Lots greater than 1 acre are required to cut weeds back 50 ft from each border and cut everything to 6” after the growing season. Also properties on an intersection are required to keep 30” from the curb free of obstructions. If property owners do not clean up the weeds, the county will contract it done and bill the owner for the cost. Not surprisingly rental properties are a big problem. In 2014 they cut 289 properties and enforced 2 noxious weed violations.

He showed pictures of the different types of noxious weeds including escaped ornamentals such as purple loosestrife, knotweed and salt cedar (some of which are still sold as ornamentals but are very invasive) as well as the better known such as Musk Thistle, Canada Thistle, Cutleaf Teasel, Phragmites and Leafy Spurge to name a few.



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.rotarydistricts650.org

CHANGING OF THE GUARD- CON'T

Outgoing president Jenny Cardwell presented the rest of her awards for her Officers, Board and Chairs.



Cheryl Brandenburgh—Programs



Darrel Huenergardt—Membership



Joe Roberts—LSR Foundation