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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Bernie Poppe
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Clay Ehlers



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Don Kucera from Club 14.

Guests—Kate Bolz our speaker.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Neal Lyons, Dick Morris, Gene Swinton, Dave Hilsabeck, Joyce Schmeckle, Brad Carter, Pat Grewe, Bernie Poppe, Darrel Huenergardt, Sue O'Connell and Bob Vrana



Lincoln South Rotary Clubrunner Links:

Meeting & speaker information:

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

Calendar of Events:

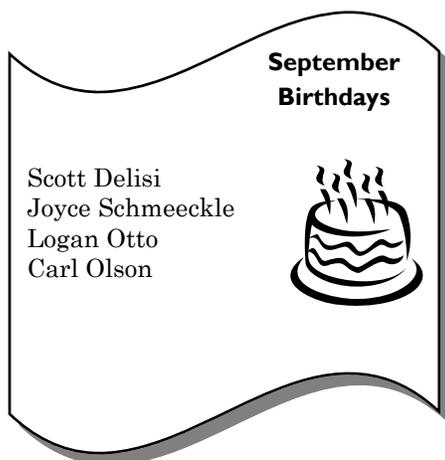
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Future LSR Programs

- 9/27/13 Brad Brian- "City Impact"
- 10/4/13 Mick Sibble from UNICO MIDLANDS, "Health Care Reform and Issues Facing Employers."
- 10/11/13 Paul Cammack, Black Hills Energy— "Natural Gas Vehicles"
- 10/18/13 Larry Ruth, Director Subdistrict 4 on "Lower Platte South Natural Resource District"
- 10/25/13 James Kalish, UNL Dept of Entomology—"Backyard Farming"

Events & Projects

- 9/20/13 Annual LSR Foundation wine tasting at the home of Tracey McLain
- 12/6/13 Annual Holiday Party at the home of Bob & DeEtta Vrana



Notes & Announcements

Dictionary Project— Every year all 4 Lincoln clubs get together to deliver dictionaries to every fourth grader in Lincoln. The dictionaries are delivered to the schools during the week of Daniel Webster's birthday. Project chair Clay Ehlers announced that there will be a packaging party to label the dictionaries and package them for each school on the evening of Tuesday October 8th at 5:30 at Green's Plumbing at 4200 North 48th. Sign up sheets will be available at the next several meetings.

LSR Foundation Grant Winner— Congratulations to the winner of the mini grant from the LSR Foundation this year which is the Nebraska Dyslexia Foundation. They not only will receive the \$500 grant from Lincoln South but Wayne's Body Shop has agreed to provide a matching grant of \$500 so they will receive a total of \$1,000. Thanks to Wayne's body shop for their generosity!

ABC'S OF ROTARY— OBJECT OF ROTARY

In some areas of the world, weekly Rotary club meetings begin with all members standing and reciting the Object of Rotary. This statement, which comes from the Constitution of Rotary is frequently seen on a wall plaque in Rotarians' offices or places of business. The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise." The statement then lists four areas by which this "ideal of service" is fostered: through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The Object of Rotary has not always been expressed in this manner. The original Constitution of 1906 had three objects: promotion of business interests, promotion of good fellowship and the advancement of the best interests of the community. By 1910 Rotary had five Objects as increased emphasis was given to expanding Rotary. By 1915 there were six Objects. In 1918 the Objects were rewritten again a reduced to four. Four years later they had again grown to six and were revised again in 1927.

Finally at the 1935 Mexico City convention the six Objects were restated and reduced to four. The last major change came in 1951 when the "Objects" were streamlined and changed to a single "Object" which is manifested in four separate ways. The "ideal of service" is the key phrase in the Object of Rotary. This ideal is an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one's endeavors. That is what the Object truly means.



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 ?

PROGRAM

2013-2014 Club Goals

1. *Attain & Maintain 50 total members.*
2. *Continue to Build on our successful fundraising events.*
3. *End Polio Now.*
4. *Earn the Presidential Citation.*
5. *Successfully utilize the Future Vision Grant Program to enhance our service projects.*
6. *Continue our exceptional Rotary Foundation giving.*

Kate Bolz a Nebraska state senator from the 29th District spoke to the club about tax reform. Senator Bolz currently serves on the Nebraska Tax and Modernization Commission. She spent the summer getting ideas from Nebraskans about the current tax rules and how they could be improved. Some of the concerns included property taxes, an educated work force in the state and a strong economy.



Senator Bolz laid out 3 principles of common sense taxation policy: 1. Make choices which will create jobs and strengthen the economy, 2. Invest in what we value as Nebraskans and 3. Ensure the middle class does not pay more than their fair share.

Some of the ways to achieve those principles include: 1. Place value on education as that drives economic stability and avoid policies that negatively impact business in the state, 2.

Emphasize safe communities and K-12 schools and 3. Address property tax. The challenge is to achieve a balance between keeping property taxes low and still providing quality education. It is also important to be forward looking by keeping a strong rainy day fund. Finally in addition to looking at priorities for future tax \$, it is important to make sure that current tax dollars are spent on the right things.

Other priorities of the legislature this year include Education Committee Hearings regarding school financing, a task force on water funding and sustainability, corrections system overcrowding and looking at the tax burden on retirees.

There will be a public hearing on October 18, 2013 at the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. to give individuals a chance to testify on tax policy.

**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



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District 5650— www.rotarydistrict5650.org

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