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Greetings Rotarians! I was driving in downtown Lincoln the other day and noticed the car in front of me had a bumper sticker that said, "Thank you Rotary for Eradicating Polio". It was then that it really struck me how close Rotary actually is to eradicating this devastating disease. I was born in the early 1980's, so I still have a scar on my arm from where I received my polio vaccination as a child. However, this scar is really the only reminder of this terrible disease as I was growing up. I did not have any friends in my class with polio, I did not have any family members with polio, and it wasn't until I was an adult that I really learned about how devastating this disease truly is. I think, given that we are so close to eradicating this terrible disease, it is important to not lose sight of how quickly this disease can spread. Here are a few statistics that illustrate this point: There are four countries where the transmission of wild poliovirus has never been stopped; 90 percent of people who, when infected with the poliovirus, show no symptoms; The chance that infection with the poliovirus will lead to irreversible paralysis is 1 in 200; and 40 percent of polio survivors develop additional symptoms years later. * At this point, I think we should be proud about being a part of this worldwide movement, but also remember how much work is still needed to reach this goal. So, yes, thank you Rotarians for Eradicating Polio; thank you for allowing my generation to grow up without the constant reminders of this devastating disease.

Elise M. W. White
President of Lincoln South Rotary

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HAPPY DOLLARS (For Health & Hunger)

Chris Dietz, Phil Maddern, Joyce Schmeekle, Tracey McLain, Clay Ehlers, Brad Carter, Dick Wampler & Nicki Klein



CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Chris Dietz
Jason Smith
Bob Vrana
Brad Carter



September Birthdays

Scott Delisi
Joyce Schmeekle
Shahid Kamal
Logan Otto
Carl Olson



Future LSR Programs

- 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"
- 10/14/11 Danny Lee Ladley- Mary Reipma Ross Theatre
- 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
- 11/11/11 Jarryd Widhalm- Rotary Ambassadoral Scholar.
- 11/18/11 Barb Bartle and GSE Team- "Rotary Group Study Exchange Team 2012 to India"
- 11/25/11 NO MEETING- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 12/2/11 Topher Hansen "CenterPointe"
- 12/9/11 Nick Cusick, Healthy U- Workplace Wellness Programs

Events & Projects

- 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 Schmeeckle.
- 11/5/11 RESCHEDULED Membership Seminar at Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.

Notes & Announcements

Membership Seminar RESCHEDULED— The membership seminar has been rescheduled for Saturday November 5th 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 Schmeeckle. Tickets are \$25 apiece with all proceeds going to the Lincoln South Foundation to be spent on local projects to benefit the community. (*See Flyer on page 4*)

Lincoln South Foundation Grant Recipients— All Lincoln South members are encouraged to consider community service projects that might benefit from a mini-grant from the Lincoln South Foundation. 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—Carl Olson was the winner of the weekly football for foundation pick and chose to have \$20 contributed to the Lincoln South Foundation.

Dictionary Project—Volunteers are needed for marking and packing dictionaries for delivery on Tuesday 10/18 at Greens Plumbing. Let Clay Ehlers know if you can help. Deliveries will take place from 10/19 through 10/28. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting.

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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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Larry Burns from Club 14.

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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Our own Joyce Michaelis spoke to the club about her recent sabbatical project in Cuba. Her goal was to look at the country objectively with fresh eyes. She was lucky enough to get a license from the Department of Treasury to allow her to travel to the country from the US.



One of the questions she wanted to answer is what have been the major influences in the US Cuba relationship and identified 3 factors: 1) Proximity to the US, 2) Cuba's form of government and 3) Fidel Castro. Now that Fidel Castro has stepped down, it appears that his brother Raul has a different perspective. The US is condemned each year by the UN for the trade embargo.

Joyce interviewed many people from all different walks of life to get their perspective on the country and its relationship to the US. Everyone she interviewed wanted the bad relations between the 2

countries to stop.

Freedom of speech in Cuba is better than it used to be but still not great. Health care is a right of every citizen and Cuba has a very strong medical community. Medical school is free for anyone who can get accepted. Once they graduate they are required to do service for several years. The education system is excellent

and there is virtually no illiteracy in the country. Students wanting to attend various schools must take an exam and the top scores are accepted. Journalism is the top field in Cuba right now and journalism students must study a wide range of subjects to qualify to be a journalist.

Intergenerational connections are very strong in Cuba. Even though the religious doctrine is the same, the services are very different as they incorporate much more music.

Joyce showed many pictures of those she interviewed and those who welcomed her into their homes.

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.



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>

Lincoln South Rotary Foundation Wine Tasting

Friday, October 21

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Enjoy the tasting of five different wines with appetizers and desserts

Rotarians and non-Rotarian guests welcome

Proceeds will help fund a local nonprofit

Location:

Home of Joyce and Bill Schmeeckle
6601 Crooked Creek Drive

South on 40th past Old Cheney
left (east) on Faulkner - right on 41st
right on Crooked Creek Drive]



RSVP:

**Joyce Schmeeckle – 402.525.5407, joyce@schmeeckleresearch.com
or sign -up at the Lincoln South Rotary meeting**