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Greetings Rotarians! When I was younger, I remember people from my parent's generation talking about how they remembered exactly where they were and what they were doing when they learned that President Kennedy had been shot. I remembered wondering if there would ever be an event in my life so major that it would be permanently etched in my memory such as that. Unfortunately, the attacks on September 11, 2001 is that event for our generation. I remember being in my dorm room in college getting ready for class when my mom called and told me to turn on the news. I watched as the second plane crashed into the World Trade Center and as the buildings crumbled later that day. The entire nation was in mourning. This year, on the 10th anniversary of the attacks, I still remember the shock and fear that I felt that day, but now in retrospect, have realized something else. We mourned together. We were afraid together. Our nation, with its diverse cultures, ethnicities, religious and political views was united together. Today, with the turmoil in Washington, constant bickering between political parties, and never ending suffering and conflict captured on the 24-hour news channels, we as a Nation have a challenge: to remain optimistic. What I realized right after the 9-11 attacks was we were shocked, we were disheartened, but we never gave up. We never stopped looking to the future. We never gave up the belief that the world was an inherently good place and worth fighting for. We never stopped being Americans. We didn't let the attacks change who we are. As e.e. cummings once said, "To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting." The secret, is to keep up the fight even when, like today, the enemy is not so apparent.

Elise M. W. White  
Lincoln South Rotary President

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—Anita Crisp, Frosty Critchfield, Justin Kozicheck and Lloyd Johnson all from Club 14.

*Guests*—Jess Berglund, guest of Elise White and Commander Darren Nelson, our speaker.

**HAPPY DOLLARS (For Child Mortality)**

Anita Crisp, Chris Dietz and Gene Swinton



### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Bernie Poppe  
Chris Dietz  
Nicki Klein  
Joyce Michaelis



### Future LSR Programs

- 9/16/11 Joyce Michaelis- "Cuba- an Island Poised for Change."
- 9/23/11 Chris Klingenberg- "the YMCA in Lincoln, 140 Years and Still Growing"
- 9/30/11 Suzanne Sughroue, Madonna Foundation "Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital- Technological Advances".
- 10/7/11 Lori Seibel "community Health Endowment of Lincoln"
- 10/21/11 Chris Sommerich, Nebraska Humanities Council "What Nebraska High School Students Think of US Foreign Policy"
- 10/28/11 Chief Jim Peschong, LPD- "What's happening at LPD"
- 11/4/11 Rod Bates General Mgr. NETV
- 11/18/11 Barb Bartle and GSE Team- "Rotary Group Study Exchange Team 2012 to India"
- 12/2/11 Topher Hansen "CenterPointe"

### Events & Projects

- 9/24/11 Membership Seminar at Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.
- 10/14/11 Club 14 Auction at the Lincoln Station (benefits Boys & Girls clubs) \$75/ticket
- 10/21/11 LSR Foundation wine tasting fundraiser at the home of Joyce & Bill Schmeackle.

## Notes & Announcements

**Speaker Chair needed**— 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.

**Membership Seminar**— Scheduled for Saturday September 24th at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Attendees receive free tickets to the zoo for their family on the day of the seminar.

**Rotary Leadership Institute** — next session is October 15, 2011 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Lincoln South Rotary will pay the registration fee for any member interested in participating. The institute offers a leadership course in three full day parts (Parts I, II, III). Those completing each part are eligible for the next part. The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations. Contact Elise or Nicki if you are interested.

**Lincoln South Foundation Fundraiser**—The LSR Foundation wine tasting is scheduled for Friday October 21st at the home of Joyce and Bill Schmeackle. Tickets are \$25 apiece with all proceeds going to the Lincoln South Foundation to be spent on local projects to benefit the community.

**Lincoln South Foundation Grant Recipients**— Lance Odom reported that the LSR Foundation is accepting ideas from members for potential grant recipients. The grants are \$500 and are made to 5.01 (c)(3) non profit organizations in the community. Applications are due 9/30/11. If you have a recommendation, please contact Lance.

**Football for Foundation**—At each meeting, those in attendance predict the score of the Nebraska game that week and the member who comes the closest will win \$20 to be contributed to the foundation of their choice— Rotary International Foundation, LSR Foundation or the End Polio Now campaign. Must be present to win and if you bring a guest you get an extra pick for each guest. Dick Wampler won the pick for the week. Congratulations Dick.

**Dictionary Project**—Mark your calendars. Preliminary dates for delivery of dictionaries are 10/18-10/31. More information to come.



### 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**

**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!*

**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 70th & Van Dorn

Commander Darren Nelson of the USS Arlington was our speaker on Friday. The USS Arlington is one of 3 ships being built to commemorate the 9/11 attacks. The Arlington is the county in Virginia where the Pentagon is located, the USS New York for the attacks in NY City and the USS Somerset which represents the county in Pennsylvania where the plane went down.

Cmdr Nelson stressed that America needs a strong Navy. Since 80% of the earth is covered with ocean, 80% of the earth's population lives near the ocean and 90% of the world's trade travels by sea it is important to keep the seas safe. Piracy operations are a big problem in the area of the Suez Canal where 50% of the worlds traffic travels. Since Cmdr Nelson is from Rushville Nebraska his assessment was that the Navy represents the Black Shirts of national defense. 40% of the fleet is underway at any one time which means they can get anywhere in the world in a very short time. In fact 50% of the air strikes in conflicts around the world come from navy carriers.

The USS Arlington is 88% complete and is 684 ft long and 105 ft wide. It is an amphibious transport ship which can carry 700 marines in addition to the 385 crew members. It carries large landing crafts that float on 3 ft of air which allows

them to unload troops and equipment in places where most craft cannot go. Each landing craft can carry one M1A1 tank or 10 HumVees or 300 Marines.

The Navy's amphibious force is one of the most flexible forces in existence. It can modify what it carries to fit the need. Usually 3 ships travel together and can carry 2,000 marines with aircraft and tanks. The communications on the ship are state of the art and the ship runs on electronics. The amphibious forces deploy now more than any other type as there is more demand for them for such missions as disaster relief and humanitarian assistance, evacuations etc. For example after the Haiti earthquakes, the ports were destroyed so the amphibious force with the landing craft were used to deliver aid.

The amphibious forces have excellent medical staff with a doctor on board and surgery rooms with surgical teams. The USS Arlington will have a crew of 375 and 50% of the officers will be women. The ship uses "underway replenishment" which means that they re supply while the ship is traveling. They fuel every week and replenish food etc, every 2-3 weeks. They can also be used to haul Army and Air Force troops and supplies if called on.



**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>

LINCOLN AIR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

