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CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

Brad Carter
Clay Ehlers
Glenn Friendt



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians—Bill Schmeeckle from Club 14 and our speaker .

Guests—None

HAPPY DOLLARS (For Polio Plus)

Clay Ehlers, Joyce Schmeeckle, John Herdman, Dean Heermann, Gene Swinton, Pat Haverty, and Pat Grewe.



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

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>

Future LSR Programs

- 12/27/13 *NO MEETING—Merry Christmas!*
- 1/03/14 *Mark Musick, Major General (Ret.)
“Howard Hughes Fooled the World”*
- 1/10/14 *Tristan Hilderbrand “My Experiences as
a Rotary Exchange Student”*
- 1/17/14 *Kerry Winterer, CEO NE DHHS
“Nebraska’s Largest State Agency: Every-
thing from A to X and Much in Be-
tween”*

Events & Projects

- 12/1/13-1/24/14 *Rotary International Foundation Drive*
- 2/4/14 *Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year Lunch-
eon at the Embassy Suites.*

New Board Members—Nicki Klein announced that the new Lincoln South Rotary Club Board Members elected were Brad Carter, Clay Ehlers and Sue O’Connell. Those Board Members will serve 2-year terms starting July 1, 2014.

December Birthdays

- Clay Ehlers
- Brad Carter
- Chris Dietz
- Tracey McLain
- John Herdman
- Dean Heermann



Notes & Announcements

Club 14 Nebraskan of the Year— Joe Roberts reported that Lincoln #14 Rotary Club is holding their Nebraskan of the Year lunch on February 4, 2014 at Embassy Suites. Ron Hull (formerly of NET) is the honoree. If you are interested in attending and sitting at a table with other Lincoln South Rotary Club Members, contact Joe Roberts.

Foundation Drive Kickoff—The Lincoln South Rotary International Foundation Drive is in full swing. All members are asked to contribute \$120 to The Rotary Foundation. You can pay in one lump sum or monthly through the TRF Direct program which is an easy way to contribute by setting up automatic payments from your bank account or credit card. Setting up a \$10 per month payment would total \$120 for the year. Our Club goal is to have 100% participation in The Rotary Foundation by our members. The drive will run December and January. On January 24 there will be a drawing among those qualified (minimum \$300 contributions to date with at least \$120 this year) for an immediate Paul Harris Fellow (valued at \$1,000).

ABC’S OF ROTARY— INVOCATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths. Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace “each in his own way.” It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international “silent prayer” or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members, who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members.



**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.*

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ARTICLES?

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Our speaker was Bill Schmeeckle, Chief Investment Officer for Assurity Life. Assurity life was formed by the merger of 3 eastern Nebraska mutual insurers; Woodmen Accident and Life, Security Financial Life and Lincoln Direct Life.

Bill spoke to the club about Assurity Center which is the new headquarters recently completed. Bill was the lead on the project and told the club that the whole process of acquiring the land, purchasing existing buildings to be demolished and completing the facility took 6 years from start to finish. Since the company wanted to stay downtown they purchased 3 city blocks next to the new Antelope Valley parkway. It took 1.5 years to buy all the existing buildings from the current owners to get the site ready.

Their goal from the beginning was to be as green /sustainable as possible and as such they obtained a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification. The building is 175,000 square feet with 5 floors. Bill described some of the "green" features of the project which include:

- Use of an abandoned storm culvert around the property to hold rain run-

off which is used to irrigate the landscape.



- Permeable pavement in the parking areas which drains into the culvert.

- Several green roofs planted with grasses and plants native to Nebraska.

- Environmental comfort points with all staff having access to vents in the floor to adjust their comfort level.

- Auto flush toilets which flush according to

volume.

- Facilities for bicycles and changing rooms.
- Lights on sensors which turn them off after a period of no movement
- 8 large storage tanks which store ice created by running air conditioners at off peak times to be used for cooling at peak times.
- Adjustable work surfaces allowing associates to sit or stand as they desire.
- Central printers with security codes required to print your specific document to maintain confidentiality.

Bill stated that Lincoln and Omaha and Des Moines IA have the largest concentration of Life Insurance Companies in the US.



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**Rotary International— www.rotary.org
District 5650—www.rotarydistrict5650.org
Lincoln South Rotary—**

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