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I was reflecting recently on the idea that Rotary is a verb as well as a noun. It involves something turning or revolving. Hence I suppose the gear symbol we use to describe the organization. Rotarians often get involved in projects that that “spin off” (no pun intended) into significant community changing programs. The programs often have a lasting impact well beyond the initial contribution of time and energy of the Rotarians. This is due (I am sure) to the membership which is intentionally diverse from the stand point of characteristics related to occupational status, gender and ethnicity. It makes us able to respond intelligently to a lot of issues in the world, local and international. By working in partnership with many Rotary clubs on a common agenda we can address big issues like Polio eradication or the need for clean water.

We can also address smaller problems and explore new areas of need more quickly than other entities that are bureaucracy heavy.

We are also diverse in that we mix fun and work. Just as in the wine tasting event hosted this weekend by Joyce and Bill Schmeackle assisted by Lance Odem. We will raise some money for the foundation and have a fun evening

Tom Cardwell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians—Scott Richardson from Club 14.

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

John Herdman, Teresa Harms, Bryan Block, Phil Maddern, Chris Dietz, Dave Hilsabeck, Brad Carter, John Woodrich, Dick Miller, Lance Odom, Craig Madson, Mary Simmons, Bernie Poppe, Jason Smith, and Tom Cardwell .



CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
Lance Odom
Sandy Taylor



10/29/10 *Business networking day at Black Hills Energy*

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10/23/10 *Rotary Leadership Institute— Omaha*

10/23/10 *LSR Foundation Wine Tasting at Schmeeckles— 6 pm*

12/11/10 *Red Cross Appreciation Games, Men's game 1pm— Women's game 7 pm.*

THANKS!

Thanks to Chris Dietz who took notes for the newsletter this week

Notes & Announcements

Rotary Leadership Institute—will be held Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha. Members attending from Lincoln South Rotary are Chris Dietz, Cathy Schultz, and Nick Fanning. Nicki Klein will be a facilitator

Lincoln South Foundation Wine Tasting—To be held at the home of Joyce Schmeeckle on October 23rd at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25/person. Proceeds will help fund the Salvation Army media room

Red Cross Appreciation Basketball Games—The dates have been determined for the designated basketball games for Red Cross collections. Men's game; Saturday 12/11/10 at 1:00 pm against TCU Women's game; Saturday 12/11/10 at 7:00 pm against Northern Colorado. Sign up sheets will be available at future meetings.

Dictionary Project—Clay Ehlers reported that the dictionary project is underway .

Salvation Army Bell Ringing—Dave Hilsabeck reported that the bell ringing project for the Salvation Army will begin soon and he will need volunteers from the club. Sign up sheets will be available at future meetings.

Next Trip to Georgia—Tom Cardwell reported that The trip back to the Republic of Georgia will be March 16-25, 2011. Our Georgian contact, Rita Propenko will be back in Lincoln sometime in November.

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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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



PROGRAM

2010-2011 Club Goals

1. *Club Strength– Leave the club better than when I took office.*
2. *Club Growth– Attain and maintain membership of 55.*
3. *Support Polio Eradication.*
4. *Support critical project in one of 3 areas; Health & Hunger, Water or Literacy.*
5. *Maintain 100% sustaining membership in the Rotary Foundation.*
6. *Achieve the Presidential Citation*
7. **HAVE FUN!**

Nicki Klein presented the program on World Polio Day. It is being celebrated on October 24, 2010. She considers the polio eradication program a global success.

The timeline for polio:

1916 New York epidemic

1954 Dr. Jonas Salk invented the polio vaccine

1961 Dr. Albert Sabin improved the polio vaccine

1985 Rotary began the private sector support for polio eradication. At that time \$120 million was pledged to begin the program.

2009 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged 355 million dollars toward eradication if Rotary would match 200 million dollars. The deadline for the match is the year 2012. To date 147 million dollars has been raised.

Ms. Klein stated that in 1985 there were 350,000 polio cases in 125 countries on five continents. That accounted for about 1000 children per day.

Today the endemic countries are Afghanistan, Nigeria, India and Pakistan. By 1994 the Western Hemisphere was polio free.

In 2010 there have been 732 new cases reported of polio while in 2009 there were 1198 cases reported. While it is great that cases are down overall, and it is great

that there is such a reduction in the cases in endemic countries, the huge increase in cases in non-endemic countries is bothersome. That just proves that Polio is just a plane-ride-away. People travel more and more - and diseases spread more easily. "Until Polio is Eradicated Everywhere - it isn't eradicated ANYWHERE".

Rotary sent volunteers to India in 2002. In 2004 Ms. Klein went to India to dispense the polio vaccine on behalf of Rotary for National Immunization Day. The

challenge was to educate people in India about the importance of getting their children vaccinated.

According to Ms. Klein, shopping in India is difficult and usually the only available shopping is street vendors and markets. Electricity is unreliable. There is limited running water and sewage is in open canals.

The people in India hold Americans in the highest regard. Rotary projects are very important in India. She stated that most people want their children immunized. Sometimes the volunteers had to go door to door when there was no transportation for families to get children to the clinic. Often there was a literacy problem. Some did not trust the vaccine.

In closing Nicki quoted Bill Gates- "We have the vaccines to wipe out polio. We have the will to deploy all of the tools at our disposal. If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end we WILL eradicate polio."



**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
ARTICLES?**

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MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

John Woodrich is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Bryan LGH. He has four children ranging in age from one to twenty eight years. He was born in Omaha. His undergraduate degree in programming is from Bellevue University. His Masters degree in Business Administration was begun at the University of Missouri and completed on line through a college in California. He has been in the health care field for seventeen years. He stated that "Healthcare is a calling and I view it as a ministry." His firm belief is that "everything happens for a reason." And that is why he is where he is today.



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