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Greetings Rotarians! I wanted to use my first few President's addresses to talk about our club's goals for the coming year and how we hope to achieve them. Last week I talked about our first goal of attaining and maintaining 55 members. Our second goal for this Rotary year is to increase the number of female members and younger professionals. This goal is one that is particularly important to me as a young female professional myself. I remember when I first joined Rotary, I mentioned my new membership to a work colleague, and she asked, "Why would you join an old man's club?" I have never felt that Lincoln

South is an "old man's club" but I know that perception is out there for Rotary International. It wasn't until 1989 that Rotary International began admitting women to membership\*. Today, Rotary has a little fewer than 188,000 female Rotarians worldwide, which I find shocking considering that there are a total of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide\*. Unfortunately, the male to female ratio in our club isn't much better. Also, the average age of Rotarians worldwide is 58\*. I truly believe that if we want to continue to grow and thrive as an organization, we have to increase the number of female members and of younger professionals. Having a club that is well balanced in gender, age, ethnicity, and professional classification ensures we are able to continue to have the active, vibrant membership needed to best serve our community.

Elise M. W. White  
President Lincoln South Rotary  
\*statistical information from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—Barb Tyler and Vi See from Club 14.

*Guests*—Rita Prokopenko and George Lomtadze, our speakers and Nino Tokhadze and Mariam Tkeshelashvili, all guests from the Republic of Georgia and Clare Carter, guest of Brad.

## HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Joe Roberts, Lance Odom, Neal Lyons, Jim Pattavina, Jessica Kolterman, Brad Carter, Cheryl Brandenburg, Gene Swinton, Craig Madson, Don Anderson, Nicki Klein and Kylie Wiechman.



### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Joe Roberts  
Jessica Kolterman  
Roger Vicroy



**Future LSR Programs**

- 7/29/11 Club Assembly
- 8/5/11 Dr. Tyler White-U of N Intelligence Community Scholars.
- 8/12/11 Aaron Babcock– Huskers Illustrated and the Magazine Industry

**Events & Projects**

- 8/26/11 District Governor Bob Perrin Official Visit.
- 8/27/11 District Foundation Seminar– Mahoney St Park– Peter Kiewit Center, Nebraska Room, 2nd Floor

**Notes & Announcements**

**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 benefitting the End Polio Now Campaign as well as other activities of Lincoln South Rotary. .

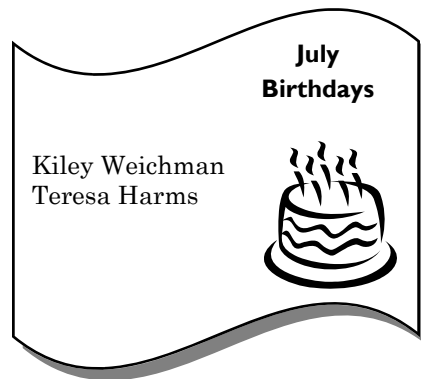
**End Polio Now Event**—Nicki Klein reported Lincoln is very close to its goal for raising its portion of the \$200 million Challenge Grant to Rotary International from the Bill Gates. To raise the remainder of the funds, the Lincoln Rotary Clubs have scheduled a “Strike Out Polio” event at the Salt Dogs game on August 19th. Tickets for the club section behind home plate 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. *See page 5 for Flyer with details.*

**Rotary 107** — In 2008 when Rotary was 104 years old, the District Governor challenged all members to be active by awarding points for participation. Anyone with 104 points or more by the end of March of that Rotary year was awarded with a special Rotary 104 lapel pin. The challenge is on again this year with Rotary 107. Anyone who reaches 107 points will be recognized by the District Governor. In fact he is planning a special recognition for those who get their points in early. Nicki will have a book available at the meetings for members to update their points or you can open the form by going to [exec@rotarydistrict5650.org](http://exec@rotarydistrict5650.org).

**Speaker Chair needed**— President Elise, reported that we are still looking for a speaker chair for the 2011/2012 Rotary year. Anyone who is interested in lining up speakers each week, please contact Elise.



John Herdman presented the club with a banner from a Rotary club in Branson Missouri that he visited recently.



**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>

## PROGRAM

### 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!*

Dr. Rita Prokopenko and George Lomtadze, visitors from the Republic of Georgia were our speakers. Rita was at UNL in 2008 as part of the Junior Faculty Development Program and has led a number of trips to the US with students to provide an opportunity for them to learn about life in the United States and Nebraska.

George spoke to the club about his country which is between the Black and Caspian Seas. Georgia has many varied landscapes which include mountains, sea-side country and semi arid regions. Wine making is very important to the country and dates back to before Christ.

Rita then spoke to the club about the Saguromo Children's Home Project where Lincoln South obtained a District Simplified Grant and partnered with the Tbilisi Academia Rotary club to buy computers and English Language instruction



materials for the home. As part of the project they were also able to offer English Language classes to adults in the area.

They are holding another fundraising event to be able to continue to hold English Language and computer classes and provide transportation to the students to get to the classes. They are holding an art exhibition and brought some of the art pieces with them to hold an exhibition in the US while they are here. They need \$1,000 to \$2,000 to complete the project.

There were 2 other members of their group with them on Friday: Nino Tokhadze with the Foreign Languages learning Centre and Mariam Tkeshelashvili a student whose mother has previously visited the US. Students in the group range in age from 12-21 with most about 16-17 years old. They must go through a screening process, speak English and be able to get a VISA to be part of the group.

Welcome to Lincoln!

**QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
ARTICLES?**

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### 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



### 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>



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**PLEASE WELCOME LINCOLN SOUTH'S NEWEST MEMBERS**

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*Welcome to Lincoln South Rotary Don and Cheryl !*



# Strike Out Polio With Rotary

and the Lincoln Saltdogs



**Friday, August 19, 2011 - 7:05pm**  
**Winnipeg Goldeyes vs Lincoln Saltdogs**



*Promotions*  
 Fitness Friday  
 Saltdogs Lunch Box Giveaway  
 (First 1,000 Kids 12 & Under)



**END  
 POLIO  
 NOW**

An "End Polio Now"  
 fundraising event of  
 The Rotary Clubs of Lincoln:

Lincoln Rotary #14  
 Lincoln East  
 Lincoln South  
 Lincoln Sunrise

