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Today I am sitting on a plane headed to Georgia to meet with a partner club in Tbilisi about a Rotary matching grant. I am accompanied by two fellow Rotarians; my wife Jenny and Nicki Klein. It is exciting because it is a chance to partner with some people in another country to do something beneficial for children. I am on the last leg of 6400 mile journey. We will arrive in Tbilisi physically tired but energized to be doing something significant. I guess we are emissaries of a special club that tries hard to do some useful projects.

The more I travel the more I see the world as one community whose members have an obligation to look out for one another. It has caused me to think again about Rotary's avenues of service. We do undertake projects that reach people both locally and internationally. Some people have a preference for one or the other but I truly think both are really important. We cannot ignore the poverty and social problems that exist in our midst. I heard on NPR the other day that there are now 55 million people uninsured in the United States. That is horrible and unacceptable. At the same time there are significant problems in many parts of the world that can benefit from our strength individually and collectively. I really like how our club is concerned about its individual members, its community, state, nation and the world we inhabit. We have a lot of assets in terms of our members and I am glad we are using them. We can do more but we can be proud of what we have accomplished. Even better we have fun doing it.

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

*Rotarians*—Dean Peterson, Justin Kosicek and DeEtta Vrana, all from Club 14.

*Guests*—Kerry Winterer our speaker.

## HAPPY DOLLARS (For Emergency Relief)

Sandy Taylor, Chris Dietz, Cathy Schultz, Clay Ehlers, DeEtta Vrana, Nick Fanning, Bryan Block and Craig Madson.



### CLUB SERVICE TEAM ON DUTY

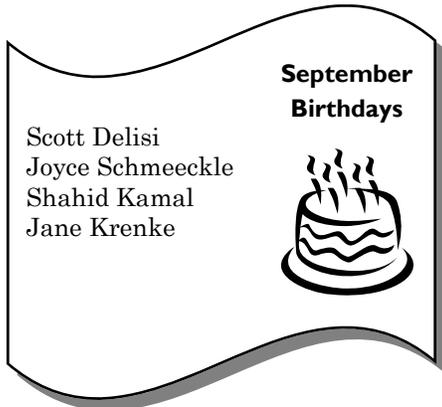
Chris Dietz  
Jim Pattavina  
Brad Carter



- 10/01/10 *Jessica Kolterman discusses what will be on the ballot for November elections.*
- 10/8/10 *Nikki Isemann— Trip to RI convention*
- 10/15/10 *Career Day— Rod Armstrong*
- 10/22/10 *Nicki Klein— Polio Immunization Days*
- 10/29/10 *Business networking day at Black Hills Energy.*

### Events & Projects

- 10/8/10 *Club 14 Annual Auction at the Lincoln Train Station*
- 10/15/10 *Career Day*
- 10/23/10 *Rotary Leadership Institute— Omaha*
- 10/23/10 *LSR Foundation Wine Tasting at*



### 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 70<sup>th</sup> & Van Dorn

## Notes & Announcements

**Speakers**—Jason Smith has graciously agreed to coordinate speakers for the 2010/2011 Rotary year and he is asking for speaker ideas from members. If you have anyone in mind please contact Jason at [jsmith@lccoc.com](mailto:jsmith@lccoc.com)

**Lincoln South Foundation Wine Tasting**—To be held at the home of Joyce Schmeeckle on October 23rd at 6:00 pm. Proceeds will help fund the Salvation Army theatre room. (*See Page 4 for flyer*)

**Club 14 Auction**—Friday October 8th at the Lincoln Station. Lincoln South will not be reserving a table this year but if you are interested in attending, contact Joe Roberts. Tickets are \$75 per person. Jessica Kolterman has several raffle tickets available for the Mediterranean cruise. They are \$20 per ticket. Contact Jessica at [jessicak@nefb.org](mailto:jessicak@nefb.org) if you are interested.

**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.

**Business Networking Day**— Mary Simmons and Jane Krenke have graciously agreed to host the club at Black Hills Energy for our business networking day on October 29th. More details to follow.

**Dictionary Project**—Clay Ehlers reported that the Dictionary Project is coming up soon. There are 2 ways to volunteer. There will be an assembly party on Wednesday night October 13th at Greens Plumbing to prepare and package the dictionaries. Delivery of the dictionaries to the schools will be during the week of October 18th—22nd. Volunteers are needed to sign up for a designated school and coordinate a delivery time with the designated contact at the school.

John Herdman first joined Rotary in Holidaysburg PA. When he first moved to Lincoln he became involved in Interact and joined Lincoln South in 1998, serving as president in 2001. He has also served as the District Matching Grants Chair, Assistant District Governor and District Trainer and has had 23 years of perfect attendance! He is a Psychologist and is considered an addiction specialist. He loves to cook chili and play racket ball.

### Member Minute



## 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!*

Kerry Winterer, CEO of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was our speaker. Kerry had no state government experience before he came to DHHS in July 2009 and was surprised by how much he did not know about it. As a result, One of his goals as CEO is to talk to people about the department so the public understands what DHHS does for us.



DHHS is the largest state agency making up nearly 1/3 of state government with 6,000 employees. Over 1/2 of the employees provide care in DHHS's 24 hour facilities which include 3 Regional Centers, 4 State Veteran's Homes, 2 Youth Rehab and Treatment Centers and Beatrice State Development Center.

Out of the \$2.9 billion in appropriations for 2010 for DHHS, \$1.1 billion comes from state general funds, \$1.6 billion from federal funds (with mandates attached) and \$150 million from fees for services.

Current priorities include focusing on customer service, using tax \$ effec-

tively, being accountable & transparent, improving employee morale and improving public perception of the department. The department deals with emotionally charged issues every day that are often negatively reflected in the press which directly impacts employee morale. Kerry indicated that his pre-conceived notions about state workers were totally wrong as the department employees have a high level of commitment and dedication to the job.

In 2007 the department was reorganized into 6 divisions: Behavioral Health, Children & Family Services (which is the largest division), Developmental Disabilities, Medicaid & Long Term Care, Public Health and Veterans Homes.

There is a DHHS helpline at 800-254-4202 which is aimed at people actually receiving services. You can also get information about the department on their website [www.dhhs.ne.gov](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov) or you can follow them on Twitter at

<http://twitter.com/NebraskaDHHS>

**QUESTIONS?  
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### 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>



### 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>

*Save The Date...*

*Lincoln South Rotary Foundation  
Wine Tasting Event*

*Saturday, October 23*

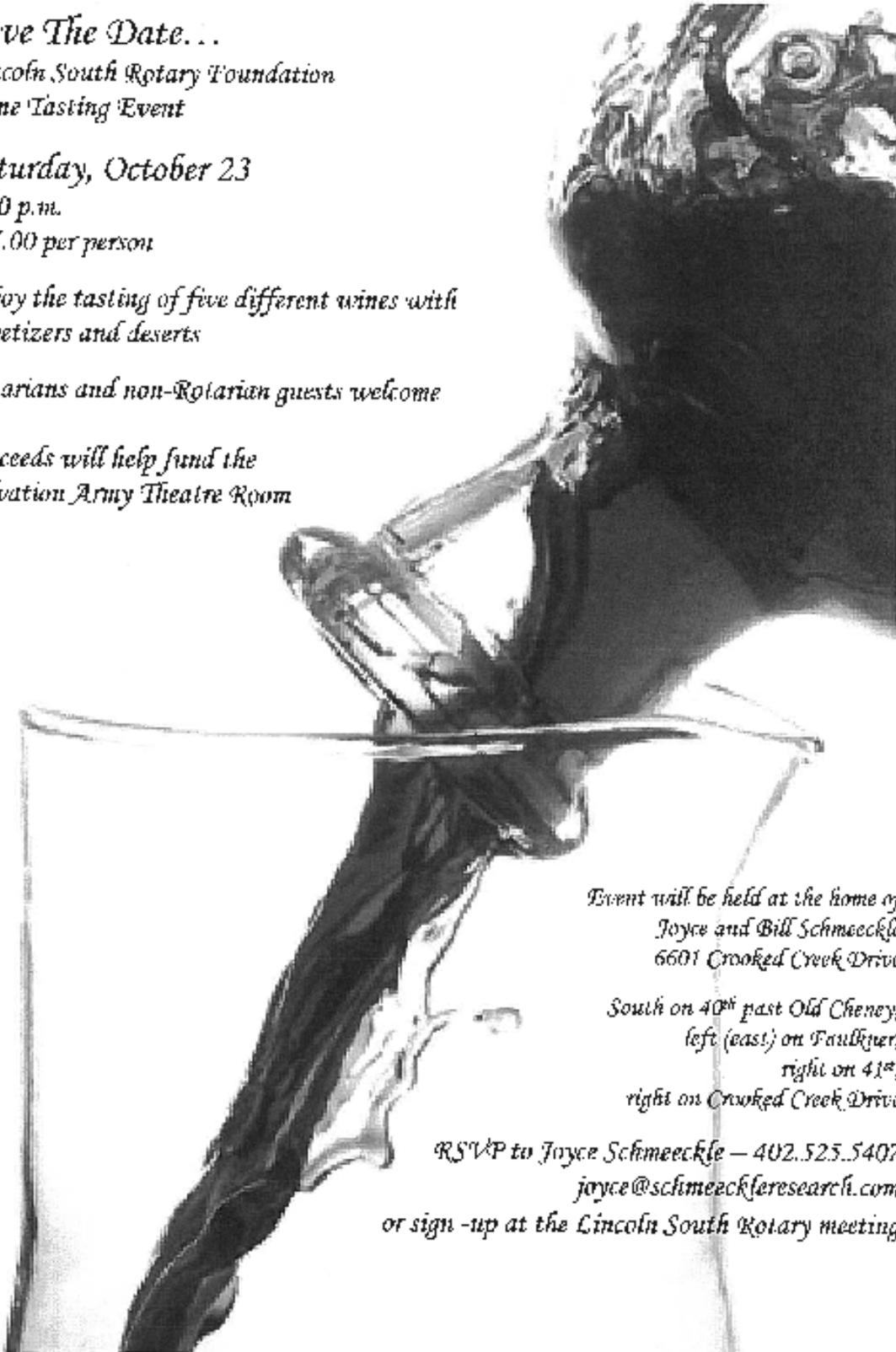
*6:00 p.m.*

*\$25.00 per person*

*Enjoy the tasting of five different wines with  
appetizers and deserts*

*Rotarians and non-Rotarian guests welcome*

*Proceeds will help fund the  
Salvation Army Theatre Room*



*Event will be held at the home of  
Joyce and Bill Schmeeckle  
6601 Crooked Creek Drive*

*South on 40<sup>th</sup> past Old Cheney,  
left (east) on Faulkner,  
right on 41<sup>st</sup>,  
right on Crooked Creek Drive*

*RSVP to Joyce Schmeeckle — 402.525.5407  
joyce@schmeeckleresearch.com  
or sign-up at the Lincoln South Rotary meeting*